

City Of Birmingham
Regular Meeting Of The Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee
April 24, 2024

City Commission Room
151 Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) held on April 24, 2024. The meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cris Braun, Pam Graham, Bert Koseck, Anthony Long, Elaine McLain, Donald Rogers, Dan Share, Kelly Stubbe

Absent: Jason Emerine

Staff: City Manager Ecker; City Attorney Kucharek

B. Approval of minutes from March 27, 2024 and April 10, 2024

MOTION: Motion by Ms. McLain, seconded by Mr. Long:
To approve the March 27, 2024 meeting minutes as amended and the April 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Braun, Graham, Koseck, Long, McLain, Rogers, Share, Stubbe
Nays, None

C. Update from NORR

Dan Schneider of NORR presented the update. Staff and Mr. Schneider answered informational questions from the SCC.

SCC members' comments were as follows:

- The most recent surveys collected by Next will be picked up by Mr. Schneider.
- A one-pager for the public on the process and the goals should be put together for the open house.
- Ms. Stubbe and Mr. Schneider will discuss the room setup needs.
- Next members who have filled out the survey have largely been interested in pickleball facilities, and it was contemplated that those facilities would be located where the pool is presently. Some Next members want pool access within the City, but do not feel that access needs to be located at this facility.
- YMCA members that have filled out the surveys tend to be in favor of continued pool operations.
- The surveys received by the City have been equivocal regarding the pool so far.
- Even though the pool was not originally contemplated as part of the City's continued responsibilities, a question regarding the pool was added to the survey in order to keep the discourse around the topic front-of-mind and transparent.

- Assessing the community demand for the pool, whether continued pool operations would conflict with other important programming, and the likely operations and upgrade costs would be necessary for weighing the pool's continued operation.
- Insight into the pool's condition could likely be provided by the YMCA staff presently in charge of pool operations.
- When Next contributed towards the purchase of this building, it was based in part on the understanding that the pickleball courts would be available through the conversion of the pool. The Next board may not have authorized that contribution had the pool's continued operation in lieu of pickleball courts been contemplated.
- An addition might allow continued pool operations as well as pickleball courts.
- The assessment done for the City prior to purchase indicated some issues with the pool that would likely need to be addressed within the next five years.
- Information about future pool costs would be secondary to establishing the programming for the building and the demand for the pool. Pool costs would most appropriately be explored once those two pieces of information are determined.

Public Comment

George Dilgard supported a public tour of the YMCA facility.

The SCC answered a question from Parrish Underwood, President and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Mr. Underwood also answered questions from the SCC.

Mr. Underwood supported the City doing due diligence on the condition of the YMCA's infrastructure. He stated that the burden of evidence should not be borne by the YMCA.

The SCC concurred with Mr. Underwood.

The Chair requested the YMCA's inspection reports from Mr. Underwood, noting that they would be provided without representation or warranty.

Mike Clift commented regarding Next membership and potential future pool use. He supported retaining the pool.

D. Review and discussion of draft RFQ to pre-qualify architects for Final Design and Construction Plan Preparation

CM Ecker presented the item and answered informational questions from the SCC.

The SCC reviewed the draft RFQ and CM Ecker integrated the SCC's recommended revisions.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. McLain:
To approve the RFQ with the modifications we have set forth here this afternoon.

Public Comment

Mr. Dilgard made a comment about terminology and about potentially delaying the posting of the RFQ.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Braun, Graham, Koseck, Long, McLain, Rogers, Share, Stubbe

Nays, None

E. Miscellaneous Communications

SCC members briefly discussed the communications.

- **Phase 1 Environmental Report, April 19, 2023**
- **IMEG Report, May 12, 2023**

F. Meeting Open to the Public for items not on the Agenda

No further business being evident, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Jana Ecker, City Manager



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED