

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
November 4, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Martin called a workshop meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:45 p.m. on November 4, 2013.

**ROLL CALL**

The following attended the meeting:

City Council: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart

Staff: Terry Schwerm City Manager  
Tessia Melvin Assistant to City Manager

BWBR

Architect: Steve Erickson

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mayor Martin suggested that the Economic Development Authority consider moving their meetings to before the first council meeting of the month to be respectful of council time, as the workshops tend to last longer than regular meetings. Councilmembers Quigley, Johnson and Withhart agreed with the recommendation. City Manager Schwerm will discuss with Tom Simonson, EDA Staff Liaison.

Mayor Martin reminded Councilmembers that the next Council Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12. Due to another heavy agenda that includes the budget information and the Community Center expansion, including concepts by the architect, Mayor Martin recommended that the Council begin at 6 p.m. Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley and Wickstrom agreed. Councilmember Withhart announced that he would not be in attendance, due to prior plans.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT WITH BWBR ARCHITECT**

City Manager Schwerm began the discussion with a brief history of the project. At the October 14 workshop, the City Council met with BWBR Architects to begin discussions on the planned Community Center expansion; however, due to limited time, staff felt that it would be best to provide Council an update on the process and continue the discussion from the October 14 meeting.

City Manager Schwerm reported that representatives from BWBR Architects (BWBR) have also met with the Park and Recreation Commission and staff. Some of the key areas that have been identified for potential expansion or renovation scheduled for 2015 include:

- Fitness Center
- Multi-Purpose Activity Rooms
- Indoor Playground
- Family Locker Rooms
- Renovation of Outdoor Wading Pool Area
- Banquet Room Expansion

City Manager Schwerm reminded the Council that the last expansion of the Shoreview Community Center was to increase revenues and greatly expand the fitness facilities. However, the 2015 expansion is intended to improve the customer experience and maintain existing members. As a result, the estimated cost of this project is significantly lower than the previous expansion.

City Manager Schwerm reported that the first expansion included the cardio room, fitness locker rooms and fitness studios. In addition, the expansion included an additional banquet room and Fire Side Lounge remodeling. As a result of the first expansion, the City has been able to increase membership revenues from \$300,000 to \$1.1 million per year in 2010. The City does not expect similar increases in revenue with this potential expansion project.

Councilmember Quigley stated that originally the Community Center was part of the Commons Concept Plan. This project should be framed in terms of strengthening the Commons area, as well.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked that staff consider how many people are using equipment and ensure that the expansion and renovations provide the biggest impact on our memberships, programs and admissions.

Councilmember Johnson commented that staff has done a great job in creating six areas of focus; however, it may be helpful to define what is not in the focus of this project.

Mr. Erickson commented that they will take additional comments by staff and comments made by Council in assisting with their concepts.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

Mayor Martin provided a brief update on the Ramsey County Library project to the Council. Recently the owner of the house next to the library passed away, and the executor of the estate has contacted the County about potential acquisition of the property. City Manager Schwerm added that staff has met with Ramsey County to discuss the library project and the importance of insuring that this property is in public ownership.

Mayor Martin added that Ramsey County was not successful in their attempt to purchase the Vadnais Heights Sports Arena.

Mayor Martin also provided an update on CP Rail. Last week the Mayor and staff met with the Director of Operations of CP Rail. Mayor Martin reported that the discussions were helpful and looked to produce some actions by CP Rail. City Manager Schwerm added that CP Rail's media representatives will host a meeting with neighborhood representatives in the next few days.

Much discussion was had on the possibilities of CP Rail relocating the Canadian National trains that are performing switching activities at the Cardigan Junction site. CP officials believe that this would reduce many of the complaints regarding noise and traffic delays. Mayor Martin reported that staff is currently making copies of all e-mails and complaints that she has received on this issue to share with CP officials.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.