

Roxborough Village Metro District: Rec Center Task Force

Meeting Summary



The third meeting of the Roxborough Village Rec Center Task Force was held on Monday, March 1, with an agenda focusing on preliminary finance information and conceptual design.

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 Market Data

To follow-up on the February 8 meeting on the market demand and potential membership interest in an 8-mile radius from Roxborough Village, the Task Force reviewed data showing the number of households (10,040) and population (over 29,000) outside the Metro District but within a five-mile distance. Large segments of these households have children under 18 years (50%) and household incomes over \$100,000 (62%), which are important considerations as the Metro District evaluates the features, services, revenue opportunities, and size of the potential facility.

“Financing 101”

The Task Force also reviewed the two mill levies (property taxes) that the Metro District uses to fund both general operations (landscaping, open space maintenance, administrative and other Metro District functions) and the District’s debt service. The general operating mill levy has been set at 12.087 mills since 1985. The mill levy for debt service was 34 mills for two-plus decades before being reduced to 9.2 mills in 2021, and then it will be retired at the end of this year. The Task Force looked at conceptual mill levies that could finance small (20,000 square feet), medium (40,000 square feet) and larger (60,000 square feet) facilities.

Preliminary Conceptual Design

Project architects Will & Perkins presented three potential building layouts for the Community Park site, each of them oriented to take advantage of the park’s

location, access, views of the hogback, and the slope of the park. (The diagrams of these conceptual designs are included in the [meeting #3 slide deck](#), posted on the Rec Center Task Force page of the Metro District’s website.) The conceptual designs are focused on creating a "multi-dimensional" facility that combines the fitness and wellness features of a recreation center, plus spaces for non-physical activities that allow the community to gather, connect, and interact.

The three building layouts provide different features. The smallest 20,000 square foot option features an outdoor pool (May-September use) and a half-gymnasium, and the Task Force discussion concluded that it would not adequately meet community needs. The larger two recreation center designs (40,000 s.f. and 60,000 s.f.) offer different combinations of indoor pools, gymnasiums, fitness studios, workout space, and community gathering and activity spaces. The preliminary designs also addressed parking, building size and orientation (making use of the slope at Community Park to reduce the building’s profile), views of Roxborough Village’s unique hogback and foothills to the west, and terraces to integrate the building into the recreation setting of Community Park.

What’s Next

The next meeting in March will focus on gathering Task Force feedback on more detailed design. The April meeting will incorporate feedback and analysis from the prior meeting topics—design, programming, market demand, costs and revenue streams—and present greater details on financing options.

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.