



# Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020**  
**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**SUBJECT: 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 an update on the construction and programming components of the new Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 16, 2014, 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.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Construction**

On April 20, 2020, a vandalism event occurred on site which caused extensive damage to the flooring and a few exterior windows. The suspect was recorded on the facilities' security cameras and was prosecuted. Apparently, a string of facilities were vandalized on the same day by this person. While it was an unfortunate event, the contractor was required to carry builders' risk insurance which covered repairing all damages.

On July 10, 2020, all repairs and punch list items were completed, and a Notice of Completion was filed. The facility remains empty due to COVID 19 state orders and is currently being maintained by city staff.

Programming

To date, PRCSD has received commitments from the donors listed below to extend services and provide new opportunities for future generations in workforce development, STEM-related fields, and more.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Facility/Room</u>
1. Gordon Bourns	\$1,000,000	Youth Innovation Center building
2. Mac Arthur Family	\$50,000	Classroom
3. SmartRiverside	\$50,000	Informal Classroom
4. Enoch and Windy Hwang	\$50,000	Computer Lab

PRCSD staff continues to do outreach and recruit additional partners and monetary supporters to reach the \$2 million goal. The center is scheduled to open later this year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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