Shoreview Community Center
Expansion Plan

Growing for the future

History of the Community Center

Following the overwhelming approval of a referendum by Shoreview residents in November, 1988, the Shoreview Community Center was constructed and opened its doors in November 1990. The primary purpose of the Community Center was to serve as the social, recreational, and cultural focal point for the City. Since its opening, the Community Center has achieved this goal and today, more than 500,000 members and guests visit one of the premier community centers in the state of Minnesota to enjoy its variety of facilities.

In the early 2000's, the City decided to expand the Community Center to capitalize on the growing interest of Shoreview residents in wellness and fitness. A state-of-the-art fitness center was incorporated into a major building expansion and remodeling project that was completed in 2002. This new expansion fueled tremendous growth in Shoreview residents use of the Community Center through large increases in membership. In 2009, the Tropical Adventure Indoor Playground was constructed within an underutilized gym area to further enhance the amenities and features of the Community Center.

As a result of continued growth in recreation programs and strong demand for use of Community Center facilities, as well as a goal to maintain the Community Center as a vibrant community facility, the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission authorized a study of a possible expansion of the Community Center in 2014. This study, conducted by BWBR Architects, identified several potential options for an expanded and enhanced Community Center. The study was updated in 2016 to further refine the project scope. The City is now working with BWBR Architects on detailed design plans for another major expansion and remodeling of the Community Center.

Planned Community Center Expansion

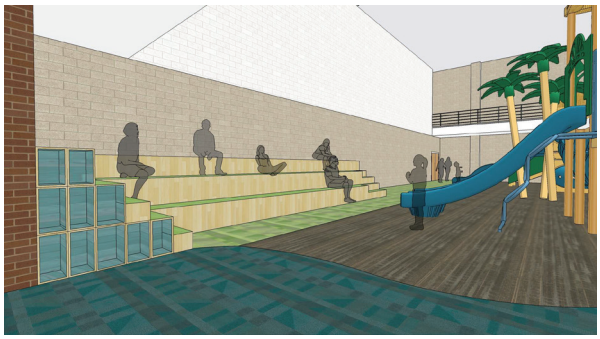
The City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission, and City staff have worked closely with BWBR Architects to develop an expansion plan that will create exciting new amenities and spaces for activities and programs that will further enhance the Center's appeal to the community. The plan includes two distinct expansion areas, including an expansion of the Tropics Indoor Waterpark and a major addition adjacent to the gymnasium.

Waterpark and Family Locker Rooms

The project includes a 5,000 square foot expansion of the Tropics Indoor Waterpark. The Waterpark expansion will include a new zero depth shallow water splash pool with many interactive play features and waterslides for children ages 2-10. The new addition will include floor to ceiling windows to allow natural light in the pool area along with an adjacent outdoor plaza area. As part of the Waterpark expansion, the City will also be renovating the locker room areas to allow the creation of eight much needed family changing rooms.

Two Level Addition

The proposal also includes a two level 15,000 sq. ft. expansion adjacent to the gymnasion.



The lower-level expansion space will create a new entrance into the indoor playground area. The Tropical Adventure Indoor Playground will be expanded to provide a larger playground, a dedicated toddler play area, improved seating for adults, and possibly some designated areas for parties and small groups. The lower level also includes a series of four group fitness rooms/studios that will be used for our extensive group fitness classes and youth activities. The Wave Cafe seating area will be remodeled and expanded and include new booths adjacent to the gym. Once the new group fitness studios are complete, the current fitness center/studio will be remodeled slightly to provide expanded stretching and functional training areas.

The upper level of this expansion will include four new multi-purpose meeting and activity rooms that would be accessed from a new hallway off of the Fireside Lounge. These rooms would be used for a variety of activities, including the City's full-day summer childcare program, expanded art and cultural programs for both youth and adults, as well as general meeting space. In addition, the upper-level includes new restrooms that will serve the large-banquet and new multi-purpose rooms. There will also be a new outdoor deck accessible from the Fireside Lounge.

Timing and Cost

The estimated cost for this major Community Center expansion project is about $12 million. The project will be financed primarily through a bond issue with the debt services being paid from a variety of sources including existing capital project funds and an increase in the City's debt levy.

The project is currently in the design development phase and bidding is expected to occur this summer, with a late summer/early fall construction start. The project will likely be fully completed by the summer/fall of 2018.

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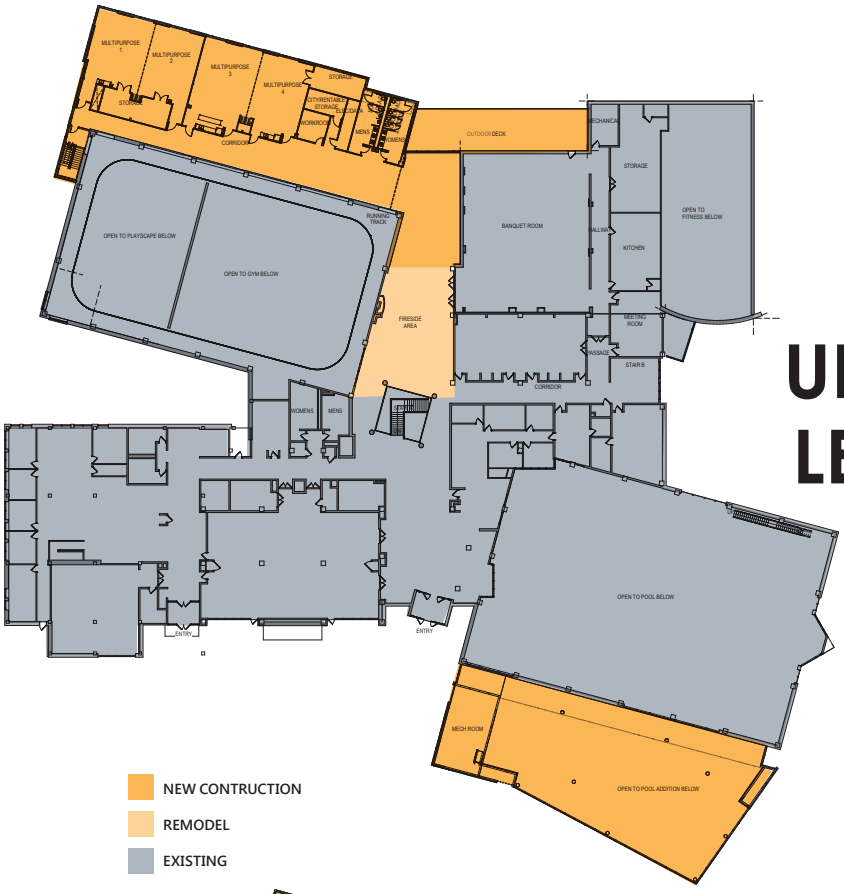

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