

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

January 2019

Facilities Master Plan

- BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center
- Capital Racquet & Fitness Center
- VFW Sports Center
- Wachter Aquatic Complex

Study potential gaps in recreation facilities and assist with future facilities planning and improvements with the help of GreenPlay LLC, Übl Design Group, RCC Associates and Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD) staff.

Information Gathering

Meetings with 19 stakeholders, 58 staff, 125 focus group attendees, public input meetings and project team.

- Recurring themes (no particular order):
- Take care of/enhance what we have
- Gymnasium/multi-purpose building
- Indoor artificial turf fields/multi-use field
- Indoor tennis and pickleball
- More Ice
- Aquatics (Indoor/outdoor)
- Trails and connectivity
- River access

Key Issues and Values from information gathering

- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Inclusivity
- Workforce Shortage
- Build beyond capacity for future growth
- Keeping up with trends and keeping people in Bismarck

March 2019

Community Needs Assessment Survey

- Community survey through mailed invitation – 306 completed the statistically valid survey
- Open link survey invitation – 1,411 responses received
- Survey asked about the four identified facilities; satisfaction, importance and meeting community needs
- Survey asked about a new indoor multi-use center and what amenities could be included, as well as how to pay for such a facility.

April 2019

Survey Recommendations

- Consider making improvements and upgrades to the VFW Sports Center
- Consider adding additional space at the BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center
- Consider making improvements and upgrades to the Wachter Aquatic Complex
- Consider developing a new indoor community recreation complex, possibly replacing all or partial elements of the Capital Racquet & Fitness Center, which could include:
- Walking/running track, athletic courts, fitness equipment, group exercise, ice sheets, indoor turf, tennis courts, playground

June 2019

Project Vision

Using the Facilities Master Plan as a guiding document, a feasibility study was conducted for a new indoor community recreation complex.

- To determine the appropriate mix of programs and amenities
- To determine the costs associated with building the complex
- To determine the potential cost recovery
- To determine probable funding sources for construction (bonds, sales tax, user fees, grants, public/private partnerships)



August 2019

Feasibility Study Scope of Work with GreenPlay LLC

- **A:** Strategic kick-off with BPRD Project Team and Task Force on August 29 to understand the issue and process, formalize a timeline
- **B:** Used data from Facilities Master Plan study public input process to study possible uses of facility
- **C:** Conducted a site analysis of up to three potential sites: evaluate the components and potential costs
- Based on Tasks A-C, prepare a business plan for selected programs, services and amenities; prepare operational budget and revenue strategies and funding options

October 2019

Public Open House

- Hosted a public Open House and Presentation Session to present conceptual plans to receive additional feedback.
- Presented conceptual plans to Board of Park Commissioners

November 2019

Presentations

- Hosted a public Plan Presentation with updated conceptual plans, community comparisons of recreational facilities and sales tax structures, facility construction costs and operational budget
- Presented updated information to Board of Park Commissioners

December 2019

Next Steps

- Present final Feasibility Study report to Board of Park Commissioners

January 2020

- The Board of Park Commissioners voted to ask the Bismarck City Commission to place a half cent sales tax on the June ballot. The half cent would sunset when the bonds to finance up to \$108 million in costs to construct an indoor community recreation complex are paid in full. In addition, a capital campaign committee will work to raise a minimum of 5-10% of the project cost.



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Vision

Be the leader and premier provider of public parks, programs, facilities and leisure services

Mission

Work with the community to provide residents and visitors the highest quality park, program, facility and event experience.

Core Purpose

Provide affordable, accessible, and sustainable public park and recreation services.

Core Values

Accountability	Diversity
Collaboration	Integrity
Community	Professionalism

Questions?

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