

East Grand Forks Recreation Facility Improvements
Building Committee
Tuesday, March 2nd - 12:00 P.M.
City Hall – Training Room

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order
 - a. Reid Huttunen called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.
 - b. Members presenter were: Blake Karas, Brandon Boespflug, Dustin Frize, Garret Hjelle, Judd Stauss, Karen Peterson, Lori Troyer, Scott Koberinski, Mark Dragich, and Reid Huttunen
 - c. Absent committee members: Bobby Lukkason and Mark McDonald

- II. Reid welcomed the committee and thanked them for their interest and commitment to serving on the committee for these project. He explained that he is excited for the opportunity to bring this committee together and shared the value there broad array of knowledge and experiences in our community and its recreation facilities will have in directing these facility improvements. Each committee member introduced themselves and explained their background or affiliation with the potential projects.

- III. Project Background
 - a. Reid presented a brief summary of how the project planning has developed and progressed throughout the last two years. This history beginning with JLG Architects conducting a comprehensive building study of the current ice arenas and looking at feasibility of building a new ice arena, all the way through the process of community surveys and how the COVID pandemic has effected the improvement timeline. He shared a timeline of what we expect to take place throughout 2021 in project planning, fundraising, and community outreach.
 - b. Discussion was held on the original feasibility study and whether we could review that study again in further detail to help provide more in depth background on the current arenas and what work needs to be done at each of them. Reid will share the study with all members and we will review at the next meeting.

- IV. Discussion on Project goals from committee members
 - a. Reid asked committee members to share their preliminary thoughts on the project planning as it has been discussed and with what they know of it so far, as well as what goals they see as most important to achieve.
 - i. Goals/Comments listed in no particular order:
 1. Would like for this committee to gather data on economic impact our current facilities generate, and how it can be grown with facility improvements
 2. Baseball field improvements should be done with early season/late fall access in mind. A turf field would become a regional hub for high school and college teams looking for spring field access.
 3. Revenue potential in having two baseball fields with lights and safe competitive play conditions

4. Important to plan Stauss Park improvements so that it can be multi-functional to other sports like softball, youth soccer, lacrosse, etc. to name a few.
5. Need to review how the current arenas are used and find ways to make them more functional year round
6. Consider what current issues we have in our facilities, and we must figure out how to fix them.
7. Review/Study what long term maintenance savings we could have with improvements. Ideas noted on this include
 - a. having one ice plant run two ice sheets, rather than a separate ice plant for each rink
 - b. Savings of having a turf field to maintain rather than mow, irrigate, and maintain a grass field
8. Review what funding options the community has to pay for these improvements; fundraising goals, tax implications, selling bonds were all items mentioned
9. Any improvements should be planned with function for all residents in mind.

V. Discussion on next steps, goal setting and community needs assessment

- a. Reid discussed that before the next meeting, he will share a survey with each committee member to help weigh the community needs for our recreation facilities. He would like each committee member to consider:
 - i. How our current facilities are used, who they serve, what do they do well?
 - ii. What could our facilities do better?
 - iii. What improvements can be made to help make our facilities more functional?
 - iv. Consider and list any community stakeholders who should be included in this planning?

VI. Discuss plan (date/time) for future meetings

- a. Discussion on a meeting the week of March 15 – 19. Reid will follow up with an email to find a date/time that works best for the majority.

VII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.