

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:30p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Brad Hartung on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi. Members absent: Trey Hardy.

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer Doug Green, and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney. Also present: Jim Springer and Dustin Ness of the YMCA, and members of the Citizens for Huron Wellness Facility Committee.

New Business

Jim Springer, YMCA

Mr. Springer distributed a presentation relative to the YMCA's proposed partnership with Cedar Point Sports Center at the Sports Force location. (Attached and made part of minutes) He explained the YMCA wants to construct a 40,000 square ft. facility within the center and Firelands Regional Medical Center will also have a facility at the center. He reviewed the amenities that the YMCA would like to incorporate which includes a splash pool and a 6-8 lane swimming pool. He referenced the opportunity this facility could provide the city and explained that the YMCA just wanted the city to be informed of the facts and their intentions of moving forward before the city makes a decision on Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP). Items of note/discussion:

- \$11 million needed for the YMCA facility; \$1 million of that being equipment. Currently \$7 million has been committed. Announcement expected soon about 2 additional donations which would bring total committed funding to \$10 million.
- YMCA is moving forward with this partnership and anticipates opening in 2020.
- Noted a financial commitment of some form would be needed to partner; suggesting something similar to what Huron City Schools have been paying for their pool lease. This would be an opportunity for use of a pool and courts. Huron could get preferred lane time with an agreement in place.
- YMCA believes they will reach goal of funding, but noted if the total goal was not met, they could scale down the project by eliminating the lap pool.
- TIF financing and future operations were discussed.
- Referenced the IWP study the city is reviewing and noted the issue of having two similar facilities in close proximity not being feasible.

The Mayor explained that City Council had just received the IWP study and will be reviewing the study before further discussion will be entertained. He referenced that Mr. Ellis of IWP would be coming back to speak with Council for a work session on August 14.

Amy Roldan, Citizens for Huron Wellness Facility Committee.

Ms. Roldan distributed a presentation relative to the purpose and mission of this community committee (attached and made part of the minutes) noting the group began discussions two years ago with the desire for a facility in Huron to include a pool, community center, urgent care component and day care. Dr. Craig Johnson then reviewed the presentation reviewing the timeline of discussions, committee focus on amenities, research, site visits and the feasibility study. Items of note/discussion:

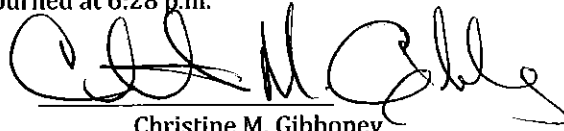
- Site visits to several facilities; facility similar to the Rootstown model ultimately desired.
- Meetings with Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP) and other community stakeholders.
- Committee contributed to the expense of the IWP Feasibility Study.
- Community outreach conducted via social media- positive feedback/response from the community.
- Committee is working as a catalyst and believes it would be an asset to have such a facility in Huron

Other Matters

Mr. White referenced the electrical substation bid and the importance of expediting the agreements in order to meet the project timeline. He noted that AMP Ohio had provided a contract late yesterday, noting the rate and term are in line with past discussions.

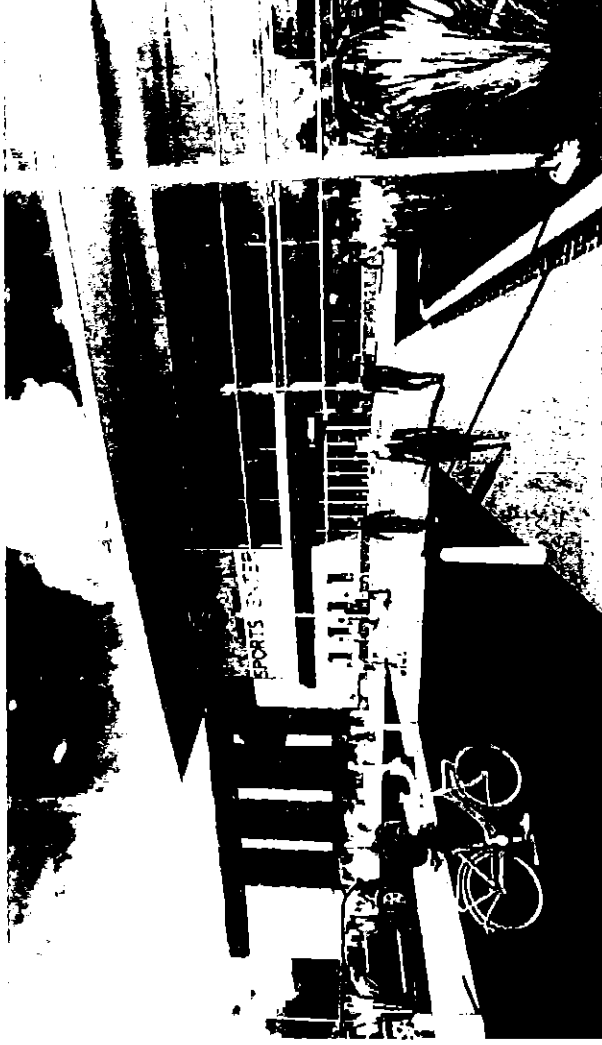
The Mayor thanked those representing the YMCA and the Citizens Group in attendance and noted that the review of the study from IWP needs to be vetted through City Council and additional discussion will be needed.

The work session meeting of June 26, 2018 adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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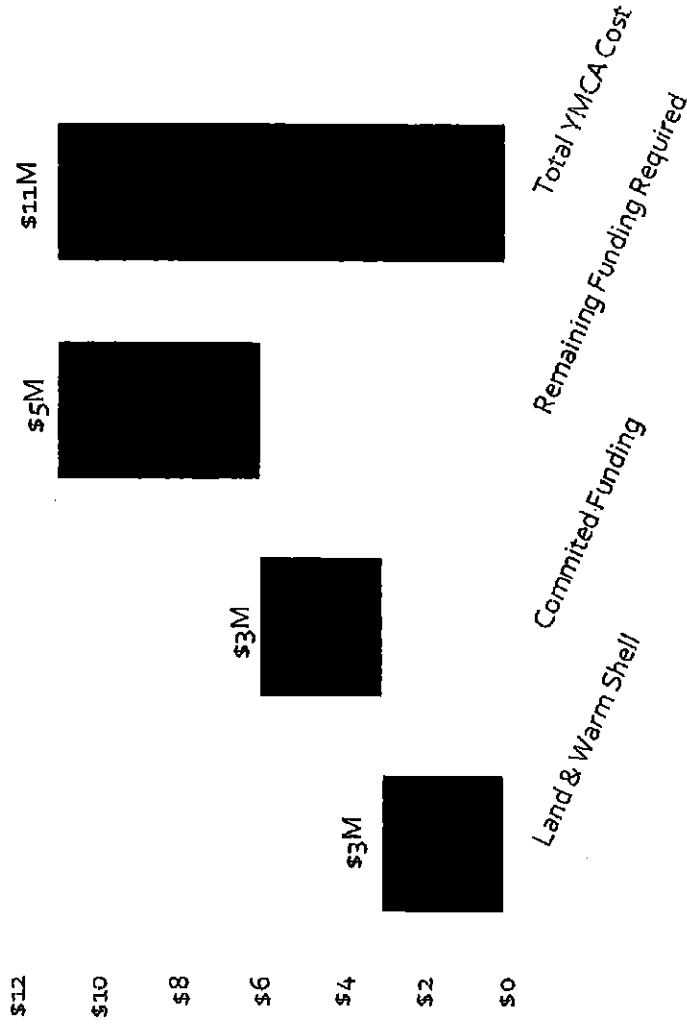
Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council

Proposed partnership with Cedar Point Sports Center

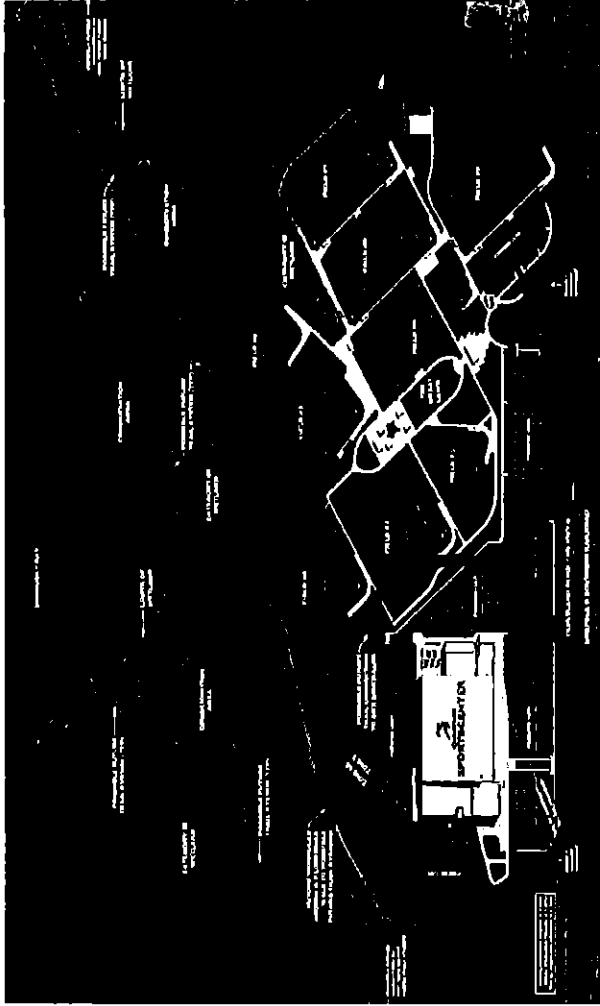


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so the time to show
your support is
now"**

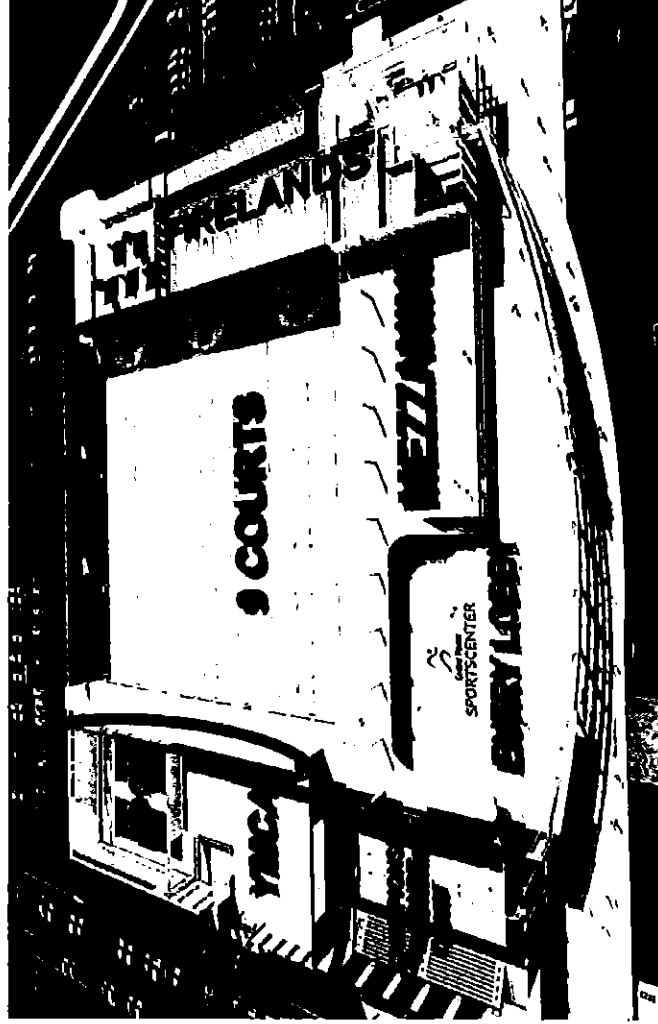
With the help of our partners, we are more than 50% of
the way to making our community YMCA a reality



“Centralized location provides ease of access for Erie County residents and would mark the first community pool and recreation center to be built in Erie County in decades”



"Location provides
land, cost sharing,
operational
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the-art facility for
the community to
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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Introduction

The YMCA is an integral and proud partner of the Erie County Community and has served its residents for over 65 years and at its current location for 45 years.

More than just a gym, the YMCA is an essential community asset, providing a wide-range of programs, services and initiatives for children and families.

Our YMCA is an important and treasured institution in Erie County. We have a unique opportunity before us to ensure the long-term viability and success of the Sandusky Area YMCA in the area community.

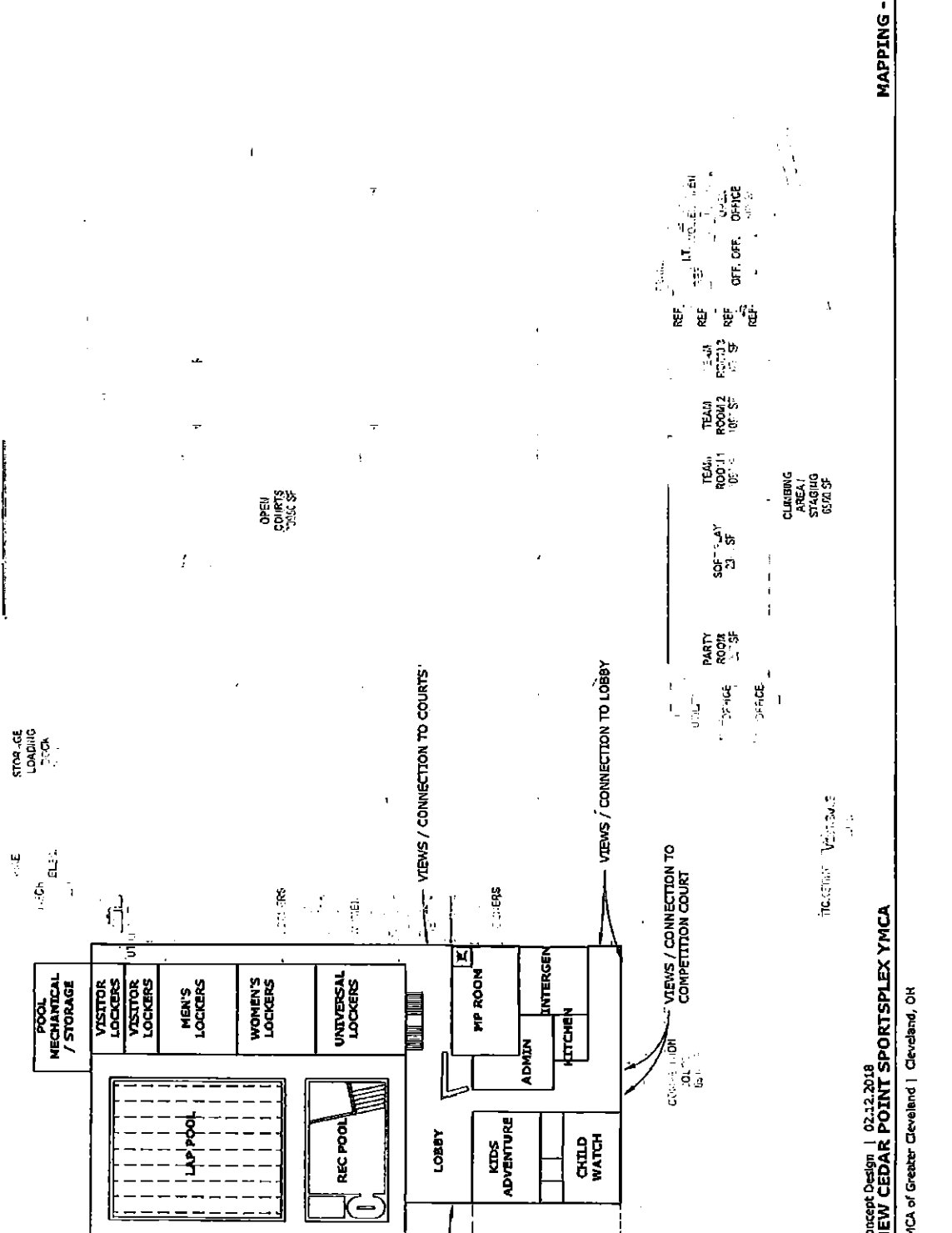


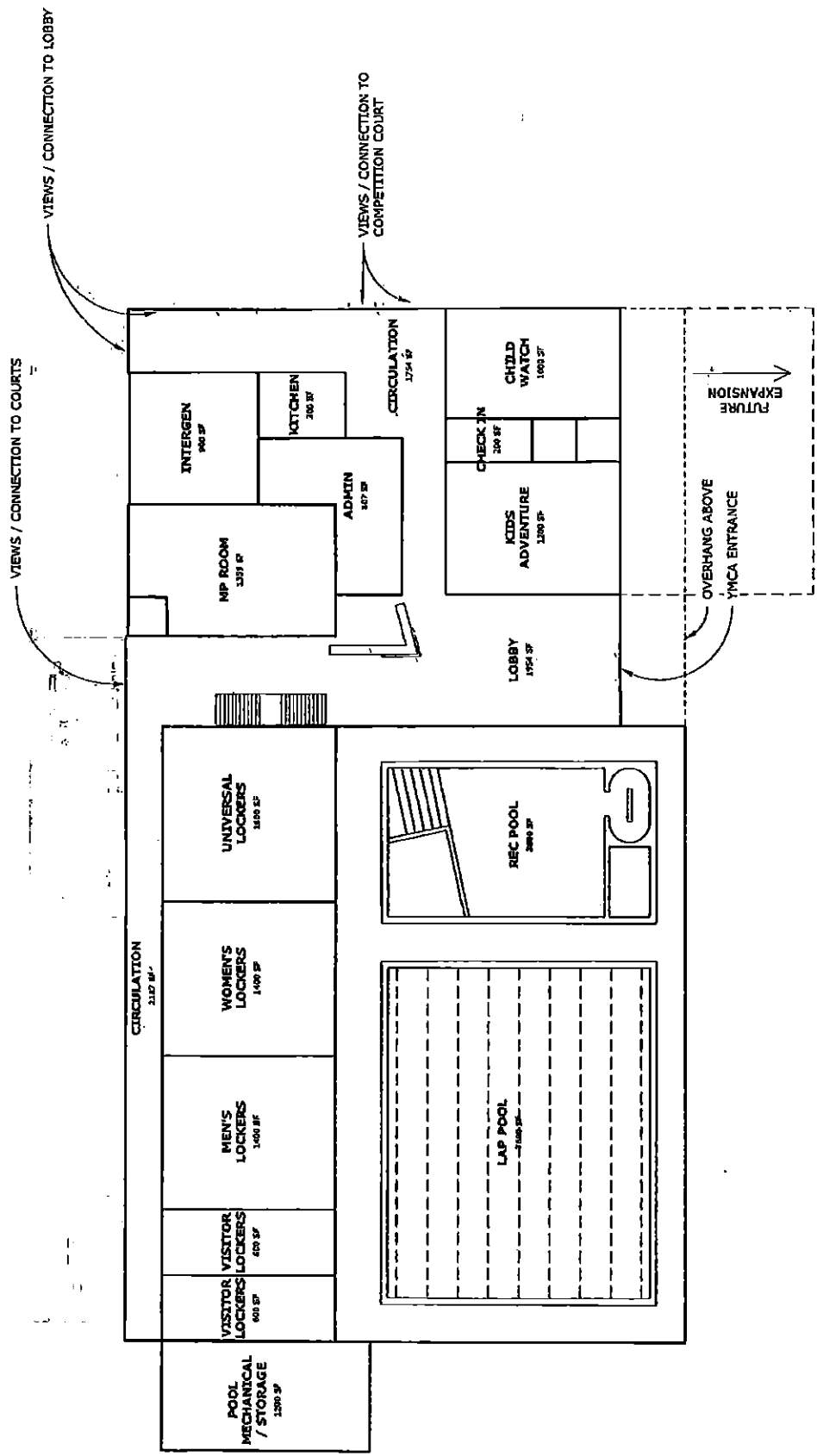
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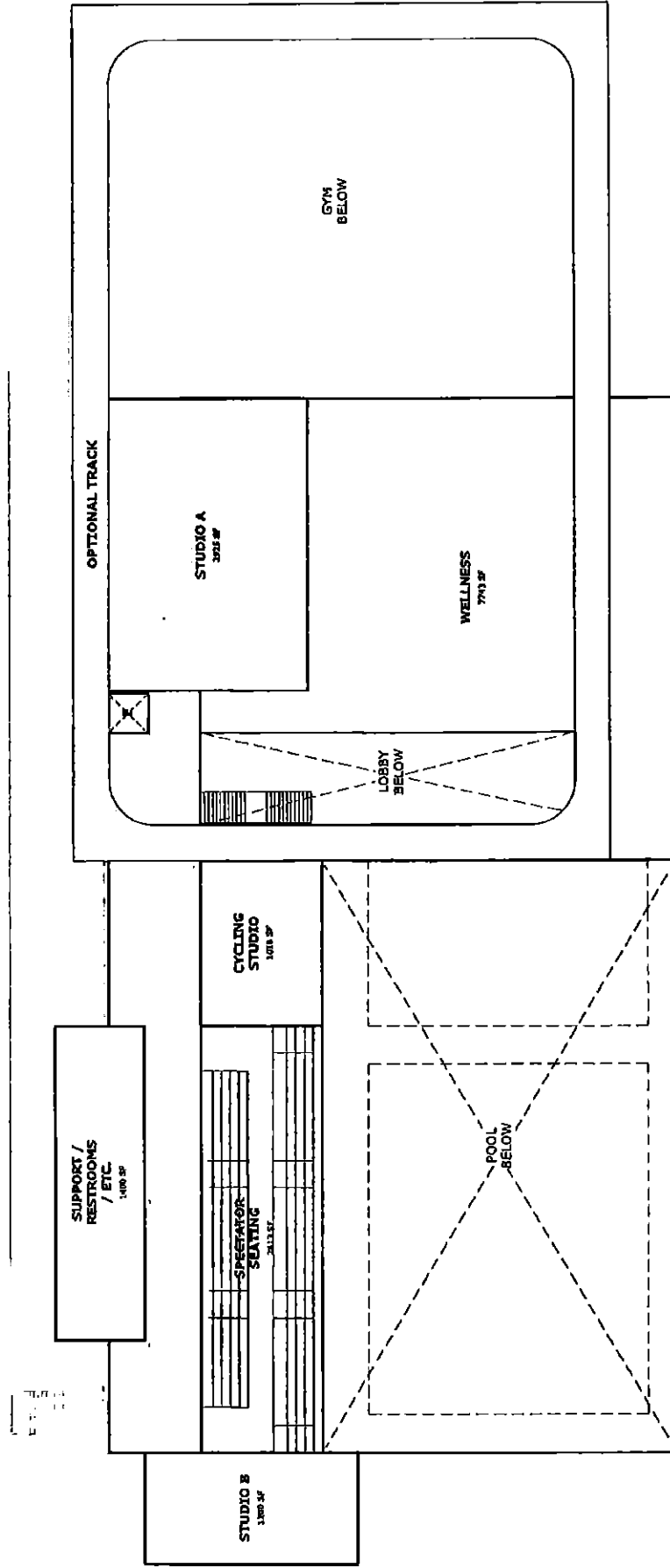


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HURON

WELLNESS CENTER

COMMITTEE MISSION

We are committed to the establishment of a community center for the City of Huron and surrounding area that focuses on recreation, education, wellness and fitness for residents of all ages and abilities. We strive to enhance healthy lifestyles and well-being in a convenient, safe and welcoming environment.

COMMITTEE GOALS

- Aid in the planning and design of the community center
- Develop and provide community awareness and support
- Help with private sector fund raising
- Act as a conduit between the city and the community

VISION

To be a symbol of Huron's commitment to quality of life, providing exceptional and innovative fitness and recreational programs and services that result in positive change in the lives of those we serve and our community as a whole.



SERVICES

- Recreation, fitness and health services
- Educational programming
- Child care
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation
- Community and civic gathering space
- Opportunity for partnerships with BGSU, local employers, healthcare/rehab facilities and civic organizations
- Developmental disability services
- A location for a much-needed urgent care center

AUDIENCES SERVED

- Huron Area Residents
- Huron School Groups
- Youth Sports
- Civic Groups
- BGSU-Firelands Students, Faculty and Employees
- Huron Parks & Rec Programming
- Area Employers and Employees
- Healthcare Providers
- Individuals with disabilities or special needs
- Senior Population – Senior Sneakers



COMMITTEE ACTIVITY TIMELINE

- 7/15 First meeting with City Manager, Andy White, to discuss possibility of a recreation facility in Huron for local residents
- 7/16 Community/Wellness Center Committee Established and First Meeting
- 7/16 Committee begins site visits of area Health and Recreation Centers. Facilities visited from 7/16 to 9/16:
 - Sequoia Wellness Center, Rootstown Ohio
 - Mercy Health and Recreation, Lorain
 - Ernsthausen Center, Norwalk
 - Splash Zone, Oberlin
 - University Hospital Avon Health Center
 - French Creek YMCA, Amherst
 - Twinsburg Fitness Center including meeting with Mayor Ted Yates
- 9/16 Meeting with Fremont Athletic Foundation, fundraising and organization
- 10/16 Janotta & Herner begins preliminary concept drawings following committee's input on facility
- 1/17 Janotta & Herner completes concept drawings, elevations and cost estimate for proposed Center
- 2/17 Presentation of concept and project for Huron Wellness/Recreation Center to Park and Rec board
- 6/17 Introduction of IWP and Sequoia to possible partners in Community Wellness Center including representatives from BGSU, Firelands Hospital, City and Community center committee present
- 10/17 Community Outreach:
 - Created Citizens for Huron Wellness Facebook page
 - Initiated survey to gauge public interest for community center
 - Collected community member-provided contact information
- 10/17 to date: Committee working as a catalyst and a resource for the entities involved in the Wellness Center project

CONCLUSION

We believe this to be a viable and necessary addition to Huron. A facility that offers great promise and opportunity for Huron, a catalyst for growth as a community and quality of life for our residents. We hope you will give this opportunity thoughtful and careful consideration, and your blessing to the concept. Thank you for your time.

Who is on the Citizens for Huron Wellness Facility committee?

Our committee consists of local community and business leaders and government officials. The list of committee members is below. Feel free to contact any one of us with questions, comments, or concerns.

<i>Trey Hardy, Huron City Commissioner</i>	<i>Craig Johnson</i>
<i>Amy Roldan, Director of Huron Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>Dick Pohl</i>
<i>Jody Mast, President of Huron City Board of Education</i>	<i>Jenny Hagy</i>
<i>Bill Murray</i>	<i>Jim W Murray</i>
<i>Jody Brown</i>	

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