

UPDATE ON THE HAMPTON REC-COMPLEX FEASIBILITY PLANNING

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The city hired RDG Planning and Design to complete a master plan for the PROPOSED Rec-Complex. They were asked to compile a project cost estimate based on the priorities determined by the Re-Complex Design Committee. RDG presented their 1st DRAFT at last evenings council workshop for review. I have attached it for your information.

The cost estimate is substantially higher than expected. It does not take into account any donated time, material or in-kind contributions. These contributions will lower the overall cost.

Please keep in mind the following.

- The city council has not committed to completing the project. It is conducting a due diligence phase to determine the feasibility.
- The city needed to get a current cost estimate of the facility priorities as set by the local Design Committee members. Thus, the RDG estimate is based on the priorities you listed.
- The city has always maintained that the majority of project costs will have to be supported by a capital fund raising campaign and it cannot be financed by the city alone.
- The project will only be financially possible through the grants, donations, in-kind services and some city financing that has not been determined.
- A successful capital fundraising campaign will need broad community support.
- The city is currently conducting a survey which includes questions regarding private financial support of this project. We need to see what the results are.
- This project will likely need to be split into phases which may result in a re-consideration of the priorities.
- The Design Committee and Finance Committee will likely be meeting sometime after the community survey results are in, late March to early April.

In conclusion, there are people in the community who are against this project and think the city is building it for sure. That is inaccurate. There are people in the community who are for this project and think the city is building it for sure. That is also inaccurate. We are simply in the preliminary feasibility stage. No decision has been made. There is a direct correlation between the amount of community financial support and the likelihood of this project coming to fruition.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

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