
JOINT STUDY SESSION

STAFF REPORT

DATE:
June 1, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.1

TO: FOSTER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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PROJECT: RECREATION CENTER REBUILD PROJECT (UP2023-0003)

OWNER: CITY OF FOSTER CITY

PROJECT LOCATION: 650 SHELL BOULEVARD, FOSTER CITY, CA 94404 (APNs: 094-470-130 and 094-470-150)

RECOMMENDED ACTION/PURPOSE

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee discuss and provide input on the Foster City Recreation Center Rebuild Project and the Waterfront Master Plan. This is the third and final joint study session on the Recreation Center Rebuild project and will focus on reviewing the refined building and site design, color/material palette options for the building, and providing early input on the development of the Waterfront Masterplan. The Conceptual Design phase has concluded, and the Schematic Design phase is underway.

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee held two previous joint study session meetings on March 2, 2023, and April 6, 2023. At these meetings the design team received input from the Commissioners, the Committee members and public participants on site analysis, site design values, programming, site options and building design options. (See Attachment 1: March 2 and April 6 Staff Reports for additional background information).

At the regular City Council meeting on April 17, 2023, the Council directed staff to include the development of the Waterfront Masterplan as part of the schematic design phase of the project. The Waterfront Masterplan will address the edge of the lagoon and will extend from the boat launch to the amphitheater, it will provide a cohesive site design for the project.

At the regular City Council meeting on May 15, 2023, the Council confirmed the recommendation of the Project Task Force, the Planning Commission, and the Park and Recreation Committee to proceed with developing Site Option 1, which extends the existing parking lot to the north, and the Gullwing Two-Story building design option for the development of the schematic design for the new recreation center project.

ANALYSIS

The third and final joint Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee study session and public meeting on June 1, 2023, will include discussions and an opportunity to provide input on the updated building design, color/material palette options for the Foster City Recreation Center Rebuild Project and the development of the Waterfront Masterplan options. The attached slide deck presentation includes the updated building plans, renderings, exterior material options and color palettes for the project. Like the previous study session, after the design team presents the updates and options, preferences on the options and feedback from the Committee and the Commission will be collected. Waterfront Master Plan exhibits are also included in the presentation and potential activities and precedent images that the design team is looking for feedback on. The feedback from the joint session will be used to inform the planning and design of the waterfront from the boat launch to the amphitheater.

The second round of community engagement to collect input on the color/material palettes and the development of the Waterfront Master plan options launched on May 25 and includes an online survey, a drop-in community meeting, and pop-up kiosks at various community events.

The slide deck for the Joint Study Session is included at Attachment 2.

NEXT STEPS

Tentative Project Timeline

- Online Survey - May 25, 2023 – June 11, 2023
- Drop-in Community Meeting held at Recreation Center – May 31, 2023
- Foster City Movie Night Kiosk/Drop-in Community Meeting held at Recreation Center – June 8, 2023
- Project Task Force meeting # 6 – June 28, 2023
- Interactive Design Workshop # 2 with City staff – June 29, 2023
- Planning Commission Hearing – August 17, 2023
- City Council Meeting, Final Schematic Design – September 18, 2023

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – March 2, 2023 and April 6, 2023 Staff Reports (without attachments)
- Attachment 2 – Group 4 presentation slide deck