



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2018

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

ISSUE:

Provide updates on the construction and programming components of the new Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and provide feedback on a report highlighting updates on the construction and programming components of the new Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

BACKGROUND:

On December 16, 2014, the City Council directed staff to re-design existing plans for a childcare center to serve as a Youth Innovation Center (YIC) and allocate funding for the design phase. Staff held off on bidding the project until January 29, 2018, so funding would be available for operating the facility once constructed.

On July 30, 2018, Act 1 Construction was issued a notice to proceed with constructing the approximately, 10,000 square foot YIC at Arlington Park. The project, including the YIC building and associated site improvements (parking lot, landscaping and outdoor classroom/patio area) is anticipated to be completed in June 2018, at which time, staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use and an anticipated opening in Summer of 2019.

DISCUSSION:

CONSTRUCTION

Progress made on the construction phase of the project includes: 1) construction mobilization, which includes preparation of the site for construction, fencing, temporary power, etc.; 2) demolition of existing park infrastructure, including the roller hockey rink; 3) grading of the site; 4) foundation footings; 5) sewer connection, under foundation utilities and 5) property line wall.

PROGRAMMING

Progress continues to be made with the marketing and sponsorship package. A variety of sponsorship opportunities have been identified and will be used to raise funds for the YIC. Sponsorship opportunities include “Wall of Sponsors” and “Naming Rights.” All potential naming partnerships will be considered with working relationships in mind. Proposed naming opportunities should be in line with the facility’s overall plan and should contribute to the functionality of the YIC. Staff are working with graphic designers to create a unique logo identifying the YIC. The logo will be used on all marketing and sponsorship campaigns.

Staff continues to survey public interests in regards to what type of programs they would like to see at the YIC. Surveys show computer science and robotics as the most desired programming topics. Staff will continue to distribute surveys at community events to gauge interests.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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