

Current Center for Recreation and Creativity Working Group – additional information – January 2022

The Working Group provided key community input regarding the conceptual design for the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC). (see Working Group applicant information packet)

A Community Center for Missoula, located in McCormick Park and as a second phase to the Currents Aquatic Center has been noted as a priority in numerous community plans since 2000 and is included in the McCormick Park Master Plan adopted July 2003.

Others involved in the design process included, a consultant team lead by MMW Architects, with NAC and Ballard and King, a professional facilitator, Friends for a Community Center, and several stakeholder and outreach meetings and efforts (see CCRC Outreach and Process document).

Eighteen Working Group members began the process in April 2021. Two resigned over the time period for personal reasons. Of the remaining 16 Working Group members, 12 support the recommendation below. Of the remaining four, one abstained and three have not yet responded.

Five of the Working Group members provided additional comments including the following:

- emphasizing the importance of access for all by providing robust scholarships and low-cost pricing for reserving the various spaces;
- suggesting minor edits to specific amenities or spaces, which will be addressed during development of construction documents; and
- encouraging private/public partnerships to reduce costs of construction.

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