

# Request for Council Action

Originator Community Services Department	Item <b>Community Center Needs Assessment</b>
Agenda Section Organizational	Date 9/22/2015

Description

In 2014, the City Council received a presentation by staff regarding Creekside Community Center. Staff discussed the center's history, usage and its current physical condition. Staff also reviewed explorations to date into alternate options for a community center facility. Following the presentation, Council directed that a needs assessment be conducted on a community center in Bloomington.

Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. (HGA) was selected via a request for proposals process to conduct the community center needs assessment. HGA is an integrated architectural, engineering and planning firm that has performed community center feasibility studies in Eden Prairie, St. Louis Park and Golden Valley.

HGA's scope of work included the following:

- Perform a comprehensive needs, programming, space and operational assessment of the current community center.
- Analyze the capacity of the current community center's space and amenities to carry out programming and services.
- Review the condition of Creekside Community Center and determine long-term maintenance needs, including associated cost estimates.
- Evaluate what is currently available in the community for recreational, programming, public gathering and meeting spaces and identify gaps in amenities, facilities and services.
- Provide guidance and information to the City regarding current and future trends related to recreational needs.
- Identify current user groups as well as expected future patrons of recreational and community gathering spaces.
- Produce recommendations, requisite space and programming needs and options based on the results of the needs assessment process.

Together with recreational facility planning and operation consultant Ballard-King, HGA developed a final report that defines the wants and desires of the community for a highly functioning community center. HGA's final report also provides an evaluation, analysis and cost metrics to help inform the City as it determines the potential value of a new or improved community center.

Diann Kirby, City of Bloomington Community Services Director, will present the results of the community center needs assessment and discuss next steps including formation of a community center task force.

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Information and discussion purposes only.

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Attachments:

Community Center Needs Assessment Presentation