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AGENDA ITEM #3

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Manuel A. Hernandez, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Grant Park and Community Center Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report and provide input on plan for improvements to the Grant Park Community Center

Background

The Grant Park Community Center located at 1575 Holt Ave provides services and space for various interests and age groups of the Los Altos community. The center is host to activities such as fitness classes, martial arts instruction, senior programs as well as private rentals. The Grant Park Community Center is in a convenient location for residents of the south Los Altos area.

At the May 28, 2015 special meeting, City Council directed staff to include funding as part of the Grant Park Community Center CIP, to make improvements at that site beyond the planned roof replacement. In preparing the final draft budget for approval, staff included an additional \$300,000 for various improvements to the Community Center building at Grant Park. With the \$175,000 budgeted for the roof replacement, the total budget for improvements to the Grant Park Community Center is \$475,000

Discussion

On June 23, 2015, City Council approved the CIP budget that included the \$475,000 for the improvements at the Grant Park Community Center. Staff has since evaluated the options for the possible improvements that were included in budget for this project.

As the roof replacement is in motion and scheduled to start in late September, City staff has worked to create a plan for the additional improvements as directed by City Council. The improvements staff is recommending include the following.

Painting – Staff recommends painting interior of both the classroom building and multipurpose room building. Colors will be determined in consultation with an interior design professional. Exterior painting will be performed pending budget availability and will be done to match the existing building colors.

Flooring – Staff recommends replacing the flooring in the multipurpose room. New flooring type will be selected to accommodate the various uses of the facility.

Kitchen Improvements – Staff recommends removing and replacing cabinets and counters; removal of the existing stove; and installation of new appliances including, refrigerator, microwave, hot plates and toaster oven. Additionally, acoustic sound dampening will be explored to provide a better overall environment.

Restrooms – Staff recommends removal and replacement of dividing panels, toilet seats, and sinks/counter tops in both the men’s and women’s restrooms.

Interior Improvements (miscellaneous) – Staff recommends replacing window treatments in both facilities; removal of wall attachments (chalk boards, etc.) from the classroom building; removal of sinks and storage cabinets in the classroom building and installation of a new sink in classroom 2; and removal of the freestanding wall in classroom 2.

ADA Improvements – Additionally, staff recommends performing ADA improvements per the City’s ADA transition plan addressing priority 1 improvements. Priority 1 improvements include addressing door opening/closing operations to meet 5 lb. requirement (does not include installation of automatic openers/closers) and ensuring strike edge clearance; stair/handrail improvements in the multipurpose room; and installation or modification of signage.

The funds for this CIP are available this fiscal year and preparations are currently being made to begin soliciting proposals for the work. Staff is requesting input from the Parks and Recreation Commission on the planned improvements to the Grant Park Community Center.