

Elmcrest Park Community Building – Discussion Topics

Park Board meeting May 9, 2013

Assumptions

- Durable public structure with covered picnic area similar to Miller Park park buildings located in Eden Prairie.
- The construction budget for the building is in the range of \$375,000.
- The building will have a septic system and city water.
- A new playground will be built adjacent to the new building.
- The building will serve the community.

Programming Questions

General

- Should the facility be a year-round use or three-season?
- How many people should the facility accommodate maximum and what is the average daily or weekend use?
- What uses and user types occur – winter (snowmobile trail head), spring, summer, and fall seasons?
- Are special accommodations to be provided for seniors, teens, soccer teams, preschool, spectators, scouts, community education, community recreation, other?
- What type of shelter should be provided for inclement weather, i.e., rain, wind, storm, snow, tornado, etc.?
- Is it open every day and what are the hours of operation?

Basic Building

- Security and vandalism issues, grilles over the windows, lighting
- Picnics & number of tables
- Shade and rain cover, size
- Lockable rolling doors and sitting walls at pavilion
- Second level for field observation
- Wall materials, roof materials, floor materials, exterior surfaces
- Energy conservation, daylighting, natural ventilation, rain water collection, environmental stewardship
- Material, image, durability and maintenance considerations
- Public art display area
- Cornerstone/time capsule and or any other recognition to staff, council, mayor, commissions, community

Rest Rooms

- Number of fixtures for men and women. Code requires one wc for each.
- Entry from both inside and outside.
- Changing area or stall
- Locker room
- Diaper changing
- Family restroom
- Team dressing rooms

Meeting Space

- How many people shall it accommodate
- Indoor games and/or entertainment use
- Which community groups do you see using it
- Meeting or banquet style seating
- Should meeting area be separate (able to close off) from adjacent public spaces
- Adjacency to kitchen/concession area
- Is lockable storage needed
- Is this area separate from lobby/gathering area
- Craft and other community education

Lobby/Gathering Area

- Separate from meeting room
- Vending machines
- Trophy cases
- Bulletin boards
- Drinking fountains
- Access to concession window
- Craft and other community education

Concessions

- Open to the exterior
- Open to the interior
- Menu type and serving method
- Health department considerations, ss counters, 3 compartment sink
- Equipment city will provide
- When is it open, who will run it
- Secure storage
- Adjacency to what other areas
- Team check-in ticket sales window

Storage

- Climate controlled
- Work bench and work area, maintenance equipment
- User groups
- Field game equipment
- Golf cart storage, gas or electric
- Tables and chairs

Office

- Outside roll up window for team check-in and ticket sales
- Will city provide an attendant, will this be that persons office
- How many people shall it accommodate

Upper Level (Note: We are looking into code issues related to a second level.)

- Tournament monitoring
- Storage and observation deck
- Meeting space

Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and IT

- Energy conservation, daylighting, natural ventilation, rain water collection
- Heating A/C systems
- Geo-thermal
- Gray water collection
- Energy management controls
- PA system
- IT needs

Site considerations

- Trash and recyclables
- Cistern for roof rain water collection/irrigation
- Permeable pavers
- Tree trenches/irrigation
- Playground
- Skating/winter activity uses
- Benches
- Re-bound wall