



## Agenda Item Request Form

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**ITEM:** Consideration to approve the Membership and Rental Fee Schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** For the Commission's consideration, attached is the revised proposed fee schedule for the MLK Jr. Recreation Center Membership and Rental Fees. The new center includes a Fitness Center, gymnasium, STEM Lab, Teaching Kitchen, Arts & Crafts Studio, multipurpose rooms, and outdoor recreation areas.

Previously submitted to the Commission on December 16, 2025, the Commission approved allowing free access to all areas of the MLK Jr. Recreation Center through the end of February 2026 and instructed staff to further engage the community for feedback on the recommended fees. A community town hall was held on January 7, 2026, with approximately 75 community members in attendance. Following the town hall, the NAACP organized additional community meetings for further input. A group represented by various members of the community met with City leadership to present their recommendations.

Many of the suggestions received at the January 7<sup>th</sup> town hall and from community members through the NAACP-organized meetings have been incorporated into the proposed revised fee schedule. The changes include:

- Military Membership to include active, veterans, retirees or reserves with proof of Military ID Card. Recommended for \$75 per year.
- Include a category for disabled persons. Recommended for \$75 per year.
- Include any age student enrolled in high school for the Youth Membership at no cost.
- Include a membership for young adults aged 18-21. Recommended for \$50 per year.
- Include a free membership for seniors 70 years of age or older. Recommended to include.
- Reduce the cost of a full gym membership to be less than 2x the cost of a single court. Recommended \$150 (previously \$250) per hour for the full gym, and \$100 per hour for 1 full court. This is the rate for a private rental for for-profit groups.
- Reconsider the cost for the full gymnasium for tournaments. Recommend \$100 per hour for non-profit groups, \$150 per hour for individuals and \$200 per hour for for-profit groups.
- Use of a sliding scale for subsidizing membership fees up to the full cost, using poverty level guidelines, to determine % of membership to be paid. Recommend using the scholarship fund to cover the costs of memberships for those in need.

Fees and Revenues will be used to help offset the costs of recurring maintenance, enabling the facility to be maintained to a high standard. Typical costs would include (not an all-inclusive list, but shown to represent the typical recurring expenses of operating a community center):

- Striping and re-staining of the basketball court - \$15,000 per occurrence
- Fitness Center equipment repairs and replacement - \$2,500 - \$5,000 annually after initial warranty periods.
- Playground, Surfacing and Outdoor Amenity Repairs - \$1,500 – 4,000 annually after initial warranty periods or for non-covered items.
- Recreation equipment replacement - basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, etc. - \$1,500 annually.
- FFE repair and replacement - \$2,000-2,500 annually.

As points of clarification:

- Memberships include use of the fitness center, open gym programs, reading and study rooms and general facility access.
- All outside facilities are open for play and free to use.
- All youth up to high school age are at no cost.
- Visitors will not be charged to watch their child(ren) play in a recreation basketball game, practice or open gym program.
- Scholarships are open to all ages and for any membership type or program offered at the MLK Center.

In addition, the Recreation Center staff has developed a process for individuals or groups to propose activities or courses to be offered, and for individuals to volunteer in programs or activities. This would include background checks for selected individuals, groups, or volunteers.

Proposed fees would take effect on March 1, 2026.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval.

#### Budget Impact

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Budgeted? Yes:  No:  How Much budgeted? N/A

If more, where do you suggest funds come from? N/A

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