

Meeting Minutes for Facilities Subcommittee

Outstanding questions: Housing, Central Library, Climate Resiliency Improvements, Equity analysis in rec center planning.

Action Items to Resolve by End of Meeting: Tier Tranche B and C, capture lessons learned from the process to close the meeting.

Alexa will facilitate the tiering presentation.

Pickleball Discussion:

- What are equity impacts? What are populations that play pickleball?
- Does pickleball generate revenue to the city?
 - o Community: There is an investor fraud case in LA for a pickleball facility, there can be issues with these types of facilities.
- Initial recommendation to put in tier 3.
- Lewis: Support the Pickleball Mayor but supports the tiering as recommended. Would go further in dollars to put permanent lines in courts that exist.
- Theresa: Recommend south high school tennis facility or gates be utilized. Recommend for “Tier 3 minus”.
- **Recommendation - Tier 3.**

New Branch Library / Indigenous Cultural Center

- Question posed: Where did this come from? Submitted as a Council and public item.
- Gilmore priority.
- Community asking for the project for decades. CW Gilmore committed to making this a priority.
- Can we add new space to an existing library? Potentially a wing to support the indigenous cultural center.
- If this has been asked for so long, how has it not been identified in the past, or placed on a study?
 - o Takes a long process to get onto a CIP plan, involves neighborhood plans, years of advocacy.
- Alexis: Recommendation, put it as a tier 1. But how are we making it inclusive for full library use? Can we add a wing to an existing library? That could be more beneficial. Could be a similar approach to Blair-Caldwell Library.
 - o Can we do a recommendation with an annotation, create the flexibility.
 - o Could potentially co-locate at GVR
- DPL: One of few remaining free, full-access places in the world. Doors are open and all locations are custom made for each community. Anti-displacement by nature.
- CW Gilmore will follow up with additional information on the project. Can add more context by end of the meeting.
- **Recommendation = Tier 1.**

Eisenhower and Garfield Aquatic Experience Discussion

- How to these standalones relate to pool bundles (or don't)
 - o Staff: "Named" = full replacements, "Programs" = Another 16 pools that need maintenance. Coating, sealing, etc. Wouldn't be a full replacement. Taking what we already have and keep these facilities going.
 - o This is in DRC's district. Do receive a lot of requests to fix the Eisenhower pool. Has been asking for it for years.
 - Could you do some more simple replacements, such as fixing the baby pool?
 - Staff: Pool has been shut down for public health requirements related to filtration systems.
- Recommendations: Discuss all three as a package? Or individual?
 - o Group OK with moving all three forward as a package.
 - o **Recommendation = Tier 1 for all three.**

Park Hill Reno and Addition Discussion

- District is in Councilmember Watson's district
- Council indicator is *source*, not level of support
- Represents a DPL priority.
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

DPR Ranger HQ

- Community request for centralized Park Ranger location.
- Not DPR's highest priorities. There are some additional space needs, but discussing expanding at other City facilities, such as in-development City of Cuernavaca maintenance shop.
- This is specific to urban parks.
- Why would folks request this project?
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

Echo Lake Lodge

- DPR currently doing vision activities at this mountain parks to determine how this project can proceed.
- High DPR priority, incredibly timely for DPR to move the project forward.
 - o Huge DPR opportunity to re-energize the mountain parks system, great opportunity to engage Denver's youth, opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities. Would involve some staffing for overnight activities.
 - o Part of recent Outdoor Adventure Plan
 - o Winter activities planned as well
- Does the lodge bring in revenue from the concessions?
 - o Have not renewed contract, lots of deferred maintenance needs. Currently sitting empty, part of the visioning analysis to determine how it can be best repurposes and what revenue generating opportunities that could be had there. Exploring potential lodging opportunities.
- Is it accessible for a day trip in and out for Denver residents.

- What are other programming plans around the park for those without the means to drive or access the mountain parks?
 - o Current DPR programs can take youth to the mountains via sign ups at rec centers. Bussing is available for day trips or overnight trips.
- Could think about a Tier 2 but does the youth programming aspect change it to a Tier 1.
- Who is responsible for programming mountain parks?
 - o The DPR Recreation team would be responsible for programming.
- How do we maintain and invest in rec centers over time, and is this the right funding source?
 - o We do have capital maintenance dollars, but those dollars often can't support an ambitious effort like that.
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**
 - o With caveat that DPR should consider a grant program to help folks access the park amenities

Asphalt Plant Discussion

- Concern with climate change considerations as in relation to producing asphalt
- Plant is over 30 years old, needs a variety of improvements, needs changes so that it CAN reduce emissions.
- Ops teams come from the plant, are generally needed to help manage our road maintenance holistically in the City and County of Denver
- Why isn't the General Fund covering this project
- Why isn't this covered in our standard CIP budget
- Follow up: Would it reduce our contracted asphalt work
 - o How much do we pay for contracted asphalt work
 - o Not as simple, still need equipment and staffing, but overall necessary.
- Are full design costs accommodated to the past?
 - o 30% design helps improve confidence in the cost estimates.
- Group relatively split between 1 and 2
 - o Took a vote
 - **8 votes Tier 2**
 - 4 votes Tier 1
- **Recommendation = Tier 2**

Athmar Park Municipal Building

- What is CW Alvidrez hearing on this project?
 - o NPI initiative has identified need for community spaces
 - o Real Estate looking to identify land for the project, but nothing confirmed
 - o Vietnamese community pushing for a space to honor local Vietnamese history and culture
 - o This is a nice to have, not a must have
- Youth community + workforce center needs would be identified at the space + some identification for the Vietnamese community.
- Are there municipal buildings in other facilities?
 - o Yes, Westwood Muni facility Arie P Taylor, 2855 Tremont

- Like the idea of support for the Vietnamese community.
 - o Could we add some source of resource to another close-by facility?
 - o The district is kind of tired of that approach (CW Alvidrez). Athmar Park remains neglected
- What are the demographics of the district?
 - o Little Saigon business center is there
 - o Alameda square has honorary plaque to the Vietnamese community
 - o Far East center on federal
 - o Has experienced gentrification, but many still present in the community
 - o White, Latino, and Asian are demographically the three largest communities.
- Looking at the map, there is value to have a community space. In context of political climate, more needs for community spaces as well (Lewis).
 - o counter point: Libraries and Rec Centers ARE community centers. What is the difference?
 - o A: Arie P. Taylor building and other municipal buildings have a variety of additional spaces to benefit the community, including computer lab and future intention for senior services.
- There is a tie to have a space to go to ahead of Federal BRT
- Is the City ready to invest in all the same services that Arie P Taylor has
- **Recommendation = Tier 1: Add notes on the value to the community and to rename, “Community / Cultural Center” to include city services on site**

Berkeley Bath House Discussion

- Requires sufficient repair work to bring back into operations. Not high on DPR list of priorities. Would require design/build to relocate city staff and equipment. There may be other spaces in the area that could be invested in for greater community benefit.
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

Regional Aquatic Center

- Not a DPR priority.
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

Wash Park Rec Center

- Brand new at Wash Park not a high priority, already have a rec center there. Would be reinvesting. 9/15 in Rec Center reinvestment list.
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

Northfield Rec Center

- Lower DPR priority. Again, would focus on reinvesting in existing Northfield facilities. Could be an eventual need as community grows. Maybe for a future bond.
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

East Central Rec Center

- East Colfax has neither a rec center nor library. Has been asking for resources for decades. Has been organizing around these investments.
- No site identified for this current area.
- How is this different from SE Rec center?
 - o SE: nothing nearby.
 - o E Colfax: Some things nearby, but demographic / equity component
- DPR has three tiers of rec centers. What “tier” is Montclair
 - o Either Community or Regional
- Lots of refugee communities in the area, Montclair may not be very accessible
- What investments is East Colfax prioritizing in the bond
 - o Library + Housing and Rec Center are only two for the area
- East Colfax has rarely received bond investments in the past
 - o Previously split between council members, redistricting consolidated to have a more specific council advocate
 - o Historically left out or incomplete.
- DPR equity map ranks E Colfax as one of highest equity needs
 - o E Colfax = 5, Hampden/Kennedy = 4, Hampden S = 3, Goldsmith = 5
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Indoor Racquet Facility

- **Recommendation = Tier 2**

Westwood Community Center Improvements

- Located in Westwood neighborhood. Community operated, small gym and library.
- Model for community/municipal facilities
- Improvements are fundamentally deferred maintenance scope
- Share gyms with local schools that do not have gyms
- What organization runs the center? A: Uno Mano runs the operations
- How does this interplay with Westwood getting a new rec center?
 - o Westwood is not a really a rec center, only has small gymnasium
 - o Could some of the community center things happen at the rec center? Is it worthwhile to rehab this space when a new space is upcoming?
 - o DPR: would likely not have much programming overlap.
 - o Is there a community space at the new rec center?
- Given Westwood, maybe hard to recommend Tier 1 until full rec center programming is known.
- **Recommendation = Tier 2**

Cherry Creek Transfer Station Improvements

- Open to the public facility. Can be very confusing and hectic with City facilities and trucks driving through.
- The improvement proposes enhancements to parking, circulation, roadways, access, etc. to create a safer campus for those that go to the facility. There has been a fatality at the facility in recent years.

- Residents can use this facility for overflow recycling/compost/etc. More needs with recycling being scaled back.
- Benefits from sustainability
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Rec Center Interiors and Indoor Pools Bundle

- DPR top priority
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Pool Upgrade Bundle

- One of DPRs top priorities. Addresses many critical needs across pools.
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Elections Building

- From C&R perspective. Need warehouse to conduct operations, behind current standards for staff needs related to next presidential elections.
- Need secured warehouse to conduct prep and storage of materials.
- For comments: Real Estate costs are TBD, certainly higher than the \$20M estimated by Real Estate
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Family Homeless Services Center and Shelter

- Limited housing, Parady priority.
- Would be curious what locations are being considered.
- Could we add more shelters? We could add a second.
- Pets are allowed at current shelters, but would depend on operator
- **Recommendation = Tier 1: Caveat to add a second and 2X cost estimates. Make sure there are enough needs from families.**

Volleyball Field House

- Not being explored by DPR, not a high priority
- **Recommendation = Tier 3**

GVR Municipal Building

- Similar intention to Athmar Park Community / Cultural center
- What are surrounding services
- Could it be co-located with indigenous cultural center / library?
- **Recommendation = Tier 2**

DFD Line Shop

- Storage facility allows for preservation or resources, allows for additional work and maintenance of equipment.

- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

New Chafee Park Library

- Mirrors E Colfax proposal, would be coordinated with housing proposal
- Proposed to be a “condominium” unit.
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Electrify City Buildings

- Bundled based on highest energy use intensity
- Has internal tiering
- Upgrading equipment is more efficient, saves the city on long term electrical costs
- Project tier 1,2,3 address heating and cooling needs in the City and County of Denver
- The delivery method is feasible via integrated contract (managed by DOTI to take on multiple contractors for this effort).
- Can we look back through if we’ve already chosen projects that are identified in the CASR prioritization list to flag where investments are being made that enhance facility electrification (is already in alignment in DPR).
- **Recommendation = Tier 1**

Central Library

- Four separate proposals moving through
- Most visitors don’t live nearby
- High youth programming, serving other neighborhoods
- Facility needs to be in really good condition to preserve special collections (e.g. Buffalo Soldier collection)
- Major DPL priority.
- **Level 5 and 7 - Recommendation = Tier 2**
- **Special Collections and Archives = Tier 1**
- **Idea Lab and Innovation Space = Tier 1**
- **Deferred Maintenance = Tier 1**

Add Project for additional housing project for Mixed Income Cross Subsidized Housing – CW Lewis and Parady. \$100M project. JB to copy info from email and put it in the notes

- Housing is really important, something worth passing along to Exec Committee as a Tier

Next Steps

- Charis will present to Exec committees Monday. Opportunity to highlight notes and recommendations from the subcommittee.
- All Exec meetings open to the public.
- Will executive committee meetings be recorded and shared? A: Yes
- How do folks submit their feedback on the committee? A: Open Public comment period available

Follow UP Notes.

- Why wasn't there more housing in this package
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Central Play Space

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