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### **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS PUBLIC DESIGN MEETING FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. September 14, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction has scheduled a public meeting to gather input on the design of the new Community Recreation Center (CRC) on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Barn on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, south of North Avenue.

The public meeting provides community members with an opportunity to offer input on the evolving design of the new CRC. The design consultant will begin the meeting with a presentation of the current design developed from public meetings and focus groups held in 2022 and prior to the approval by voters of the new CRC in April of 2023. Anyone unable to attend the public design meeting is encouraged to provide input online at [EngageGJ.org](http://EngageGJ.org). City staff will also hold a focus group meeting and discussion prior to the public meeting.

Barker Rinker Seacat was awarded the architect and engineer contract. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the selection of a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), and the selection process is underway. The CMGC will provide pre-construction services during the design process to ensure the project stays on budget as well as oversee all the various trades that will be mobilized to build the CRC. Design is projected to take approximately 12 months, followed by another 18 months of construction.

Financing for the facility will include the sale of bonds to create approximately \$70,000,000, the new 0.14 percent sales tax dedicated to the CRC that was implemented on July 1, 2023 and tax revenue from the sale of cannabis. The city intends to pursue grants to support the facility described in the 2022 CRC Plan. The approximate grand opening of the Grand Junction Community Recreation Center is planned for fourth quarter of 2025.

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