



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda item**

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks

Item: Conceptual Master Plan for Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity

Date: April 13, 2022

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Ward(s) Affected:

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| ☐ Ward 1 | ☐ Ward 4 |
| ☐ Ward 2 | ☐ Ward 5 |
| ☒ Ward 3 | ☐ Ward 6 |
| ☐ All Wards | ☐ N/A |

Action Required:

Set a public hearing for the adoption of the conceptual master plan for the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC).

Timeline and Recommended Motions:

Committee discussion: May 4, 2022

Council sets public hearing: May 9, 2022

Recommended motion: Set a public hearing for May 23, 2022 for the adoption of the conceptual master plan for the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity.

Public Hearing: May 23, 2022

Recommended motion: Adopt the Conceptual Master Plan for the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity

Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Since 2000 the community has identified a need for an active indoor common space. The 2003 adopted McCormick Park Master Plan and 2004 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan included setting aside property for a future multipurpose recreation center with a gym, arts and crafts components, and facilities for teens and aging adults. In 2006 Currents Aquatics Center was built as phase 1 of a larger facility to accommodate the recognized need. This need for an indoor recreation and cultural center is called out in the 2015 Community Growth Policy Report, "Our Missoula" and most recently the 2020 Climate Ready Missoula Plan. In addition, the City of Missoula Strategic Priorities support the creation of a multi-purpose community hub centrally located in McCormick Park that serves to provide access to a multigenerational, year-round, affordable, public facility. In 2021 the City of Missoula contracted with the design firms MMW Architects and NAC Architecture to help clarify and understand the community's priorities related to an indoor recreation and cultural center and create a conceptual design plan based on these community priorities. As part of the public process members of the Missoula community served on a Working Group. The role of the Working Group was to make recommendations to the city and the design consultants on the facility's planning, public outreach, and schematic design. The working group recommendations were adopted by the Park Board and Park Board, including

directing staff to advance the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity conceptual plan to City Council with a recommendation for Council to adopt the conceptual plan.

Financial Implications: NA

Links to external websites:

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/currents-community-center>

<https://www.missoulacommunitycenter.org/>