



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Following Special Meeting
WC Auditorium / Zoom

Directors Present: Marge Garneau (President), Bart Hillyer (Vice President), Jim Carden (Secretary), Carol Crothers (Treasurer), Candy English (Assistant Secretary), Nellie Johnson (Assistant Treasurer), Nancy Austin, Kathi Bachelor, Barbara Blake, Beth Dingman, Bev Lawless, Joe Magliola, Scott Somers (non-voting)

Staff Present: Steve Kindred (Recreation Program Director), Steve Mendoza (Facilities Director), Nanci Moyo (Administrative Supervisor), Natalie Whitman (COO)

Visitors: 18 including staff

AGENDA TOPIC

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Work Session Called to Order at 2:15pm by President Garneau. Secretary Carden called the roll.

2. Amend / Approve Agenda

MOTION: Director Johnson moved, Director Carden seconded to approve the Agenda.
Passed: unanimous

3. Canoa Hills Gymnasium

Natalie Whitman, COO, reviewed the Canoa Hills Gymnasium proposal, converting the auditorium to a multi-use gymnasium.

- This is a Type II Capital Improvement Project (future and long-term projects) in the phase 4 stage, where staff presents concept drawings and associated cost estimates to the Board for approval.
- The estimated cost currently budgeted for 2024 is \$180,000.
- There is no plan to change the footprint of the building.
- Remove the false ceiling for more ball clearance.
- Remove the risers to allow for table tennis to store tables when not in use.
- Cage the light fixtures and speakers.
- Paint court lines and walking track.
- Kitchen equipment in Canoa Hills would be repurposed to Del Sol Clubhouse.

Directors shared thoughts and asked questions:

- Consider more member feedback on this project and review the data from the charrette held at Canoa Hills.
- Six feet of additional space once false ceiling is removed.

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- The multi-use gymnasium is a good idea with fairly minimal cost. Possibly defer the basketball court and hoops until a need is determined.
- Bridge players and line dancers do not want to move from the auditorium of Canoa Hills.
- There is Board and member support for a walking track.
- Due to lower house sales in 2023 and possibly 2024 it would be good to watch extra spending this year.

Scott Somers, CEO, stated there has been overwhelming negative feedback to changing the auditorium to a multi-purpose gymnasium. He recommended putting this project back on the list of Capital projects and revisit it in the future.

The memo in the Board Meeting Book regarding Canoa Hills had three recommended options. First option is for the Board to approve the project as described, budgeted, and complete by October 2024; Second option is to complete all proposed elements, but defer basketball installation to a later date, pending further outreach to ensure interest is sufficient to justify the cost; and third option is no desire for the overall change in the use of the room, paint a walking track around the perimeter so indoor walking programs can commence.

Member comments:

- Sound quality would be affected if stage was removed because of the drapes as sound buffers.
- Raising the ceiling, also affects the sound quality.
- Walking track would work well at Canoa Hills.
- Is there a walking club? There is not a walking club.

Consensus of the Board was to include a walking path in the auditorium and do not move forward on any other changes to Canoa Hills.

4. Desert Hills Locker Room Expansion and Steam Room

Natalie Whitman, COO, reviewed the Desert Hills Locker Room expansion and the Steam Room.

- This project was recommended by P&E with a \$445,000 budget.
- There was not a lot of support for the steam room in the survey.
- The locker rooms' funding would come out of the MRR due to the need for rehabilitation and the balance out of initiative for the whole project.
- Possible plans are to shift the women's locker room north into the old Desert Hills weight room. Replace tiles and fixtures in the locker rooms. Provide more toilets and showers, and increased changing space. The steam room or deck shower next to the sauna. Remove the unisex bathroom. Replace the ventilation because it is not up to Pima County Code. It is possible to tie the ventilation to the upstairs kiln room because of the improvements needed there.
- The staff report included options the Board can consider which include: 1) Include the proposal as depicted in the attached floorplan sketch on the agenda for the regular April Board meeting; 2) Consider only an expansion of the locker rooms, replacing the steam room with a deck shower; 3) Consider only a rehab within the current footprint, with necessary ventilation upgrades; and 4) Consider alternate direction for staff.

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Directors shared thoughts and asked questions:

- Consider not moving the sauna for a cost savings.
- Consider the boxing room being changed to a club space and move the boxing room to the old weight room.
- How much has the architecture been paid for drawings? This was unknown but would be part of the project.
- Include non-slippery textured floors for safety.
- The \$445,000 budget includes the \$90,000 slated for the ventilation upgrade for the kiln room. The initiative shows \$299,335 for the project which includes the \$90,000.

Consensus of the Board is not to move forward on the steam room and keeping the sauna, and have staff bring back concept and construction drawings that uses the old exercise room as part of the women's locker room with a larger men's locker room.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Director Dingman moved, Director Hillyer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:47pm MST.

Passed: unanimous