



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MARCH 18, 2019**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

ISSUE:

Receive an update 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, 9,000 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 August 2019, at which time staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use for an anticipated opening in Fall of 2019.

DISCUSSION:

CONSTRUCTION

Progress made on the construction phase of the project includes: 1) construction mobilization; 2) demolition; 3) rough grading; 4) building footings; 5) under utilities; 6) concrete floor/slab; 7) property line wall; 8) Trellis structures and 9) starting rough framing of walls. Unfortunately, the weather has cause major delays over the last couple of months and progress has been limited since our last update. Schedules have been adjusted to allow for continued weather delays, which include rain days as well as mud days needed to dry out the site.



Photo: Taken on February 14, 2019. Almost an entire month of rain and mud delays for the first 45 days of 2019.

PROGRAMMING

Staff held meetings with La Sierra University's Art and Design Department (in hopes of utilizing design students for marketing materials for the soft opening in June) and Charter Springs School (to discuss the possibility of partnerships and a future tenant relationship). In addition, staff toured the facilities of Futurelink and attended the CBU Jabbs School of Business Job Fair to begin generating volunteer and internship interests.

The URL for the YIC website has been finalized and the marketing team is currently designing the website. The URL is www.youthinnovationcenter.org. The website will contain construction progress, future programs, instructor/volunteer recruitment, facility layout and equipment. The logo for the YIC has been designed (see below):



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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