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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
MEETING NOTES – May 28, 2024

Members Present: Shannen Knight, Vicki Olson, Beau Genot, Tanner Woody, Holley DeShaw and Charley Anderson
Planning Commission Liaison: Gary Walvatne
Members Absent: Christina Fadenrecht
City Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner
Staff Present: Aaron Gudelj, Associate Planner, Megan Big-John, Parks and Recreation Director and Ryan Metow, MIG Consultants

Staff Liaison: Darren Wyss dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov

1. Call to Order

Chair Knight called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and took roll.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes: [02.27.2024](#) and [03.26.2024](#)

Vicki Olson moved to approve the meeting notes for 02.27.24 and 03.26.24. Genot seconded. **Ayes: Olson, Genot, DeShaw, Anderson, Woody, and Knight. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. 6-0-0.**

4. Briefing: [Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study Engagement](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Megan Big John introduced the Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study, providing updates on its progress, including community feedback and the need for a pool in future phases. The meeting covered community engagement, design concepts, and polling for the building project.

Ryan Metow outlined the objectives of Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study, which aimed to build a shared understanding of the required spaces and develop initial cost estimates. Phase 1, completed in December 2023, included interviews with community leaders, the establishment of a steering committee, town hall meetings, an online questionnaire with 1,800 respondents, building a contact list, and initial cost estimates. Metow noted that the respondents predominantly represented households with children.

Summarized feedback from two town hall meetings highlighted the community's need for a recreation center, as evidenced by the online questionnaire. The estimated total cost is \$65 million, which would require an additional tax of \$580 per year from the average assessed home. Construction costs have significantly increased due to inflation, with pandemic-era projects costing about two-thirds less than current ones.

Phase 2, which began in February 2024, involves further community engagement and refining the design and cost estimates. This phase focuses on educating community members about the necessity of a new facility, the limitations of using schools, gathering feedback on community engagement, and improving communication channels. The outreach will continue through social media, community groups, and newsletters. A detailed operational plan has been created to model the revenue streams and expenses of the facility over the first five years, with a conservative estimate of a 54% cost recovery. Community members have emphasized the importance of transparency in financial matters and the need for the community to be aware of the cost per household before voting on it.

The consultant will analyze the collected input to inform the next steps, which include:

- Polling & Community Survey - June
- PRAB Update 2 – May 30
- City Council Presentation – June 17
- Final Report - June 28

The CCI discussed the need for transparency and mentioned their efforts to provide real-time information on tax bill differences based on assessed values.

5. CCI Announcements

Knight proposed that the CCI draft a letter to the City Council requesting permission for the CCI to create a formalized step-by-step outreach process for planning projects.

Additionally, there was a discussion about the vacated staff position and the need to appoint a new liaison for the economic development committee.

6. Staff Announcements

Gudelj noted the VISION43 Open House will be held June 8, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Robinwood Station.

7. Adjourn

Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.