

Facilities Study Task Force

February 2, 2021 – 3:30-5:30 pm
Virtual WebEx Meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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1. Roll Call
2. Preliminary Discussion of Project Priorities (40 Minutes)
3. Review Space Programming (45 Minutes)
4. Financing – Brookview Case Study (15 Minutes)
5. Discuss Plans for Community Engagement (20 Minutes)
6. Closing Comments / Questions
7. Adjourn



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TO: Golden Valley Facilities Study Task Force Members

RE: Agenda Memo – Task Force Meeting No. 3.5

DATE: February 2, 2021

1. Roll Call

2. Preliminary Discussion of Project Priorities (40 Minutes)

The final report will lay out a long-term, phased plan for investment in City facilities. A number of priorities, identified below (not exhaustive), have been identified for City facilities both at the outset of the process and through the community engagement survey. Some of the priorities are “needs”, while others are “wants”, and some may fall in between. The items in **bold** are critical for the City to achieve in order to deliver services, operate efficiently, and realize the City’s values.

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| a. Fire Department – Transition to a two-station, duty crew model | j. Equitable facilities (gender, ADA, etc) |
| b. Police – Space to accommodate training, operations, support services, and community outreach | k. Keep City Hall and other administrative services in Downtown |
| c. Public Works – Consolidate into a single location away from downtown | l. Address critical space deficiencies and accommodate projected evolutions of operations/services |
| d. Provide public space for civic events and access Bassett Creek | m. Make City Hall and services more easily accessible |
| e. Include North-South pedestrian/bike connections | n. Provide full service DMV |
| f. Connect to Luce Line | o. Integrate services and improve flow |
| g. Balance investment and debt management | p. More welcoming environment oriented to customers |
| h. Co-locate City Hall + Library | q. More parking |
| i. Make excess land available for private investment | r. Safety (lighting) |
| | s. Community facilities – gym, meeting rooms |
| | t. More online services |
| | u. Mid Century Modern architecture |

- Which priorities are “needs” and which are “wants”?
- Of the “wants”, which are more important and which are less? Why?
- Are there priorities that are missing?

3. Review Space Programming (45 Minutes)

During this time, we will review space programs for each municipal department, including operational requirements for space (types, quantities, and sizes). The review will include data of existing spaces and projected future requirements based on growth projections, benchmarking, industry requirements, and best practices. Task Force feedback and input will be especially important regarding public areas and resources both inside and outside of the buildings.

- What expectations do you have for public spaces within a City Hall, Police Station or other public building? Considerations may include: entrances, access, visibility, service counters or desks, waiting areas, signage, meeting rooms, amenities or resources.
- What types of public outdoor spaces and amenities would make downtown more of a destination?

4. Financing – Brookview Case Study (15 Minutes)

Project financing was one theme that emerge from the recent Facilities Study survey. While we do not yet have cost estimates for new or renovated buildings, the City recently completed construction of Brookview. Sue Virnig, Finance Director, will review the various cost components of Brookview, discuss the mechanism to finance the project, and the impact of the project on the City's debt.

- What impact did Brookview have on your property taxes?
- What reactions did you observe or hear regarding Brookview before and after construction?
- Is Brookview perceived as an asset to Golden Valley? A good value for the community?

5. Discuss Plans for Community Engagement (20 Minutes)

Because the facilities study will guide investment in the City for years to come, it is important that community members are aware of the study, understand the issues and opportunities it is intended to address, and provide input. The video and survey, combined with various stakeholder interviews, represented Round 1 of the study's community engagement efforts. A second round of community engagement is planned for spring to inform and obtain feedback on various concepts. Staff is also considering a webinar in late February to discuss needs and challenges with the current facilities in more detail. The webinar would include a moderated Q&A session.

- How aware of the study are community members? What questions or comments are you hearing?
- How effective has the City been in publicizing the study? How well understood is the it that the study will result in a long-term, phased plan for facility investment?

- What other formats or methods should be considered for future engagement events?
- What information should be further detailed to better help residents understand the current facilities?

6. Closing Comments / Questions

7. Adjourn