

South Burlington Recreation and Parks Committee

Recommendation on Indoor Recreation Facility

Recreation and Parks Workshop November 17, 2018

Recreation and Parks Committee has been creating and reviewing priorities formally with the city since Dec 2012, and has presented priorities to City Center Feasibility Task Force, Planning Commission, City Council, and City Management. The City has been considering plans for an indoor recreation facility for decades.

On November 17, 2018 Recreation and Parks Committee met from 9:00 to noon in the City Hall Medium Conference Room. We reviewed notes from a November 16 meeting with City Staff, and then discussed recreation facility priorities with Holly Rees.

December 13, 2018 Holly Rees, Jennifer Kochman, and Mike Simoneau met with Kevin Dorn and Tom Hubbard.

The Committee developed this list of priorities for Recreation Facilities (Indoor):

NEEDS

Program Space: Essential

- Three Courts- multi-purpose, fields (these would allow for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, ultimate Frisbee etc.), flexible for all net sports- 35-foot ceiling height.
- Turf field
- Walking Track (second story)
- Maker Space (small capacity of 12-24 for arts and crafts) 1,200 square feet
- Studio Space: Ideally two separate rooms (one for dance and one for yoga/meditation) but could get by with one multipurpose studio space as long as it had appropriate flooring, lighting, sound mitigation, mirrors etc. 2,500 square feet
- Senior Center: To be included in Community Center 2020.

- Pre-School Active Space, 1500 square feet
- Youth Program Space (classroom), 1000 square feet
- Maker Space (expansive, open, high ceiling), 3,500 square feet
- Exhibit Space (ranging from small trophy area to art exhibit options)
- Child Supervision rooms at facilities to support adult participation, 600 square feet

- Teaching Kitchen
- Bleachers for audience at courts
- Auditorium – elements for camps, plays, presentations and concerts (prep rooms): Included in Community center 2020.

Operational Space:

- Office space for staff
- 2 formal/isolated offices

- Office suite with up to 7 stations
- Break room
- Conference room (12-35 capacity)
- Spaces: storage, rest rooms, locker rooms, concessions, reception
- Storage accessible from outside
- Building supports (electrical, mechanical, custodial)

Wants

- Regulation-size soccer field (indoor)
- Aquatics- indoor Olympic size lap pool
- Zero Entry warm water therapy pool
- Splash pad(s)
- Teen Center
- Kiln
- Planetarium or viewing spot with telescope(s)

Additional Notes from the Workshop November 17 and meeting December 13:

Open program space favored by the Workshop: An open and minimally furnished program space would serve a variety of program needs not served in the more furnished Senior Center. Possibilities: Messy activities like art, noisy activities like Zumba, etc.

Dec 13 Meeting: We prefer the option of the Skeletal Framework or the Traditional Structure. The Inflatable dome does not allow a 2nd story running track. The skeletal structure would allow for large doors on the south side that could be opened in the summer.

December 17: The full Recreation and Parks Committee will meet with Kevin Dorn.