MT. JULIET PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: Bi-Monthly Board Meeting

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

LOCATION: Charlie Daniels Park (CDP) – Community Center

ATTENDEES:

Parks Board	Present	Not Present
Tina Hutsenpiller / Chairperson	X (remote)	
Dave Schilling / Secretary	X	
Taryn Tarter	X	
Adrian Muniz III	X	
Ross Hayes	X	
Terri Atwood	X	

City Staff, Commissioners, Other Guests	Present	Not Present
Rocky Lee, Parks Director	X	
Melinda Troutman, Deputy Parks Director of Admin	X	
Jennifer Diekmann, Parks Director Assistant		X
Bill Trivett, City Commissioner	X	
Others / Guests:		
Amy Rider	X	
Boy Scout: Aaron Kim	X	

- 1. Meeting started at approximately 6:03 pm.
- 2. The January 7, 2025 Parks Board meeting minutes were approved.

3. Citizens Comments:

a. Amy Rider noted her efforts to address evasive vegetation within 5-ft of the trail pavement edge along the Cedar Creek Greenway since her last presentation to the Parks Board in September. She has contacted various entities for support and is asking for the MJ Parks Department for assistance to maintain the greenways once the improvements are completed. Rocky noted he is supportive of her interest and that he would follow-up with her on this matter.

4. Special Presentations:

a. Aaron Kim of Boy Scout troop #911 is pursuing a project to earn Eagle Scout status. He is proposing a giant chessboard (10-ft +/- square) to be located near the Gaga pit with applicably sized-chess pieces kept at the community center. He has started a GoFundMe website to raise funds. It was discussed this is an ambitious endeavor and that maybe a more traditional chess table is reasonable. The Parks Board unanimously voted to

accept this general proposal with the understanding the scope may change and to work with the Parks Department on the details.

5. Park Director's Report:

- a. See attachment for Parks Director notes dated March 4, 2025 and reviewed in the meeting. Various items of note outlined below.
- b. Rocky noted that American Legion 281 is asking permission to install a Blackhawk helicopter at the City clock tower park. After discussion, the Parks Board unanimously voted to approve this proposal.
- c. Rocky noted the Pickleball committee is looking to make program changes with adjustments to the age groups and playing levels.
- d. Discussed that some class leaders using the community center are charging participants to attend. The City does not currently charge class leaders for the room space to encourage them to offer the classes as a community benefit. However, this does not seem fair to class leaders that do not charge. Options discussed: (1) Charge for the room space, (2) charge per participant, or (3) Parks Department to determine on a case-by-case basis. It was noted the City's room rate charges are nominal and should not be a hindrance for the class to cover. After discussion, the Parks Board approved recommending the Parks Department charge for the room to the class leader at the current City of Mt. Juliet room rate if the class leader charges their participants. Otherwise, the current policy of not charging for the room to classes that are free to participate would continue.
- e. Concrete pads for the Buddy Bridge at the Sellers Dog Park should happen in the spring.
- f. The Parks Department is fixing a water leak at Hamilton-Densen Park.

6. Old business

a. None.

7. New Business

a. None.

8. Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks 501c

- a. It was reported the 501c bank balance currently sits at \$13,958.13.
- b. The Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks group is donating \$2,000 for two new Pickleball nets.
- c. A motion was made and approved to donate \$100 to Aaron Kim for his proposed Eagle Scout project.
- **9.** Adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm. Next meeting is May 6 at 6:00 pm.

End of Meeting Minutes

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Juliet Parks & Recreation 1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy. Mt. Juliet, TN 37122



Agenda

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 6:00 PM

Charlie Daniels Park

Parks and Greenways Board

1. Public Meeting 6:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parks and Greenway Board of the City of Mt. Juliet will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Charlie Daniels Community Center, 1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy.

The public is invited to attend and comment.

Rocky Lee City of Mt. Juliet

- 2. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum Present
- 3. Set Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - **4.A.** Parks Board & Greenway Meeting Minutes 1/7/25

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Attachments: Jan 07. 2025 ParksBoardMinutes

5. Citizens Comments

Citizens Comments limited to three (3) minutes per person - Ordinance 2023-15

- 6. Parks Director Report
 - **6.A.** Parks Director Notes 3.4.25

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Attachments: PARKS DIRECTORs NOTES 3.4.25

7. Adjournment



Mt. Juliet, Tennessee Staff Report

2425 North Mt. Juliet Rd Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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MT. JULIET PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT:

Bi-Monthly Board Meeting

MEETING DATE:

January 7, 2025

LOCATION:

Charlie Daniels Park (CDP) - Community Center

ATTENDEES:

Parks Board	Present	Not Present
Tina Hutsenpiller / Chairperson		X
Dave Schilling / Secretary	X	
Taryn Tarter	X	
Adrian Muniz III	X	
Ross Hayes	X	
Terri Atwood	X	

City Staff, Commissioners, Other Guests	Present	Not Present
Rocky Lee, Parks Director	X	
Melinda Troutman, Deputy Parks Director of Admin	X	
Jennifer Diekmann, Parks Director Assistant		X
Bill Trivett, City Commissioner		X
Others / Guests:		

- 1. Meeting started at approximately 6:05 pm.
- 2. The November 5, 2024 Parks Board meeting minutes were approved.
- 3. Citizens Comments: None
- 4. Special Presentations: None

5. Park Director's Report:

- a. The water-filling station has been installed in the CDP community center.
- b. The annex Activity Center opening is planned for January 17 at 10 am
- c. The bridge forms for the Buddy Bridge at Will Sellers Dog Park are being set.
- d. The City is in the process of taking bids on the new Senior Citizen center remodeling.
- e. The fire truck is scheduled to be painted in the spring.
- f. The teen center in the CDP community center is targeting a Feb. opening.
- g. Both sessions for the Daddy-daughter dance sold out in minutes. This is a highly anticipated event every year.
- h. A TWRA swap meet is upcoming.
- i. The trail at Robinson Park is expected to open in the spring after weather conditions allows for asphalt paving.

6. Christmas Notes:

- a. The Christmas tree at the RTA train center and the trees around the walking path at CDP are being removed. The Christmas events were considered a success.
- b. Christmas parade had nearly 200 entries. Next year, discussed getting the Parks Board involved with the judging. Three awards are typically made: Grand Award, commercial, and non-commercial.

7. Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks 501c

- a. It was reported the 501c bank balance currently sits at \$22,708.33.
- b. Rocky noted a need for new Pickleball nets asking for two at \$1,000 each. This was discussed and it was approved to use \$2,000 from the Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks budget to cover this expense.

8. Old business

a. None.

9. New Business

- a. Discussed the dates of upcoming meetings:
 - i. March 4
 - ii. May 6
 - iii. July 1
 - iv. September 2
 - v. November 4
- 10. Adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm. Next meeting is March 4 at 6:00 pm.

End of Meeting Minutes



Mt. Juliet, Tennessee Staff Report

2425 North Mt. Juliet Rd Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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Parks Director Notes 3.4.25

PARKS DIRECTOR'S NOTES

March 4, 2025

Welcome:

- American Legion Post 281. Post Commander Terry Ward.
- The Executive Committee will meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday.
- The group will meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday.
- Offered a Cobra Helicopter
- Outdoor signage above/beside double doors in MRB

Pickleball Committee:

- Changes to PickleSIZE limits and sign-in
- Increased time for intermediate and advanced play
- Program charges

Grants: We met with National Fitness and are exploring a Healthy Cities grant. We plan to strategically place a few fitness stations throughout the city to enhance community wellness. https://www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com/watch

We will present this opportunity to the Parks Board members and the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. Our next meeting with National Fitness is scheduled for March 5th.

Activity Center: The parking lot is well underway. Sidewalks will connect PD, Center, Farmers Market, and Park

The Buddy Bridge: Pending. We met with Chip and will be installing a concrete slab on both ends of the bridge.

Parks/Senior Center: Construction will be going out for bids.

Vintage Fire Truck: Still Pending. Dave Roland and crew should have delivery of the firetruck in the Spring

Teen Center: This project will begin after July

New Rec Center: We have a unanimous vote on the latest renderings and will be moving forward with BoC approval

New Upcoming Park(s): 22-acre EQ Basin

2.7 acres Crawford Park

Event News & Upcoming Events:

- March 29th 50 Mile Ruck/Police Fundraiser
- July 4th and Celebrate MJ has merged
 - 04/15 'Eggstra' Special Egg Hunt
 - 05/03 Mt. Juliet Farmers Market Opens
 - 05/10 Spring Yard Sale
 - 05/10 Mother-Son Dance
 - 05/27 Ava's Splash Pad Opens

Charlie Daniels: Mulch will be going down. Outdoor restrooms will open 3/10. Community Center business hours for Tuesday and Thursday will return to 8am-8pm, and Sunday from 1pm-5pm starting the week of 3/10.

Robinson Park: Delayed. Possibly opening in the Spring.

Hamilton-Densen Park: The water leak has been repaired and restrooms reopened 3/3/25.

Eagle Park: Lisa Stine has requested to maintain the landscaping in the flowerbed in honor of her son, Hunter.

Park Greenways: The Mundy Crew will begin sealing the wood boardwalks on the greenways starting next week.

- Cedar Creek Greenway Phase 2: Phase 2 will connect CDP to Lebanon Rd pending TDOT approval. It is 20% complete with pre-construction activity.
- Town Center Trail: Phase 3 will extend from S. Greenhill Rd to MJ Elementary and is 75% complete with preconstruction activity. Phase 4 received approval to install a greenway trail from the Train Station east to Clemmons Rd following alongside Clemmons Rd to the Lynwood Station site.

Thank you,

Rocky Lee

MJ Parks Director

Pickleball Committee

February 12, 2025

Members Present: Tina Hutsenpiller, Bill MacDonald, Terri Atwood, Jim Hunter

Staff Present: Parks Director Rocky Lee, Assistant Parks Director Melinda Troutman

Parks Director Rocky Lee welcomed everyone and explained the need to form the Pickleball Committee.

Discussion was held on where the greater need is.

Per Parks Director Rocky Lee, all pickleball questions/concerns/complaints/etc. will be brought to Assistant Parks Director Melinda Troutman, and all Parks Staff are considered the Ambassadors for Charlie Daniels Park. The Ambassadors for Mundy Park are Kit Magalei, Terri Atwood, and Sean Donavan.

Items discussed:

- Eliminate, or move, Picklesize from Friday schedule
- · The need for more afternoon and evening court time
- Summer pickleball camp for kids
- The possibility of creating a league team
- Would we want to limit (or) increase the number of pickleball tournaments per year / possibly use 20 courts (10 at Charlie Daniels and 10 at Mundy Park) divided by skillset or age group
- Hosting a Pickleball Palooza using 12 courts at \$20 entry fee per player with a free t-shirt
- Picklesize is currently maxed at 22 players. We could possibly increase the size to 30, and keep the winning points at 7
- Enforcing a "winners" and "losers" box
- Giving the Intermediate Friday class an extra hour (11:30am 3:00pm)
- Adding pickleball rules onto the gymnasium wall
- Establishing a Wilson County "residents only" rule at Mundy Park

The above is a very brief recap.

We are scheduled to meet again on February 26th at 10:00 am.

Pickleball Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: February 26th, 2025

Location: Rocky Lee's Office, Mt. Juliet Community Center

<u>Attendance:</u> Rocky Lee, Melinda Troutman, Bill Macdonald, Tina Hutsenpiller, Terri Atwood, Jim Hunter, and Jennifer Diekmann

Meeting Notes:

Rocky started by providing a summary of the previous Pickleball committee meeting. He then invited questions from the attendees, at which point Bill Macdonald raised his hand. Bill asked about a specific point from the last meeting, where he thought, they had agreed to allow pickleball play only if there were no basketball players on the court or getting ready to play when the designated pickleball time ended. Rocky confirmed that this was indeed the clarification he intended to address in today's meeting (February 26th, 2025).

Rocky mentioned that everything discussed in today's meeting will be presented at the Parks Board meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, where all the rules will be established and put into action.

Rocky then wanted to begin today's meeting with PickleCIZE.

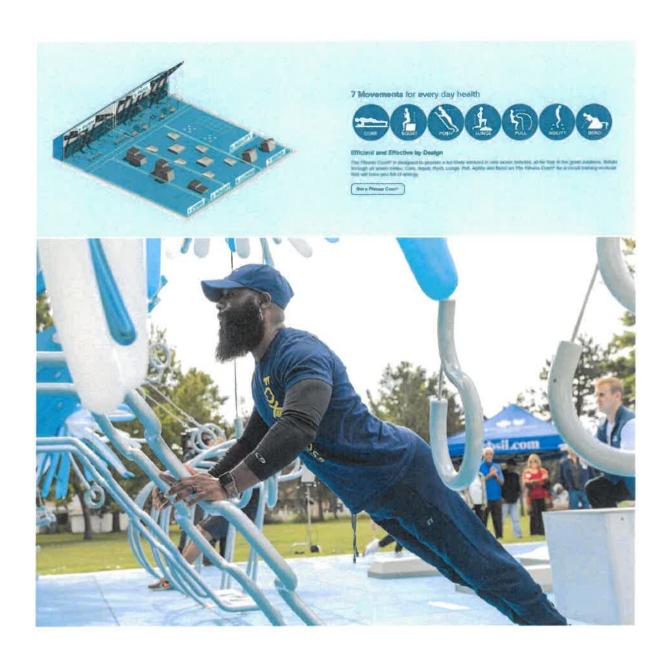
PickleCIZE:

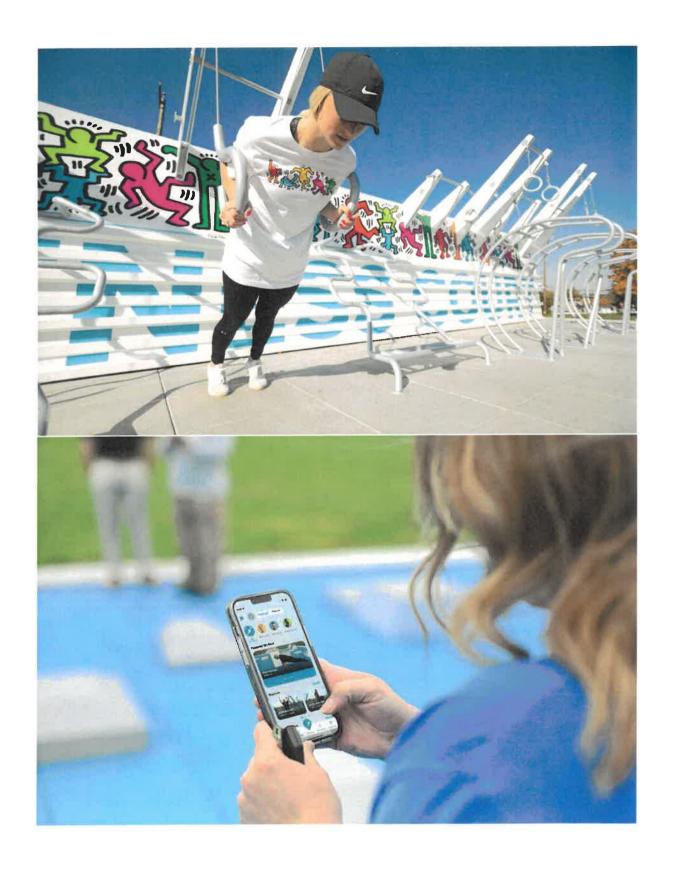
- It was mentioned amount making the limit 30 instead of 22.
- Tina H. asked, "Why should PickleCIZE have a limit?" That is the only Pickleball group that has a limit.
- Rocky mentioned that this program does not adhere to the usual Pickleball rules; instead, it follows its own unique set of regulations.
- Terri Atwood suggested instead of the games going to 7, how about they go to 9.
- It was suggested that they no longer have the sign-in sheet but still have the same rules.
- Who decides who can go to PickleCIZE?
- If they do play at an advanced level, they need to play down.
- This program is recreation.

Grants:

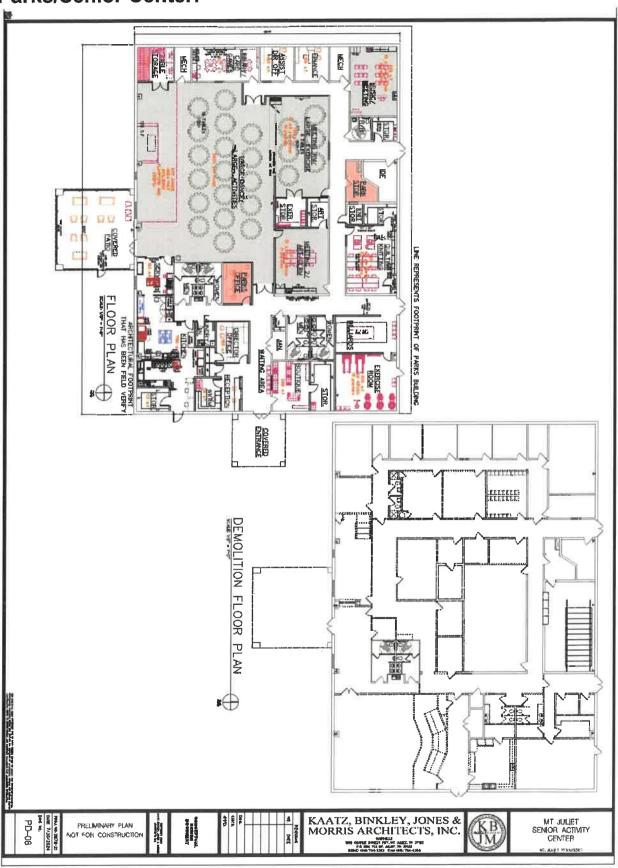


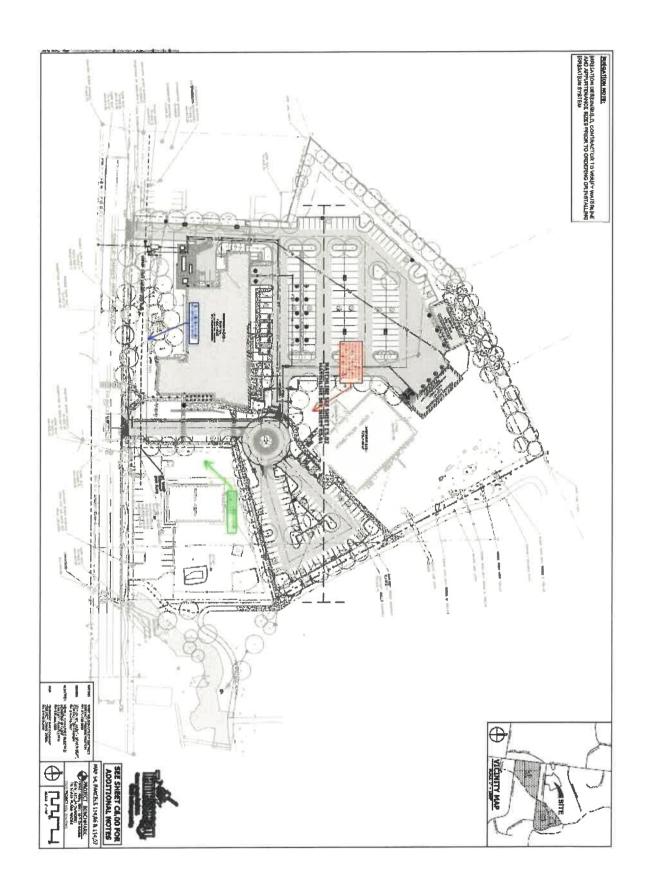






Parks/Senior Center:







Mt. Juliet Senior Center 1019 Charlie Daniels Parkway

General Conditions	\$	141,050.00
Demolition	 \$	38,866.00
Sitework & Site Utilities		47,500.00
	\$	8,500.00
Concrete	_	36,000.00
Masonry	\$	
Misc. Steel	\$	21,600.00
Carpentry	\$	36,742.00
Doors & Hardware	\$	59,150.00
Storefronts, Glass & Glazing	\$	41,800.00
Walls & Partitions	\$	44,820.00
Ceilings	\$	77,000.00
Flooring	\$	116,522.00
Painting & Wallcovering	\$	24,888.00
Specialities	\$	54,200.00
Equipment	\$	34,750.00
Furnishings	\$	-
Metal Building	\$	32,500.00
Conveying Systems	\$	
Plumbing	\$	202,610.00
HVAC	\$	329,470.00
Sprinkler	\$	49,500.00
Electrical	\$	310,000.00
Overhead & Profit	\$	150,000.00
TOTAL	\$	1,857,468.00

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New Rec/Aquatic Center:

City of Mt. Juliet Research and Development **Committee for a Future Recreation/Aquatic Center**

MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT:

Townhall Discussion

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2025

LOCATION:

CHARLIE DANIELS PARK (COMMUNITY CENTER)

Members	Present	Not Present
Tina Hutsenpiller		X
Seth Zamek		X
Chip Bailey	X	
Shawn Donovan	X	
Mark Hinesley		X
Shari Arnold		X
Shawn Glover		X
Chris Houston		Х
Annmarie Wheeler	X	
Keith Canfield	X	

Advisors	Present	Not Present
Rachel Walstron-Crosslin	X	
Rob Porter	X	
Sam Anderson	X	
Steve Robinson	X	

Staff	Present	Not Present
Commissioner Jennifer Milele	Х	
Director Rocky Lee	X	
Assistant Parks Director Melinda Troutman	X	

1. Funding Needs

The committee emphasized the importance of obtaining funding and approval from the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to proceed with the design and construction of a community pool and gym. Current budget allocations stand at zero.

2. Cost Estimates

- A professional estimate for the initial pool design is quoted at \$32,000, refundable upon winning the construction bid.

- The estimated cost to build a commercial indoor pool ranges from \$1.5 to \$2 million, while Phoenix Construction has provided a quote of \$10 million for the complete facility, not including an additional \$750,000 for a parking lot and \$1.5 to \$2 million for the pool.
- A practical plan is required to fit within the estimated budget of \$14 million, addressing community needs for the pool, gym, and sports courts.

3. Facility Design Features

The preliminary pool design includes:

- A zero-entry area
- A deeper section for water aerobics
- Six lap lanes

4. Citizen Feedback

Citizens presented their concerns and needs, including:

- Demand for an 8-lane, 25-yard short course pool to support over 1,000 youth in swimming activities.
- Importance of effective facility construction to avoid constant renovations, as families currently travel to Lebanon for swimming.
 - Advocacy for proper feasibility studies and funding transparency.
- Concerns regarding the proposed pool for the Providence Homeowners Association and community growth sustainability.
- Support for conducting a feasibility study given overcrowding at local facilities, such as the YMCA.
- Focus on resources for specialized swimming programs, particularly for people with special needs.
- Questions about the budget for new facilities and the need for a thoughtful design to meet community needs.

5. Project Development

Rocky discussed the development of a wish list for the park project, informed by the community input from town hall meetings. He highlighted the recent leadership change involving Commissioner Justice and noted that the experts involved are volunteers working with Phoenix Builders to assess realistic construction plans within a funding range of \$11 - \$14 million.

6. Emphasis on Recreational Needs

Rocky advocated for a new pool that meets diverse community requirements, moving beyond just competitive swimming. He noted past issues with the YMCA competition pool that stemmed from financial constraints and urged the importance of supporting recreational programs. A smaller, affordable pool was identified as necessary, amidst frustrations regarding the

community's demand for immediate solutions and willingness to increase property taxes to fund the project.

7. Focus on Safety and Community Service

The committee stressed the necessity of creating a facility that accommodates recreational activities for families and ensures child safety while remaining within budget and addressing community expectations.

8. Additional Remarks

- Rocky mentioned the city's low property tax rate compared to nearby areas and addressed concerns from Commissioner Jennifer Milele regarding project timelines and benefits for families and competitive swimmers.
- Facilities such as weight rooms were excluded to prevent competition with existing gyms as directed by the Board of Commissioners.
- Preliminary grading work is already underway at the project location (Clemmons Rd.) without incurring additional taxpayer funding.

9. Open Comment(s) Conclusion

After each citizen had the opportunity to comment, they were asked to either move to the back of the meeting room or leave quietly while a Committee Only Meeting was held.

10. Advisors and Committee Members Meeting

The committee members and Advisors—Rob Porter, Chip Bailey, Shawn Donovan, AnneMarie Wheeler, Rachel Walstron-Crosslin, and Keith Canfield—unanimously agreed to proceed with a plan that fits within our budget. They reviewed the current drawings and confirmed that six pickleball courts would fit into the basketball court area. Additionally, they approved the proposed HVAC adjustments, the inclusion of storage rooms on the second floor, and the addition of a 5-foot dive-in area alongside the lap lanes in the pool.

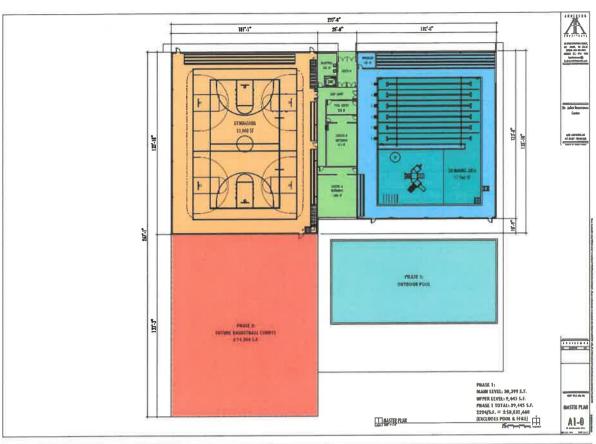
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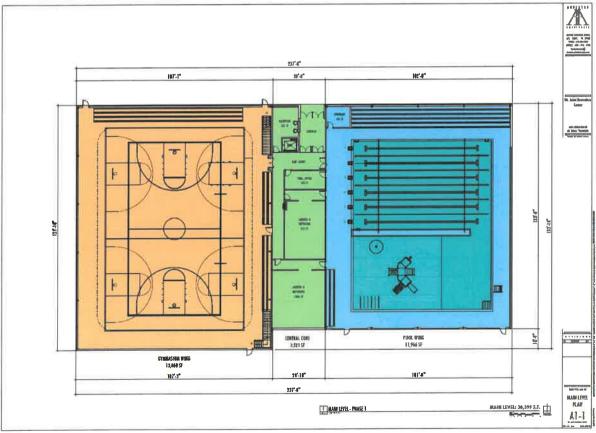
- Phase One: Gym and Pool

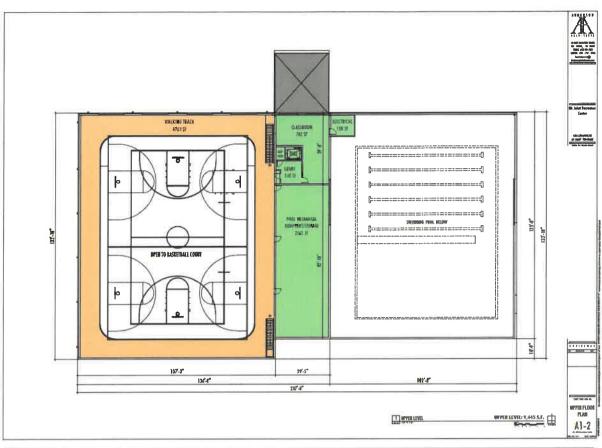
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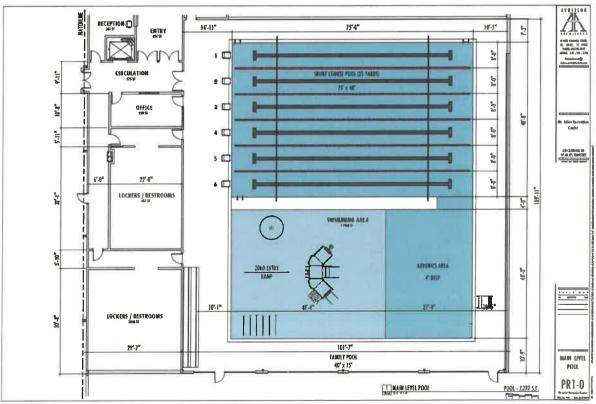
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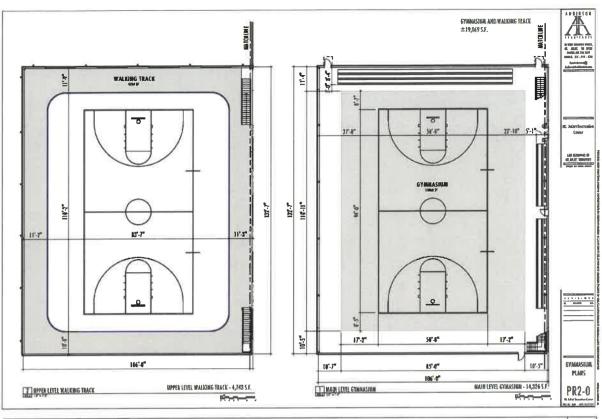
Next Steps: Present these findings to the Parks and Greenway Board.

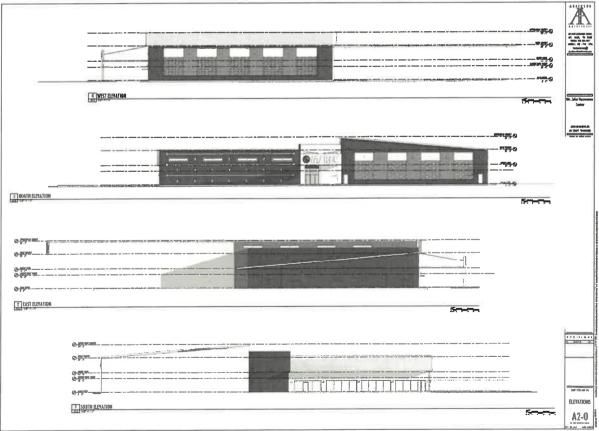




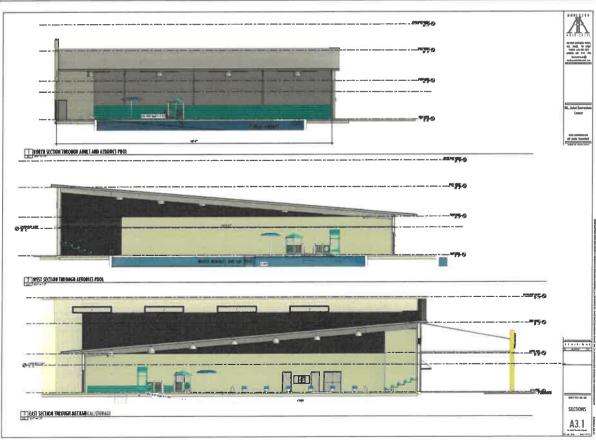


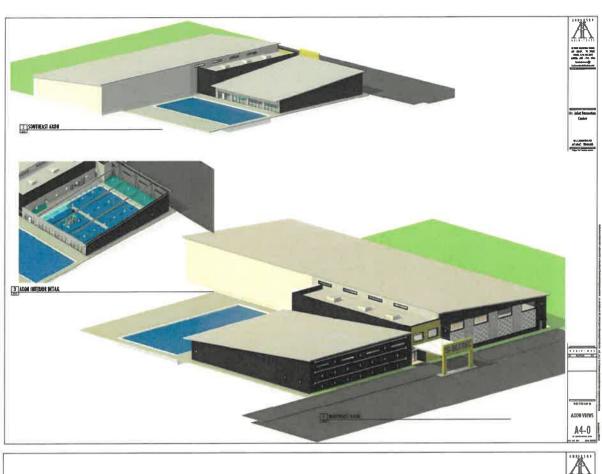


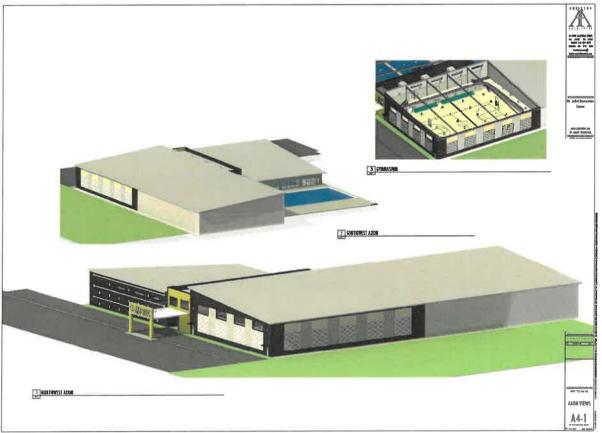




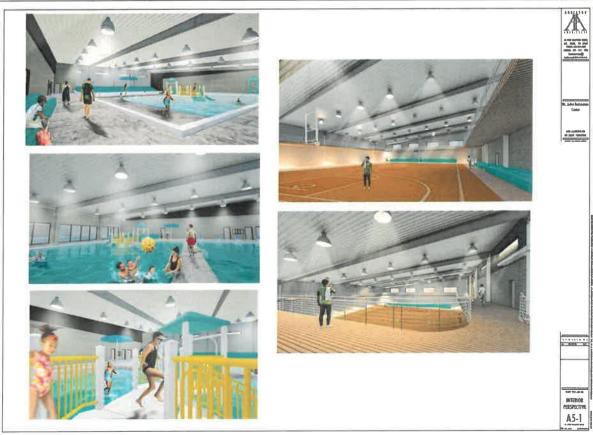


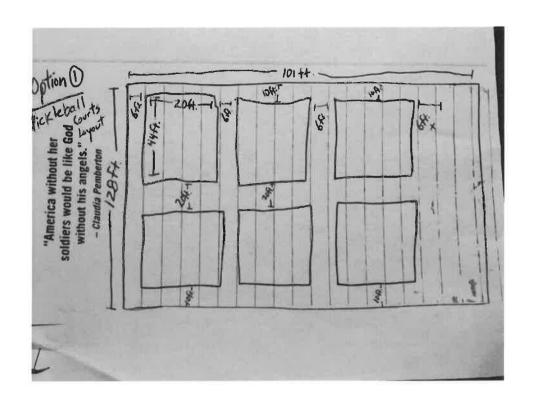




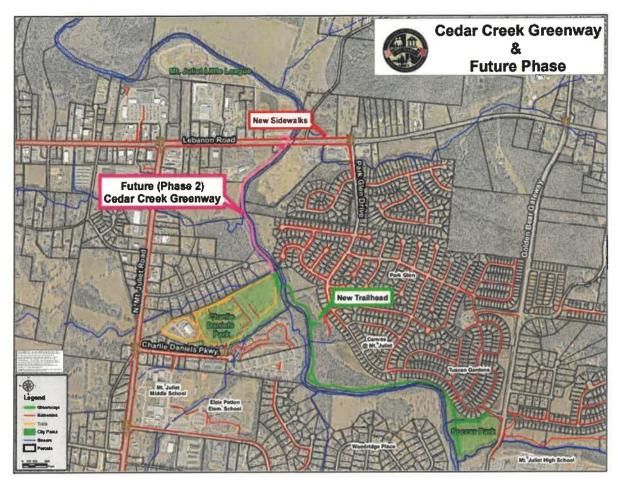








Cedar Creek Greenway Phase 2



Town Center Trail

