

Roxborough Village Metro District: Rec Center Task Force Meeting Summary



The kick-off meeting of the Roxborough Village Rec Center Task Force was held on Monday, January 11. 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:

Task Force Background

The kick-off meeting started with introductions of task force members, comprised of 14 Roxborough Village residents who represent a cross-section of the community. Two Metro District board members are non-voting, *ex officio* members of the Task Force. As an advisory group, the Task Force will meet six times between January and May, and make recommendations to the Metro District board of directors.

Master Plan & Feasibility Study Background

An overview was provided of the Roxborough Village Master Plan, a community-led process completed in 2020 that establishes the community's vision for the open space, parks and other areas that are the responsibility of Metro District.

The Master Plan's community engagement included surveys and open houses revealed that a community center, pool and gathering place are highly desired amenities. Additional Master Plan analysis looked at two potential sites for a new community center and pool. Community Park is the preferred site—it is centrally located, highly accessible, has great views and site features, and is close to park and open space amenities.

The Metro District commissioned a Rec Center Feasibility Study, which includes next-level, in-depth analysis via community surveys, site analysis and facility programming. A follow-up survey showed 4 out of 5 survey respondents in Roxborough Village said they are "very likely" or "extremely likely" to join a Roxborough facility as a member.

Financing

The Task Force reviewed the main points of the District's property tax mill levies, which would likely be a primary financing source for a rec facility. The District's debt mill levy is scheduled to conclude at the end of 2021. With that development, there is an opportunity to take the mill levy that has been in place for nearly 30 years, and instead finance an amenity—such as a recreation facility—that serves the community's goals.

The Metro District board could decide this summer to refer a ballot measure on rec center financing to the November 2021 election. Roxborough Village voters will have the final say.

Additional Fact-Finding

In addition to the Master Plan, the Metro District has commissioned a feasibility study to look at the potential features, programs and services in a facility that meet the community's needs and desires. An architecture firm has been brought on board to perform conceptual design of the Community Park site.

Also, the Metro District board has toured other recreation and community centers in October 2020 to learn more about these facilities.

What's Next

The Task Force will meet in February to learn more about facility programming, and what types of features, options and amenities are desired and make the most sense for Roxborough Village and the proposed site.

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.