



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS DATE: MAY 20, 2019

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 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 Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park. The project, including the Youth Innovation Center 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 caused major delays over the last three months and progress has been limited since our last update. Schedules have been adjusted above to allow for continued weather delays, which include rain days as well as mud days needed to dry out the site.



PROGRAMMING

Staff attended the Winston Chung Global Energy Storage Conference held at Bourns Technology and made new contacts with solar companies to secure job training opportunities for future YIC members. The goal is to secure partners that will offer training certification programs on site and prepare them for the future.

Staff met with Riverside Community Services Foundation board members to discuss and develop marketing strategies to generate interest in the YIC before the October opening. Social media posts will be uploaded by PRCSD Department staff and will post 3 times a week for 2 months prior to opening. Posts will be themed by day of the week including Music Mondays, 'T.A.C.O. 'bout Training- Taco Tuesdays (Talking About Career Options), Innovator Wednesdays, Techie Thursdays, and Member Benefit Fridays.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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