

## **Missoula Parks and Recreation Board Referral**

---

Citizen or Organization Name      Parks & Recreation Department

Main Contact                              Ryan Applegate, Business Superintendent

Address                                      600 Cregg Lane

Phone:                                        552-6681

E-mail:                                        applegater@ci.missoula.mt.us

Referral to:                                  Missoula Parks and Recreation Board

Requested date for Board consideration: February 8, 2022

### **Referral Item:**

Present findings related to the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity conceptual design process and public outreach to date. Request Park board review and support the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC) Working Group recommendation.

### **Motion/Action requested:**

Motion to adopt, (or adopt with edits) the conceptual master plan for the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC) as recommended by the CCRC Working Group; and further to direct staff to advance the CCRC conceptual plan to City Council with Park Board's recommendation Council adopts the conceptual plan for the CCRC.

### **Background information:**

Since 2000 the community has identified a need for active indoor common space. The 2003 Parks McCormick Park Master Plan and 2004 Parks and Recreation Master 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 center 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 and preliminary operations analysis based on these community priorities. As part of the public process members of the Missoula community applied to be part of a Working Group. This Working Group role was to make recommendations to the city and the design consultant on community center planning, outreach and schematic design.

Staff recommendation to Parks Board: Staff recommends Park Board support the Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC) Working Group recommendation.

Attachments:

Working Group Recommendation  
Beyond the Bullet Points (letter of Support Friends of  
Currents Center for Recreation and Creativity (CCRC), and  
The Converge Foundation)  
Working Group Applicant Information Packet  
Working Group additional information  
CCRC Summary of Outreach and Process  
CCRC Engage Missoula link:  
<https://www.engagemissoula.com/currents-community-center>