

# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Meeting Agenda Full Detail City Council Work Session

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Monday, October 2, 2017

4:00 PM

IRA CIVIC CENTER

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the IRA Civic Center, 1401 NW 3rd Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a call of roll, the following members were present:

### Discussion Items

1. [17-0720](#) On-Site review of proposed IRA Civic Center Expansion and Renovation project.  
**Attachments:** [House Bond Information Sheet Final.pdf](#)

### ADJOURN

*Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk*



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On-Site review of proposed IRA Civic Center Expansion and Renovation project.



## KIDS CAMPUS AT THE IRA CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT

The expansion/renovation project at the IRA Civic Center is a partnership between the City of Grand Rapids, Itasca Area Schools Collaborative, Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids & Greenway, Itasca County Family YMCA, and Grand Itasca/Fairview Medical Center and Hospital.

The goals of this collaborative project are to:

- Create solutions to meet the area's critical early childhood/daycare shortage;
- Provide quality youth activities/mentorships for underserved students;
- Enhance facility use by exceeding accessibility standards; and
- Meet student health and sports medicine rehabilitation needs on site.

The worst shortage of quality child care in history is impacting the state, region and Itasca area.

- This shortage contributes to negative economic health for both families and communities.
- Current studies show a 557 space childcare gap in the community.
- The Kids Campus project will add 216 new early childhood/daycare spaces.
- The lack of childcare is a key to significant workforce shortages in Itasca County.
- Employers report difficulty in hiring employees due to the lack of daycare services.



The Boys & Girls Club is temporarily housed in the area middle school, a short-term solution in a facility that is already over-crowded.

- Studies show that one in three Itasca youth do not participate in after school activities.
- Some 44% of households have difficulty paying for after-school programming.
- A permanent home for the Boys & Girls Club ensures long-term opportunities for students.

The project will include an 11,000 square foot Regional indoor playground which will promote healthy lifestyles, especially during the long winter months.

- It will also provide play space for the on-site childcare and Boys & Girls Club.

The current IRA Civic Center is not accessible to all community members.

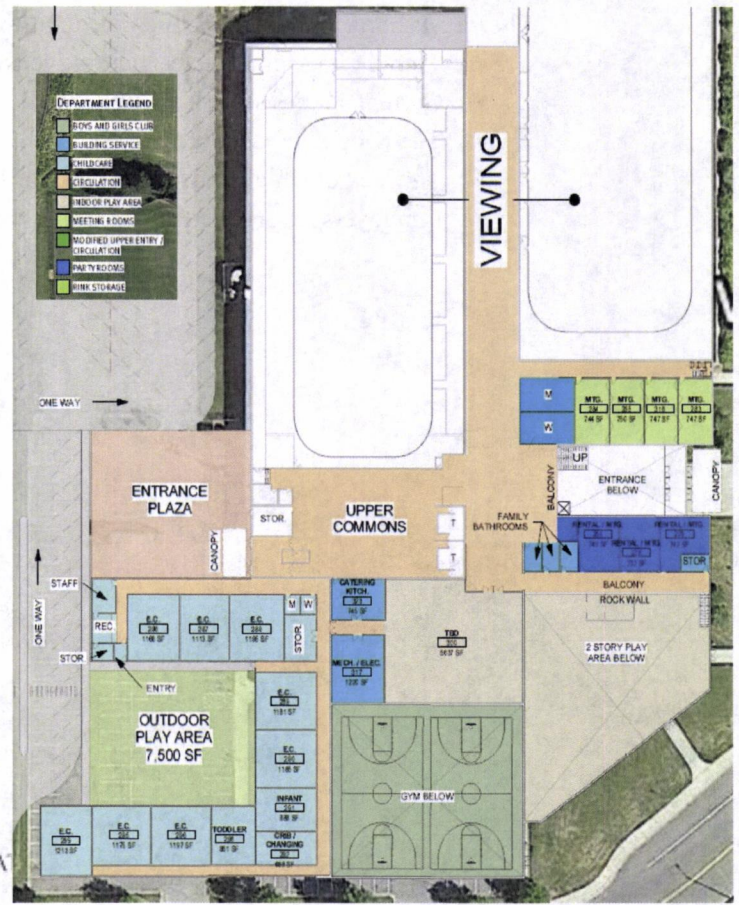
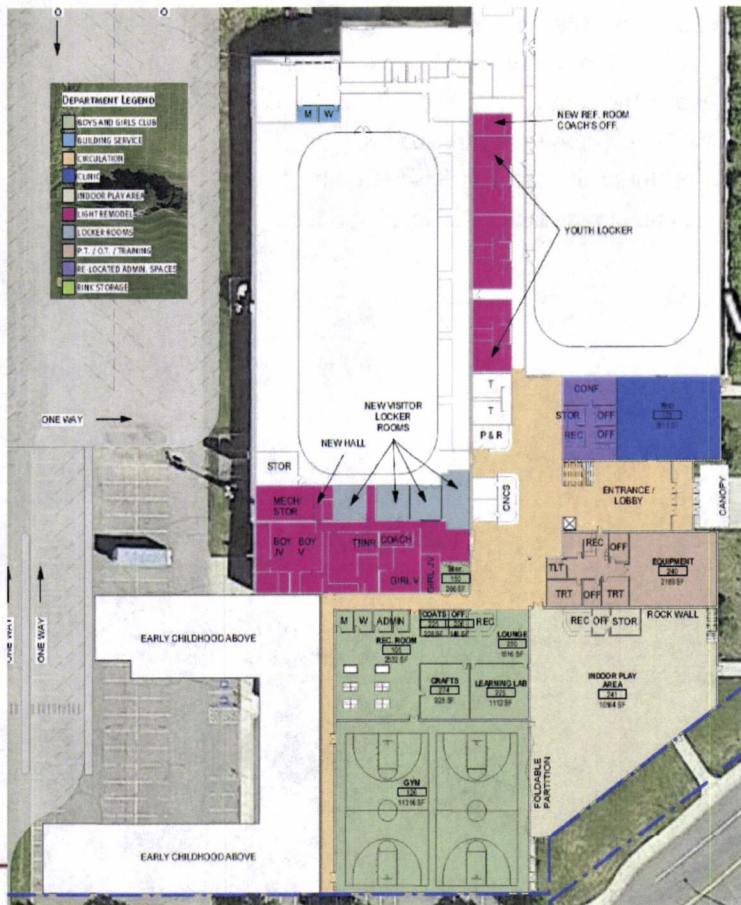
- Currently, persons using wheelchairs must go outside and up/down a steep sidewalk to access different levels of the facility.
- An elevator and all ADA features will be installed as part of the project.

The West Rink utilizes R-22 refrigerant which will no longer be produced or imported as of 2020 and must be replaced.

- The pipe distribution system constructed in 1967 is deteriorating under the concrete.
- The project will abandon the current coolant system and connect it to the newer existing ammonia based system in the East Rink, thereby reducing the operating cost.

Level 1

Level 2





AGENDA

KIDS CAMPUS – IRA CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION/RENOVATION

OCTOBER 2, 2017

1. Introductions of Council and participants present
2. History
  - a. This project started as a City Council Goal driven by the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Goal States: "Create a Master Plan for expansion and improvements to the Civic Center considering multiple community needs"
  - b. Met with Sonja at Blandin Foundation and she encouraged staff to reach out to groups that could help with the daycare shortage, Boys & Girls Club, and others as identified.
  - c. Individual meetings were held through the Spring with groups.
  - d. Blandin Foundation awarded a planning grant for \$8k in June and City hired DSGW to develop Master Plan.
  - e. Planning began in July with IASC, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Mobility Mania, Grand Itasca, GRAHA, ISD 318, and the City.
  - f. On September 7, 2017, members of the planning group visited the Duluth Heritage Center and new Early Childhood facility in Deer River.
  - g. As a result of the input and planning a "concept" drawing has been established.
  - h. City staff are continuing to reach out to other potential participants like the GR Basketball Association and MacRostie Arts.
  - i. Last week we had a very positive meeting with the State House Bonding Committee.
3. Review the current concept.
4. Funding to Date
5. Develop process for productive Public Input to the plan.
6. Other