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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION UNVEILS FINAL DESIGN OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. April 15, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction will unveil the final design for the Community Recreation Center (CRC) on Tuesday, April 30 at 5 p.m. during a meeting at the Lincoln Park Barn at 910 N. 12th Street. A groundbreaking event for the new facility will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at Matchett Park, 2844 Patterson. Family-friendly activities will be planned both before and after the ceremony.

“A central focus of the new Community Recreation Center has and continues to be working to exceed community expectations,” said Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation director. “We are very excited for the upcoming groundbreaking later this summer that will celebrate the many years of hard work by so many people in our community to bring a recreation center to Grand Junction.”

“The design we will unveil on April 30 is the result of a great deal of public input and offers something for all ages and interests; however, we are especially proud of the input we received to create a state-of-the-art aquatic center including therapy, lap, and leisure pools that was funded in part by our partnership with Intermountain Health St. Mary’s Regional Hospital. Additionally, we are very grateful for the grant we received from the Department of Local Affairs.”

City Council adopted the final plan in November of 2022. This became the basis for an April 2023 ballot initiative approved by voters that included a 0.14% sales tax increase and the debt necessary to make the facility a reality. Community engagement over the course of several decades including meetings, presentations, focus groups, and opportunities for input has resulted in the final design of the new Community Recreation Center.

Barker Rinker Seacat, the lead architect headed up the design team that included many local engineers and architects, was selected after a Request for Proposals (RFP) was distributed in 2023. The group used the concept design from the 2022 CRC plan as the basis for design incorporating the public feedback provided over the years. Following the public engagement session last fall, the design is complete and will be presented to the community on April 30, 2024.

The other important aspect of the project is process of identifying the Construction Manager/General Contractor which was conducted through another RFP resulting in the selection of FCI. FCI will provide cost estimating to keep the project on budget, they will manage the groundbreaking this summer, and they will oversee approximately two years of construction. The approximate grand opening of the Grand Junction Community Recreation Center is scheduled for mid-2026.

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