

Roxborough Village Metro District: Rec Center Task Force

Meeting Summary



The second meeting of the Roxborough Village Rec Center Task Force was held on Monday, February 8. The presentation provided to the Task Force at this meeting can be found at www.roxboroughmetrodistrict.org/rec-center-task-force. Here is a summary of the meeting:

Review of Community Park Site Issues

The Task Force discussed challenges and opportunities with the Community Park site that's proposed for the facility. Issues that the designers are focusing on include parking quantity and location, fire lane access, maintenance, utilities, drainage, and maximizing the park's natural setting and views. The area that is being studied is adjacent to Rampart Range Road on the east side of Community Park (including the existing surface parking lot), north of the Skate Park, with buffer areas separating it from Rampart Range Road and residences to the north of the park. The Task Force also reviewed bike and pedestrian access to the proposed site from all directions in Roxborough Village.

Facility Programming and Features

The centerpiece of the second Task Force meeting included potential features and services of a rec facility that a) meet the needs and desires of Roxborough Village residents, b) provide a mix of options not currently available in the area, c) is financially sustainable, and c) will support the community in the long run.

The Task Force discussed the advantages of a "multi-dimensional" facility that combines fitness and wellness spaces with activities for diverse ages, plus space for non-physical activities that create opportunities to connect and interact. Community surveys in Roxborough Village and within an 8-mile radius of the Metro District reveal that health and fitness-related activities are highly desired, particularly a swimming

pool (with preference for an indoor facility for year-round use), fitness center, and a gym. Surveys and the Task Force feedback also reflect a high interest in providing spaces for social gatherings and community-building.

Size of Facility and Potential Member Considerations

The Task Force also discussed the optimal size for a successful and sustainable facility. An information table summarized various recreation facility features, and the related construction and operating costs, and revenue potential. The four most attractive industry-standard features include an indoor swimming pool, gym, fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment, and fitness studio for cardio and other workout activities.

The Task Force discussed information on the size of the area population, the potential interest in facility use and memberships from area residents outside of Roxborough Village, and how outside memberships might factor into the design, features, financing, sustainability, and revenues generated.

What's Next

The two Task Force meetings in March will focus on design and gathering Task Force feedback. The first March meeting will also bring forward more detail about financing and costs, and the cost-benefit analysis of including memberships for residents in the market area outside Roxborough Village.

For more information, visit the Rec Center Task Force page at www.roxboroughmetrodistrict.org/rec-center-task-force. Questions and comments can also be sent to info@RoxboroughMetroDistrict.org.