

MINUTES

West University Place Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Wednesday, JANUARY 7, 2026

Location: West University Recreation Center Conference Room

Chair: Lauren Griffith

Secretary: Sarah Barrett

Board members present: Lauren Griffith, Kathleen Ownby, Sarah Barrett, Elisa Madray, Beck Brownlie, Bob Higley, Erin Hubbard, Jacob Mossawir, Gary Casper

Board members absent: Sami Morrison, Stephen Damiani

Staff: Susan White

Council members: Kalie Jackura Rainsberger

Visitors: Saylor Slattery, Carter Slattery, Mary Bellows, Patricia Bellows, Georgette Holden

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Lauren Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
- II. **Citizen Comments:** Taylor Slattery and Carter Slattery proposed using a green space for more open field play and dedicating it. Georgette Holden presented drawings on Little Library boxes and requested to have one in Weir Park.
- III. **Approval of the minutes** from the December 3, 2025. Bob Higley made the motion to approve and Elise Madray seconded. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Friends Overview
- V. Parks and Recreation work schedule approved by City Council on December 8, 2025. Jacob Mossawir made the motion to approve and Gary Cooper seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VI. **Parks and Recreation Update** by Susan White.
Reviewed the recreation center update options. Jacob Mossawir made the motion to approve Option 1 and Erin Hubbard seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VII. **Park Ambassador and Committee selection** – Chair Lauren Griffith
Committee selection presented. Sarah Barrett made the motion to approve and Bob Higley seconded. Approved unanimously.
Park Ambassador list presented. Bob Higley made the motion to approve and Elise Madray seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VIII. **Order of Business:** Chair Lauren Griffith
- IX. **Adjournment** : Chair Lauren Griffith adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

City of West University Place, Texas
WORK ITEMS FOR 2026 - 2027
BOARD, COMMISSION AND STAFF WORK ITEMS
December 9, 2025

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD (PRB):

In addition to their normal duties, below are additional items for consideration:

- 1) **Rec Center Improvements**
 - Review cardio and weight room improvements at the Recreation Center.
Prepare recommendation for Council's consideration (Feb. 23) and begin public input process Spring 2026.
Improvements July-December, 2026.
- 2) **Shade and Lighting Assessment Review**
 - Review staff's recommendation on Shade and Lighting Assessment.
Finalize recommendations by June 2026 in preparation for 2027 CIP project.
- 3) **Rec. Center Playground Improvements**
 - Review staff's recommendations for improvements to the Rec. Center playground.
Finalize recommendations by June 2026 in preparation for 2027 CIP project.
- 4) **Rec. Center Utilization Review**
 - Evaluate potential uses for underutilized areas in the Rec. Center (i.e. racquetball court and classrooms in off-peak times and make recommendations.
Programming Committee will begin working on this in February.
- 5) **Colonial Park Pool Water Playscape**
 - Review planned updates for the water playscape at Colonial Park Pool for consideration during the annual budget process.
Underway. Recommendation will be made by June 2026 in preparation for CIP planning.
- 6) **Play West U Ambassadors**
 - Board participation in promoting the new App.
- 7) **Continued Committee Support**
 - Continued support of the Committees on programming, fees and tennis / pickleball.
- 8) **2027 Budget Fee Schedule Feedback**
 - Underway. Recommendation will be made by June 2026
- 9) **West U Recreation Center Parking Improvements**
 - Review options for increasing parking at the Recreation Center.
Complete by March 2027

SENIOR SERVICES BOARD (SSB):

In addition to their normal duties, below are additional items for consideration:

- 1) **Programming Goalsetting and Effective Space Utilization**
 - Review and coordinate with staff on programming goals and space utilization.
- 2) **Play West U Ambassadors**
 - Board participation to promote the new App.
- 3) **Senior Living and Churches**
 - Review opportunities to collaborate with neighboring senior facilities and organizations, like senior living spaces and religious institutions
- 4) **Connecting with Harris County Ride Sharing Services for seniors**
 - HC is currently subsidizing ride share with Uber for seniors.

Proposed Recreation Center Updates

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- Last council update was at the August 25, 2025, meeting. Justine Markowski from PGAL presented.
- Project information can be found on www.westutx.gov/recimprovements

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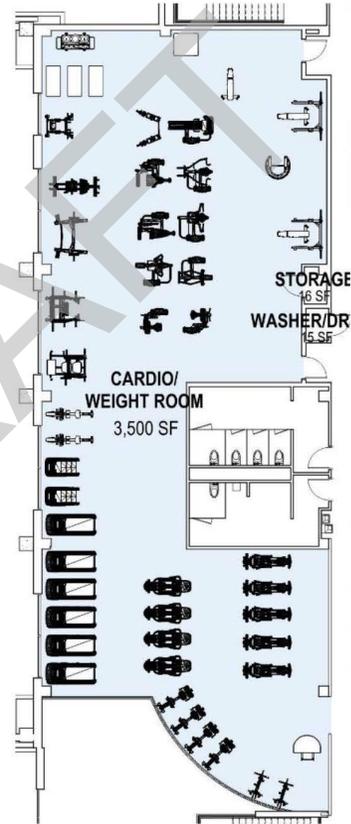
Area 1 – Cardio/Weightroom Expansion

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AREA 1:

WEIGHT AND CARDIO ROOM EXPANSION

- INTERIOR DEMOLITION
- UPDATED CEILING WITH FIXTURES
- NEW EQUIPMENT

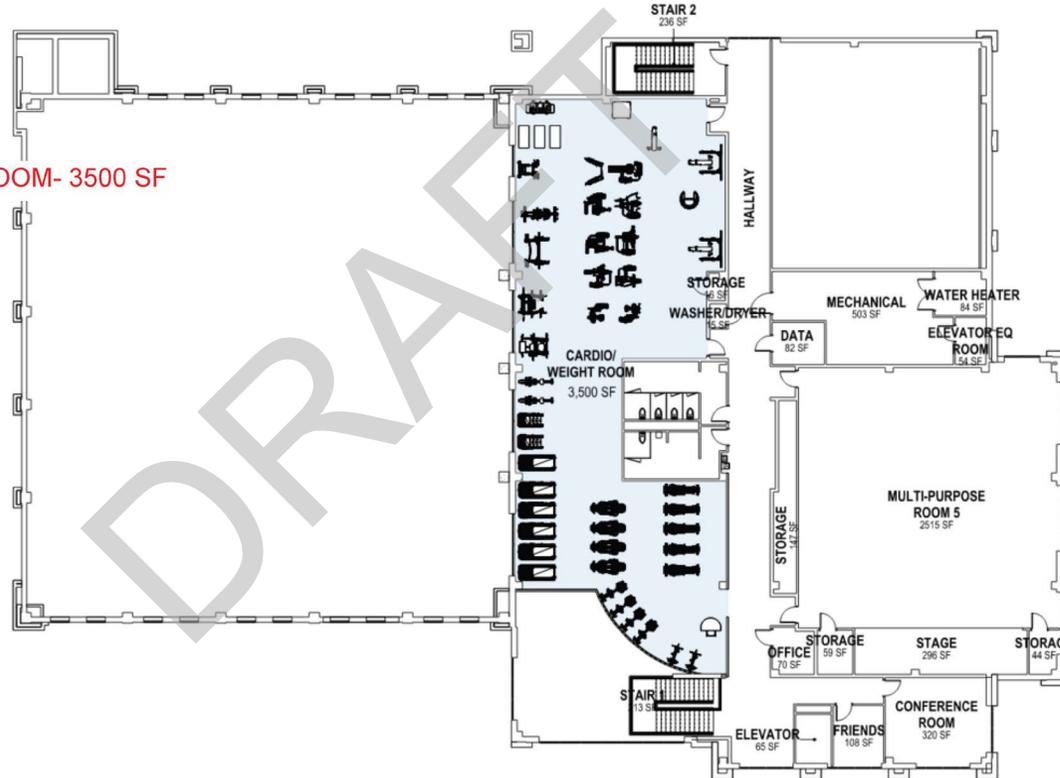


City of West University Place – Recreation Center Improvements

Area 1 – Option 1

OPTION 1:

CARDIO/ WEIGHT ROOM- 3500 SF



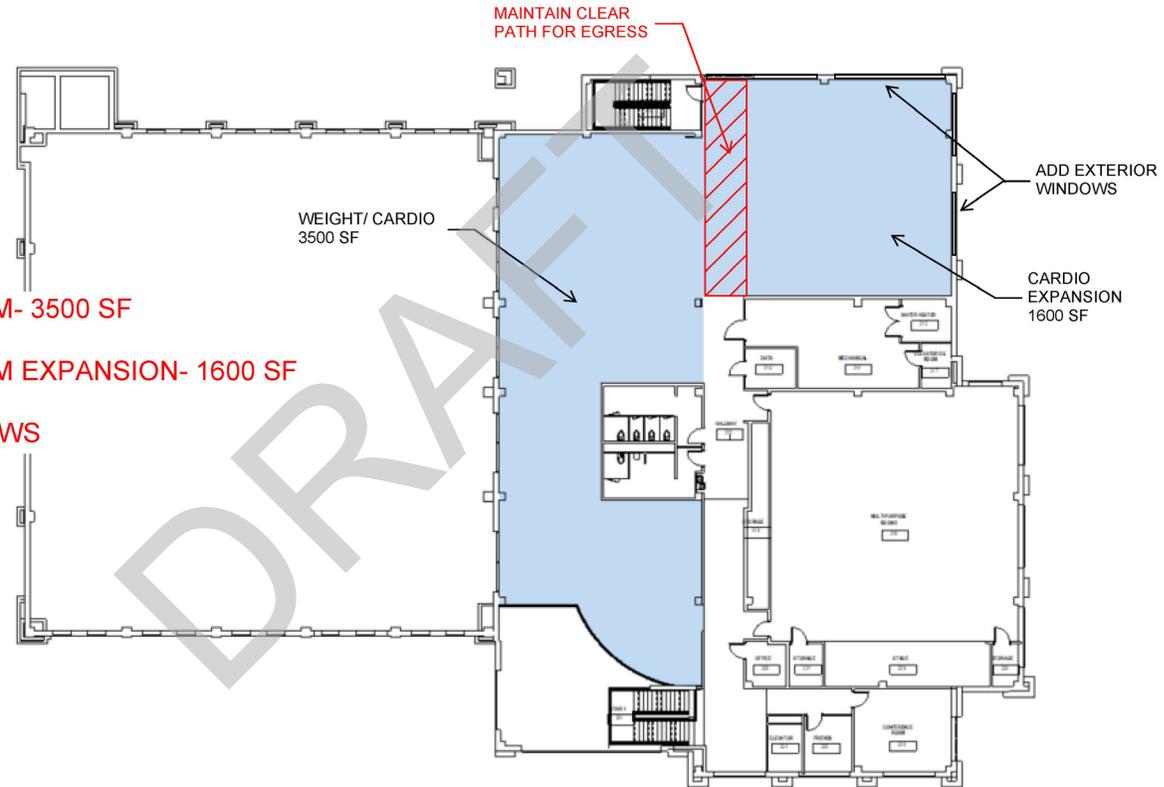
Area 1 – Option 2

OPTION 2:

CARDIO/ WEIGHT ROOM- 3500 SF

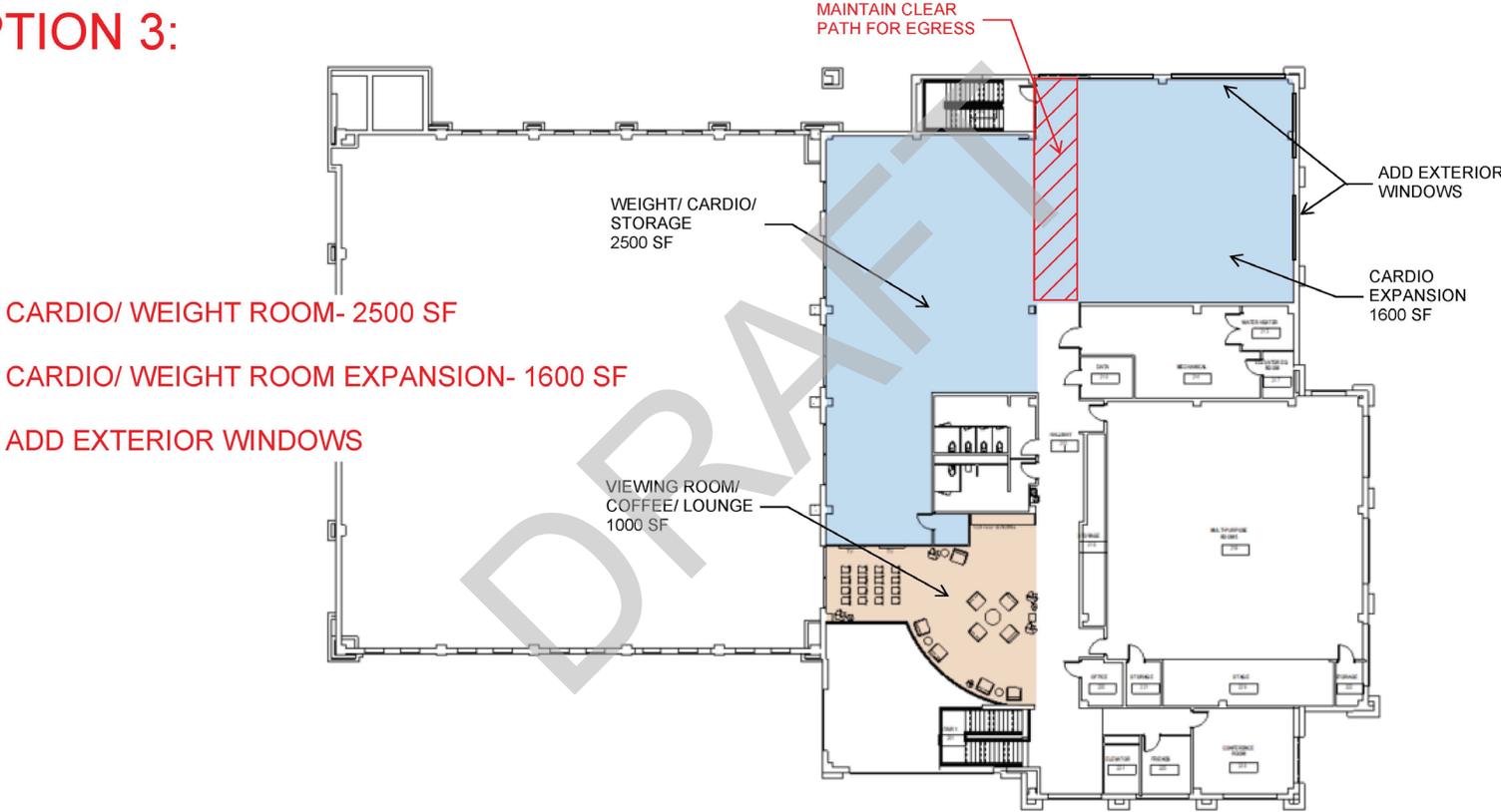
CARDIO/ WEIGHT ROOM EXPANSION- 1600 SF

ADD EXTERIOR WINDOWS



Area 1 – Option 3

OPTION 3:



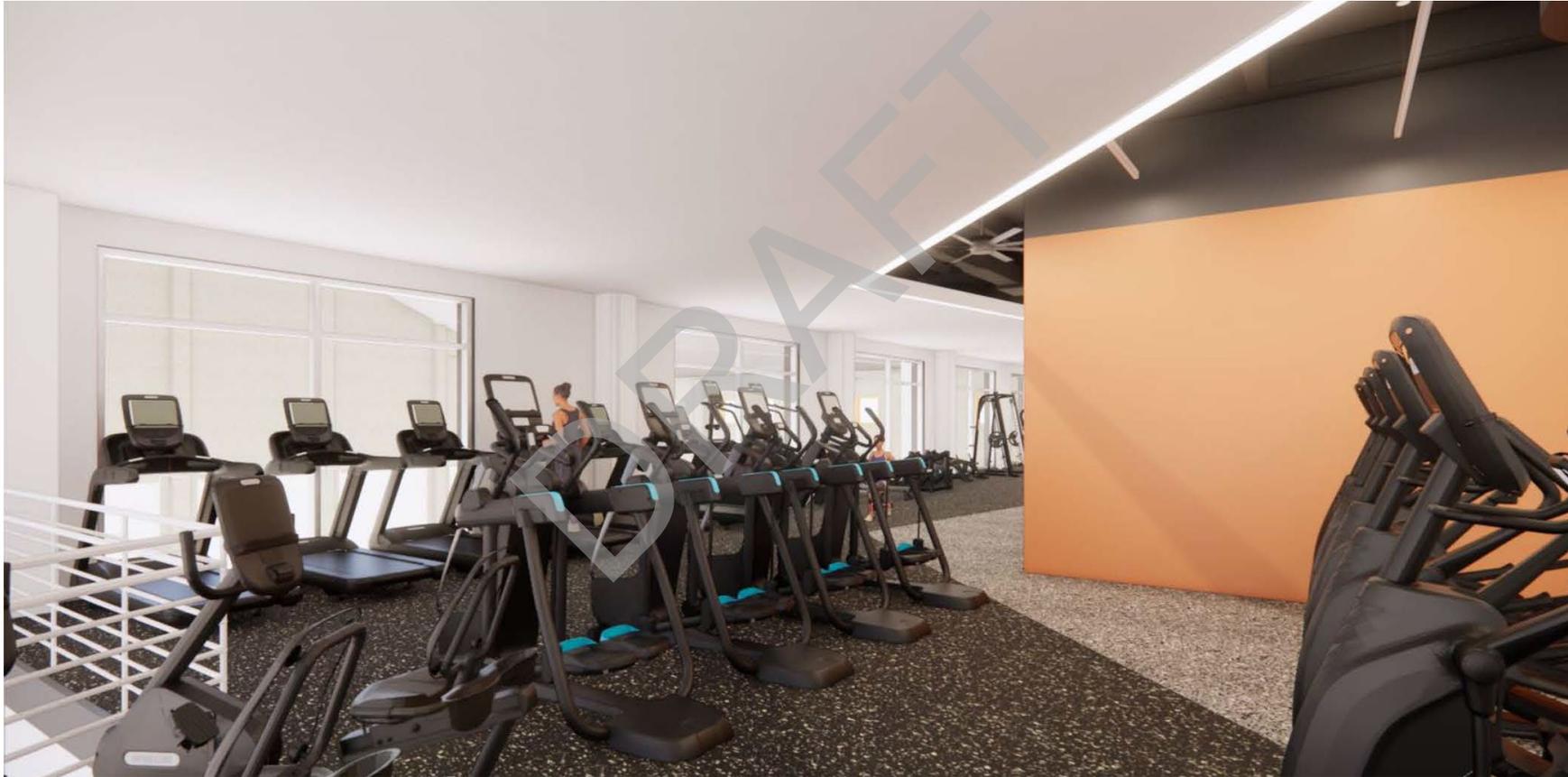
Area 1 Renderings

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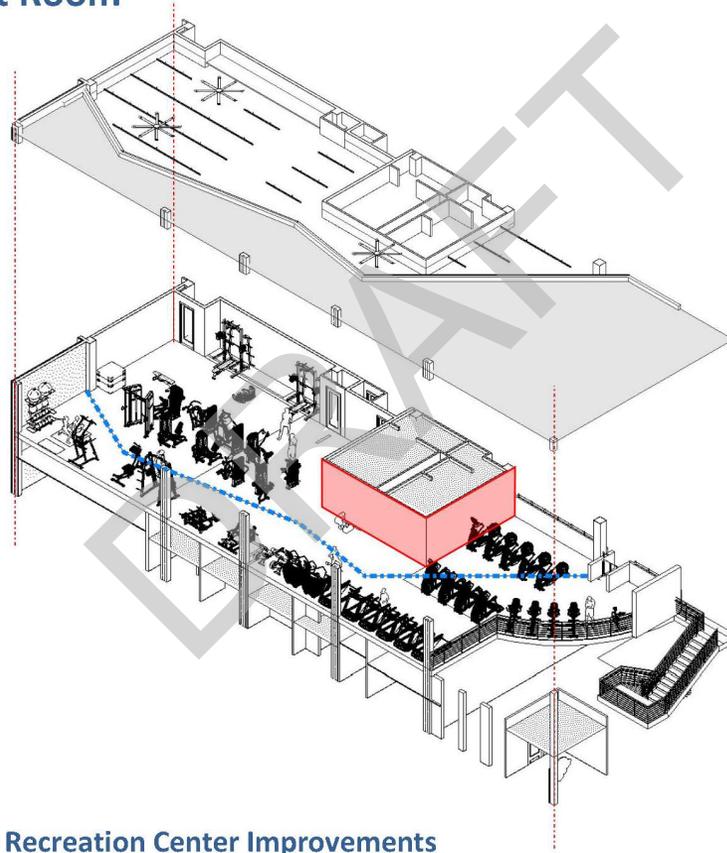


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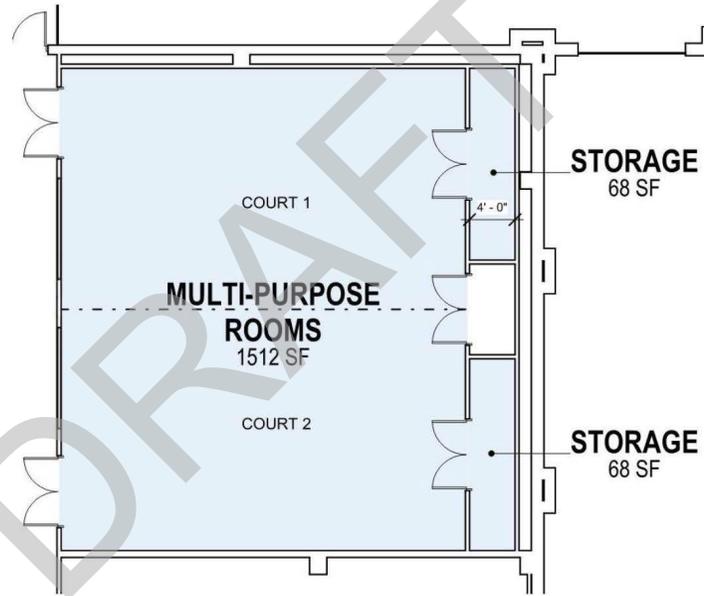
It was the consensus of the 2023 – 2025 Parks and Recreation board to go with Option 1 of the cardio and weightroom expansion due to the cost.

Area 3 – Multi Function Courts

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AREA 3: MULTI-FUNCTION COURTS

- INTERIOR DEMOLITION
- INTERIOR RENOVATION
- NEW STORAGE ROOMS
- OPERABLE PARTITION



City of West University Place – Recreation Center Improvements

2025 - 2027 Parks and Recreation Board Ambassadors and Committees

Name	Park
Sami Morrison	Friends
Lauren Griffith	Colonial West
Sarah Barrett	Wier
Elise Madray	Huffington
Stephen Damiani	Colonial Pool
Rebecca Brownlie	Recreation Center
Bob Higley	JEH
Erin Hubbard	Colonial East
Gary Casper	Judson
Kathleen Ownby	Whitt Johnson
Jake Mossawir	Edloe St Pathway

Program Planning

Sarah Barrett
Rebecca Brownlie
Jake Mossawir
Brittany Bakes - Staff

Tennis & Pickleball

Gary Casper
Stephen Damiani
Nina Springer
Ryan Firth
Hari Gopu
Margaret Salem
Kimberly Dennison
Leo Slootsky
Amy Tang
Jana Sloan
Brittany Bakes - Staff

Park Projects

Bob Higley
Elise Madray
Kathleen Ownby
Susan White - Staff

Fee Schedule

Stephen Damiani
Erin Hubbard
Elena Stellenwerf
Charlotte Herling - Staff
Susan White - Staff