



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 29, 2017

SUBJECT: New Multi-Purpose Recreation Building at White Park

Recommendation

Review and accept this report.

Background

In 1958, the current skate house at White Park was built. It was immediately used by hundreds of skaters and a generation of Concord youth grew up around the facility. By the middle 90's, the building began to decline and shortly thereafter, the bathroom, heating systems and electrical systems began to fail and by the late 2000's the building was closed due to numerous safety violations.

In 2001, the City of Concord began a Master Plan Process for several of the neighborhood Parks. In the approved White Park Master Plan it called for a new building to replace the old building. In the approved Master Plan the new building was shown next to the parking lot and White Street.

At the July 2012 City Council meeting, Parks and Recreation Director presented a report outlining how the City could use private donations to design the new facility. At the City Council Meeting on August 13, 2012 City Council approved a donation by the H.L. Turner Group Inc. for the design of the new building. H.L. Turner Group Inc., located here in Concord, offered their architectural and engineering services for the new skate house at no cost to the City. The donation at the time was estimated to be valued at \$40,000.

Several Public Meetings followed and between December 2012 and present day, a total of seven community meetings have been held.

At the November 2016 City Council Meeting a report was accepted to move ahead with final design of option three. Option 3 looked at building a new facility at the current location of the skate house and directed City staff to work with the HL Turner Group to develop final design and construction documents for Option 3.

This project was funded in the FY17 with \$450,000 (50%) of General Obligation Bonds and \$450,000 (50%) from private donations.

Approved Building Plan on the site if the current building.



Recommendations

I recommend City Council to direct City staff to work with City Administration and the Purchasing Division to create a RFQ to hire a firm that will act as a construction manager for the city. Having a CM working with the HL Turner Group and staff will aid in the final design drawings and develop the final cost of the project. This is extremely important as 50% of the project comes from private donations and we will need a firm number to fundraise.