



Inver Grove Heights Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Veteran's Memorial Community Center
8055 Barbara Avenue, Community Rm #3
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077**

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Joint Work Session with City Council**
 - A. Renovation Options for the VMCC's Brightside Room
 - B. 2025 Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Work Plan Updates
4. **Adjourn**



Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Renovation Options for the VMCC's Brightside Room**

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Joint Work Session with City Council

CONTACT: Adam Lares, Parks & Recreation Director, 651.450.2587

ACTION REQUESTED

The City Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) are asked to receive a presentation on the Brightside Room Renovation Project at the Veterans Memorial Community Center (VMCC), consider potential renovation options, and provide direction to staff on next steps.

BACKGROUND

The City's adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2025 includes a \$350,000 planned investment in the Brightside Room at the VMCC. There are several potential options for this space, each with their own cost, anticipated return on investment and target audience. At this time, two primary options are being given serious consideration.

The first option would be to develop an indoor playground designed to provide year-round recreational opportunities for children under the age of 10 and their families. This option would require a higher up-front capital investment but is expected to generate greater net annual revenue and offer a quicker return on investment.

The second option being explored would be to convert the Brightside Room into a multipurpose space, which could serve as a venue for recreation and fitness programs, community rentals, and youth use, including a potential half-court basketball area. While this option would be more versatile and have a lower capital cost, it is projected to generate less net revenue than the indoor playground and would take longer to achieve any return on investment.

To gather community input, staff hosted an open house at the VMCC on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, and also conducted a community survey promoted through social media, the City's website, the Insights Newsletter, and flyers distributed within the VMCC. The survey, which ran from mid-March through April 25, 2025, received 763 responses. Community members were asked to provide feedback on the two proposed options and were also invited to suggest alternative uses for the space. The attached survey results were presented to the PRAC at their regular meeting on May 14, 2025 and are shared as background information for this joint discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT

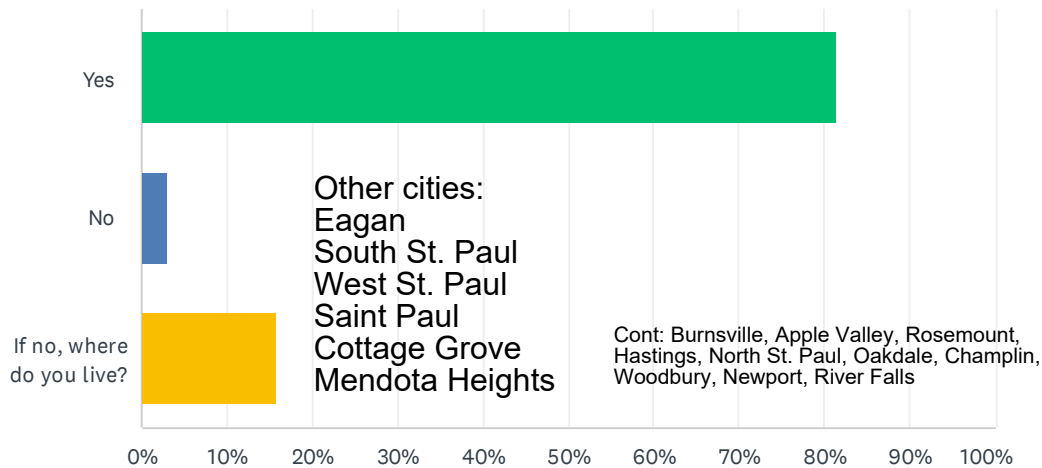
RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. VMCC - Brightside Room Survey Results - June 2, 2025

Q1 Are you an Inver Grove Heights resident?

Answered: 763 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.39%	621
No	2.88%	22
If no, where do you live?	15.73%	120
TOTAL		763

#	IF NO, WHERE DO YOU LIVE?	DATE
1	Eagan	4/25/2025 5:50 PM
2	Mendota Heights	4/25/2025 2:17 PM
3	Bloomington	4/19/2025 6:25 PM
4	South St Paul	4/19/2025 12:42 PM
5	Apple valley	4/19/2025 10:13 AM
6	South Saint Paul	4/17/2025 1:02 PM
7	West Saint Paul	4/16/2025 10:57 AM
8	Saint Paul	4/14/2025 12:03 PM
9	Saint Paul	4/14/2025 12:02 PM
10	South St Paul	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
11	South St. Paul	4/9/2025 7:53 PM
12	Rosemount	4/8/2025 4:45 PM
13	Eagan	4/8/2025 2:20 PM
14	Eagan	4/8/2025 9:31 AM
15	South Saint Paul	4/8/2025 8:48 AM

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16	West Saint Paul	4/8/2025 6:29 AM
17	Eagan, 3 mins from IGH	4/8/2025 6:13 AM
18	Ssp	4/7/2025 10:02 PM
19	South Saint Paul	4/7/2025 9:33 PM
20	South St Paul very close to border	4/7/2025 8:16 PM
21	South Saint Paul	4/7/2025 7:34 PM
22	Eagan	4/7/2025 2:55 PM
23	Eagan	4/7/2025 9:07 AM
24	Eagan	4/7/2025 7:38 AM
25	Cottage Grove	4/6/2025 5:27 PM
26	West Saint Paul	4/6/2025 4:48 PM
27	Saint Paul	4/6/2025 4:37 PM
28	Saint Paul	4/6/2025 4:31 PM
29	Eagan	4/6/2025 1:27 PM
30	Eagan	4/6/2025 8:29 AM
31	Eagan	4/5/2025 7:08 PM
32	Eagan	4/5/2025 6:53 PM
33	Eagan	4/5/2025 4:17 PM
34	Eagan	4/5/2025 12:27 PM
35	Eagan	4/5/2025 12:18 PM
36	Eagan	4/5/2025 12:14 PM
37	South Saint Paul	4/5/2025 12:12 PM
38	South St Paul	4/5/2025 10:37 AM
39	South st paul	4/4/2025 8:09 PM
40	Eagan	4/4/2025 7:29 PM
41	Cottage grove	4/3/2025 4:42 PM
42	Cottage Grove, but daycare is in IGH and work in IGH	4/3/2025 8:24 AM
43	8465 Bryce Ct	4/2/2025 9:51 AM
44	SSP	4/2/2025 9:05 AM
45	South Saint Paul	4/1/2025 2:19 PM
46	South St Paul	4/1/2025 2:01 PM
47	Mendota Hts	4/1/2025 1:53 PM
48	Champlin	4/1/2025 1:52 PM
49	Woodbury	4/1/2025 1:51 PM
50	South St. Paul	3/31/2025 7:47 PM
51	Eagan	3/31/2025 11:06 AM
52	NEWPORT	3/31/2025 10:00 AM
53	Hastings	3/30/2025 4:15 PM

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54	North St Paul	3/30/2025 4:14 PM
55	Oakdale	3/30/2025 3:02 PM
56	South St Paul	3/30/2025 11:06 AM
57	Eagan	3/29/2025 9:20 PM
58	St. Paul	3/29/2025 12:14 PM
59	South Saint Paul	3/29/2025 10:25 AM
60	South Saint Paul but my kids go to IGH schools	3/27/2025 7:08 PM
61	South St. Paul	3/27/2025 5:19 PM
62	Cottage Grove	3/27/2025 5:04 PM
63	St Paul	3/27/2025 4:43 PM
64	South Saint Paul	3/23/2025 3:15 PM
65	Eagan	3/23/2025 1:19 PM
66	St. Paul	3/21/2025 9:50 PM
67	West Saint Paul but spend a lot of time in IGH	3/20/2025 6:41 AM
68	Burnsville	3/19/2025 12:21 PM
69	South Saint Paul	3/18/2025 10:25 AM
70	Eagan	3/17/2025 9:18 PM
71	West St Paul	3/17/2025 7:28 PM
72	Cottage grove	3/17/2025 11:14 AM
73	Cottage Grove	3/17/2025 10:34 AM
74	West St Paul	3/16/2025 6:15 PM
75	West St. Paul	3/16/2025 5:56 PM
76	South St. Paul	3/16/2025 4:51 PM
77	SOUTH SAINT PAUL	3/16/2025 4:48 PM
78	West Saint Paul	3/16/2025 8:40 AM
79	West St Paul	3/15/2025 8:37 PM
80	Cottage Grove	3/15/2025 10:49 AM
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85	Cottage Grove	3/14/2025 8:27 AM
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87	Hastings	3/13/2025 8:02 PM
88	Mendota Heights	3/13/2025 5:45 PM
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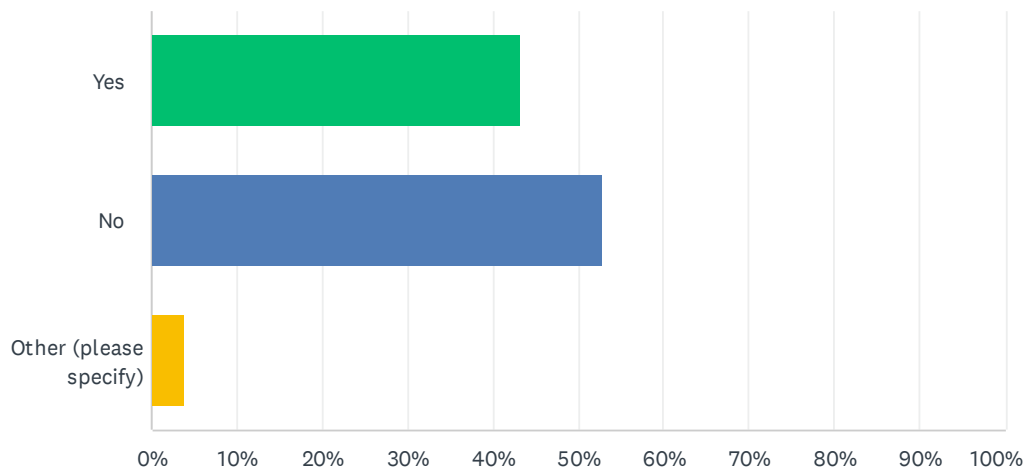
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92	Apple Valley, but work for ISD 199.	3/13/2025 8:02 AM
93	Saint Paul	3/13/2025 6:56 AM
94	West Saint Paul	3/13/2025 5:26 AM
95	South Saint Paul	3/12/2025 5:15 PM
96	South St. Paul	3/12/2025 3:08 PM
97	River Falls, but I work in IGH ECFE	3/12/2025 2:17 PM
98	St. Paul/West St.Paul	3/12/2025 1:16 PM
99	Cottage Grove, MN	3/12/2025 1:08 PM
100	Saint paul	3/11/2025 10:24 PM
101	South Saint Paul	3/11/2025 6:30 PM
102	South St Paul	3/11/2025 6:01 PM
103	South St Paul	3/11/2025 4:23 PM
104	St. Paul	3/11/2025 2:19 PM
105	St Paul	3/10/2025 11:16 PM
106	South St. Paul	3/10/2025 10:59 PM
107	St Paul	3/10/2025 10:57 PM
108	St Paul	3/10/2025 10:46 PM
109	Canvas at Inver Grove	3/10/2025 10:42 PM
110	St. Paul	3/10/2025 10:27 PM
111	Saint Paul, MN	3/10/2025 10:17 PM
112	I was. Will be back soon!	3/10/2025 8:02 PM
113	SSP	3/10/2025 7:10 PM
114	Mendota Heights	3/10/2025 6:10 PM
115	Burnsville. My daughter attends swimming lessons at The Grove	3/10/2025 5:54 PM
116	Mendota Heights	3/10/2025 5:32 PM
117	Rosemount	3/10/2025 4:35 PM
118	SSP	3/10/2025 3:56 PM
119	South st paul	3/10/2025 3:22 PM
120	Woodbury	3/10/2025 3:06 PM

Q2 Are you a member of the Veterans Memorial Community Center?

Answered: 763 Skipped: 1

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	43.25% 330
No	52.82% 403
Other (please specify)	3.93% 30
TOTAL	763

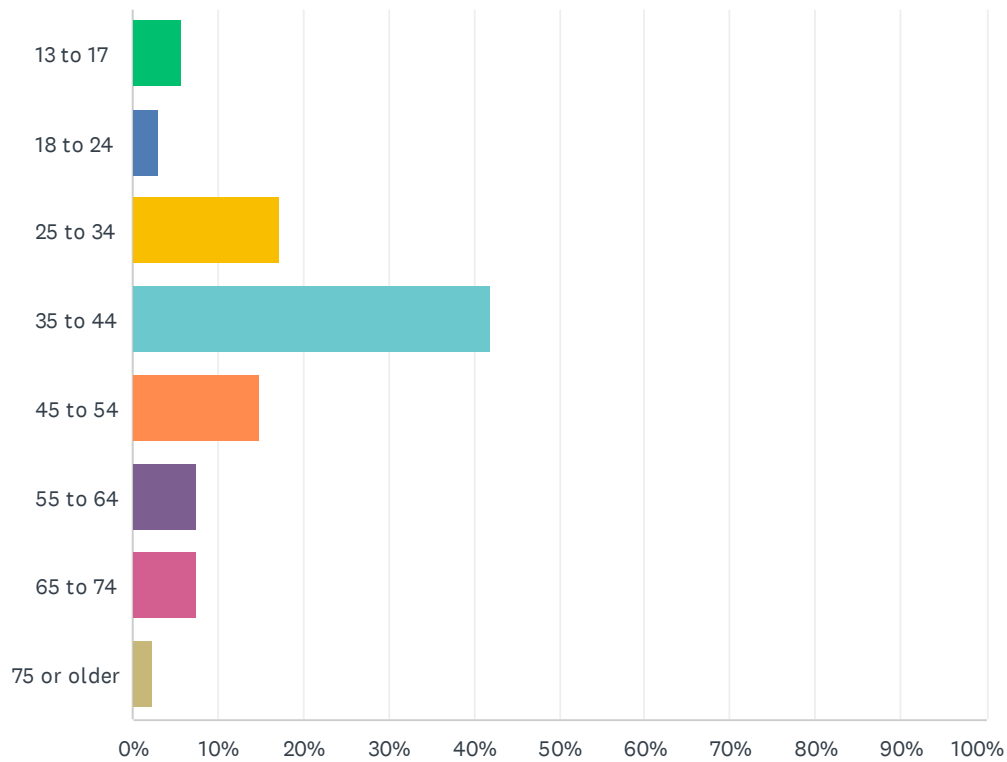
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Family member is/employed by	4/26/2025 8:24 AM
2	No but do many preschool programs and swim lessons	4/8/2025 2:20 PM
3	We visit often and have thought of membership but are not members	4/8/2025 6:29 AM
4	No have been and children attend summer camp	4/8/2025 6:13 AM
5	Swim lessons	4/7/2025 10:02 PM
6	No but would become one if indoor playground added	4/7/2025 8:16 PM
7	Have been and will be in the future	4/7/2025 7:27 PM
8	Not a member but considering it. We use the pool and take classes at the facility	4/6/2025 4:48 PM
9	We do swim lessons and other programming here and utilize the open swim. It's a fantastic facility.	4/6/2025 4:31 PM
10	Planning to become one soon	4/5/2025 8:02 AM
11	School sport use	4/4/2025 6:42 PM
12	Looking to sign up for membership	4/2/2025 7:54 PM
13	Too expensive	3/30/2025 5:43 PM
14	Employee	3/30/2025 4:15 PM
15	My children play so many sports there	3/28/2025 9:40 PM
16	Too expensive for us with a family of 6	3/27/2025 9:57 PM
17	I play hockey in the arena they provide to the public.	3/27/2025 6:09 PM
18	I'm an employee	3/27/2025 5:04 PM
19	Will be soon	3/27/2025 4:32 PM

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20	Previously was, previously employed	3/16/2025 5:55 PM
21	Board member with IGH Hockey	3/16/2025 1:14 PM
22	Swimming lessons	3/15/2025 10:49 AM
23	Not currently but have been	3/14/2025 8:27 AM
24	Babybis taking swimming classed at the Veterans Memorial Community Center	3/13/2025 9:09 PM
25	Not a member. But go often for my child's activities.	3/13/2025 11:06 AM
26	Not currently, wanting to join up again soon	3/12/2025 2:48 PM
27	I have been a member in the past	3/11/2025 5:48 PM
28	We visit often	3/10/2025 11:16 PM
29	I have been but currently gone for the winter	3/10/2025 6:46 PM
30	Figure skating family at VMCC	3/10/2025 3:35 PM

Q3 What is your age?

Answered: 761 Skipped: 3



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
13 to 17	5.65%	43
18 to 24	2.89%	22
25 to 34	17.35%	132
35 to 44	42.05%	320
45 to 54	14.98%	114
55 to 64	7.36%	56
65 to 74	7.36%	56
75 or older	2.37%	18
TOTAL		761

Q4 How many people are in your household?

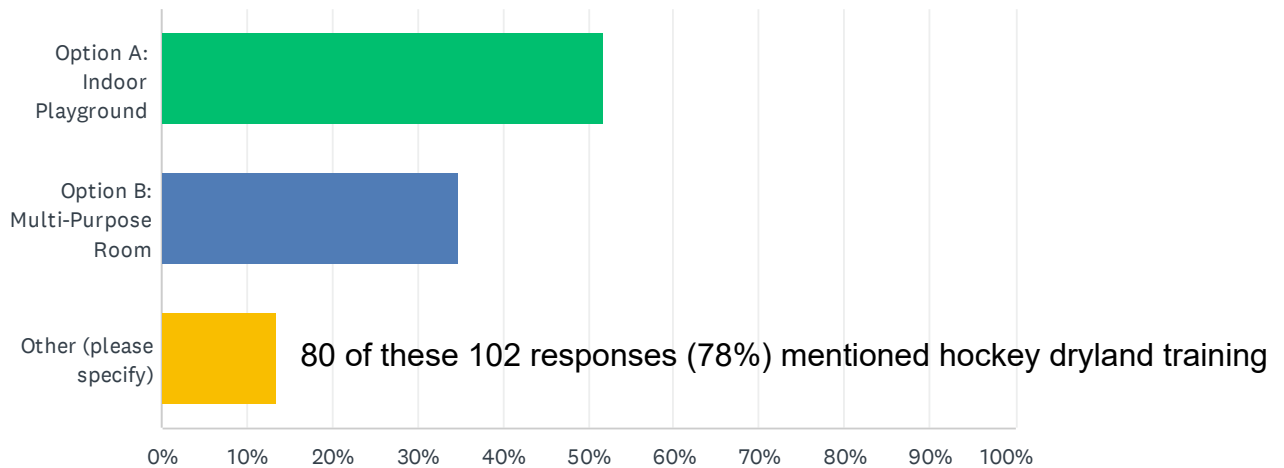
Answered: 752 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Number of adults (ages 18+)	100.00%	Average # of adults: 2	752
Number of youth (under 18)	87.50%	Average # of youth: 2	658

Q5 Would you like to see the room renovated to be an indoor playground or a multi-purpose room?

Answered: 762 Skipped: 2

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option A: Indoor Playground	51.84%	395
Option B: Multi-Purpose Room	34.78%	265
Other (please specify)	13.39%	102
TOTAL		762

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A dry land room with turf	4/16/2025 7:59 AM
2	Dry land - Sport training facility room	4/12/2025 8:41 AM
3	I like option B but it would be great if you can make it a dryland room for ice hockey.	4/7/2025 2:32 PM
4	Option B. Add warmup/dryland area with shooting and stickhandling area for hockey.	4/5/2025 4:17 PM
5	Option A or dry land area for Hockey association	4/5/2025 1:00 PM
6	Training space for hockey.	4/5/2025 12:48 PM
7	Hockey Dryland Area	4/5/2025 12:27 PM
8	Dryland hockey training - treadmill and shooting area.	4/5/2025 12:24 PM
9	Dryland hockey area	4/5/2025 12:18 PM
10	Dryland training room to enhance in-season hockey training for IGHHA and Simley, and to draw in more elite summer training programs that utilize ice at facilities with dryland training areas.and support the IGH youth hockey and Simley!	4/5/2025 10:40 AM
11	Dryland facility	4/5/2025 7:42 AM
12	Dry land facility for youth and high school athletes	4/4/2025 10:01 PM
13	Hockey Dryland Facility	4/4/2025 9:19 PM
14	Hockey training area	4/4/2025 7:42 PM
15	Dryland training room	4/4/2025 7:29 PM
16	Hockey training facility	4/4/2025 6:54 PM
17	Dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:39 PM
18	dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:32 PM

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19	hockey/ dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:31 PM
20	Dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:30 PM
21	Dry land facility	4/4/2025 6:30 PM
22	Dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:30 PM
23	Dry land area for youth and high school sports	4/4/2025 6:28 PM
24	shooting space and hockey treadmills for hockey players	4/4/2025 6:28 PM
25	Dry land facility for high school and youth hockey	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
26	Dryland area for hockey teams	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
27	Dryland facility	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
28	Dry land facility	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
29	Dryland room	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
30	Dry land facility	4/4/2025 6:27 PM
31	Pickleball courts	4/2/2025 8:15 PM
32	Children need more safe spaces to be creative and have fun	4/2/2025 2:59 PM
33	Combination	4/1/2025 5:49 PM
34	Either one is good. What ever is needed most	4/1/2025 5:22 PM
35	Athletic training room for use by both youth and high school athletes.	3/31/2025 6:42 AM
36	Baseball and hockey dry land room	3/30/2025 10:31 PM
37	Hockey training center	3/30/2025 10:25 PM
38	hockey dryland room	3/30/2025 9:12 PM
39	Hockey dryland/practice facility	3/30/2025 7:45 PM
40	Hockey dryland/shooting/other	3/30/2025 5:12 PM
41	Multipurpose room for dry land. Batting cage and skating treadmill stick handling. Baseball softball and hockey would all rent out.	3/30/2025 5:11 PM
42	Hockey Dryland facility	3/30/2025 5:08 PM
43	Dryland/shooting for hockey. Youth & High School	3/30/2025 5:06 PM
44	Dry land facility for IGH and Simley hockey	3/30/2025 4:48 PM
45	Dryland Facility	3/30/2025 4:37 PM
46	Dry land facilities for hockey.	3/30/2025 4:25 PM
47	Training facility for community sports programs	3/30/2025 4:17 PM
48	Hockey dryland and shooting place	3/28/2025 9:40 PM
49	Hockey puck shooting area	3/28/2025 9:05 PM
50	Hockey, dryland, batting cages	3/28/2025 7:02 PM
51	Hockey dry land facility	3/28/2025 4:22 PM
52	Hockey shooting cage	3/28/2025 11:37 AM
53	Hockey	3/28/2025 11:22 AM
54	Dryland hockey training or indoor playarea	3/28/2025 11:13 AM
55	Muti-purpose would be fine if it includes space for hockey dryland training.	3/28/2025 10:52 AM
56	Dryland Training Facility for hockey	3/28/2025 10:46 AM

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57	Hockey. Dry land usage. Puck handling and shooting	3/28/2025 10:43 AM
58	A lane with a net that could be used for shooting hockey pucks, baseball pitching, lacrosse shooting, etc.	3/28/2025 10:30 AM
59	Dryland for hockey	3/28/2025 10:27 AM
60	Hockey dryland	3/28/2025 10:26 AM
61	Hockey dry land training room	3/28/2025 7:23 AM
62	Hockey dryland room	3/27/2025 9:57 PM
63	Multi-purpose but mostly hockey shooting/stick handling	3/27/2025 9:20 PM
64	Hockey dryland area	3/27/2025 8:41 PM
65	A hockey training room for the youth association and high school team to use to train	3/27/2025 8:17 PM
66	Off season training for baseball, softball, etc.	3/27/2025 8:03 PM
67	hockey dryland	3/27/2025 7:52 PM
68	Dry land facility for hockey stick handling or indoor batting cage for baseball/softball	3/27/2025 7:20 PM
69	Hockey Dryland Facility	3/27/2025 6:44 PM
70	A hockey training room	3/27/2025 5:59 PM
71	Hockey dryland facility and softball/baseball batting cages	3/27/2025 5:55 PM
72	Hockey Dryland room	3/27/2025 5:48 PM
73	Dryland for hockey/baseball/lacrosse/etc.	3/27/2025 5:44 PM
74	Dryland room for hockey	3/27/2025 5:39 PM
75	A dryland room for hockey	3/27/2025 5:34 PM
76	Dryland trying for hockey, baseball, etc	3/27/2025 5:24 PM
77	Dry land area for hockey	3/27/2025 5:21 PM
78	I own redline athletics Woodbury and would be interested in renting. Install turf and strength equipment to run a hockey focused sports performance program.	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
79	Hockey room like ice tilted and nets for the hockey team so they do good	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
80	Dryland shooting room	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
81	Shooting/Stick Handling room	3/27/2025 5:17 PM
82	Dryland/ hockey training facility	3/27/2025 5:04 PM
83	Hockey dryland	3/27/2025 4:22 PM
84	Dryland for hockey	3/27/2025 4:03 PM
85	Dryland facility for our hockey teams. This could be incorporated into a multi purpose room	3/27/2025 3:53 PM
86	Dryland for hockey, baseball and lacrosse	3/27/2025 3:32 PM
87	Dryland area for hockey.	3/27/2025 2:03 PM
88	Dryland room for sports	3/27/2025 1:37 PM
89	Batting Cages or Baseball room for youth	3/27/2025 1:19 PM
90	Hockey dry land facility	3/27/2025 12:29 PM
91	Mutli- Purpose with scheduled tot-time (purchase tot equipment and small bounce house that can be set up)	3/19/2025 12:21 PM
92	Batting cages/pitching lanes/turf surface for baseball and softball	3/17/2025 6:44 PM

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93	Hockey dryland, turf area for agility, hard surface with shooting tarps, plyoboxes, some smaller weights, dry erase boards for chalk talk sessions.	3/16/2025 1:14 PM
94	Olympic weightlifting options/ stretch and mobility options	3/15/2025 2:31 PM
95	Dryland room	3/14/2025 6:36 PM
96	Divided into smaller conference roomsfor up to 12 people to meet. Often my friends and I want to get together for 4-5 hours to craft, chat and drink coffee until 10 p.m. or so. There is nowhere to do that (our homes don't work due to pet allergies). Minimal cost too ..it shouldn't be a money maker but a blessing to the residents of IGH.I	3/13/2025 12:02 PM
97	Yoga lessons	3/12/2025 3:43 PM
98	Combination of both? Moveable playground equipment- and indoor playground in MN is a fabulous idea.	3/12/2025 1:42 PM
99	I choose B, but include dryland options! Skate stimulator etc.	3/12/2025 11:21 AM
100	Rock climbing wall- available to members!	3/11/2025 5:48 PM
101	Hockey shooting/Dryland	3/11/2025 3:07 PM
102	Golf simulator	3/10/2025 3:22 PM

Q6 Any additional comments you'd like to share?

Answered: 308 Skipped: 456

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Love the indoor play area...wish it was available when my kids were younger. I would like it as an opportunity for younger families to enjoy.	4/26/2025 8:24 AM
2	Something similar to the indoor park in Woodbury near the library would be a great addition to the space.	4/25/2025 7:38 PM
3	N/a	4/25/2025 6:51 PM
4	Whatever you do, maintain it. The space's namesake deserves it. Lighting of the space should be highly considered. Perhaps 3D artwork to jazz up concrete walls (nature theme...flowers, insects, butterflies, etc.). Leave space for the moms who have babies along to chill-this design looks pretty cramped. If making it an indoor playground on a tight budget, I'd rather vote for option B. If you can't do it right then do it basic...indoor municipal playgrounds shouldn't be McDonald's playgrounds.	4/25/2025 5:50 PM
5	Play ground would be to messy. It would be nice to have more basketball.	4/25/2025 2:17 PM
6	An indoor playground limits the use of this room to only small children.	4/25/2025 12:33 PM
7	As a mother of a toddler, I can say IGH does need more amenities tailored to little ones which are indoors. During the winter months and rainy days it is hard to find things to do around town. This would be an awesome addition!	4/25/2025 12:11 PM
8	With our long winters it would be so nice to have an indoor playground locally for kids.	4/25/2025 10:24 AM
9	Outside lighting	4/24/2025 4:56 PM
10	The armory already has space for basketball and other activities. An indoor playground would be great for families to bring children, particularly during the winter months in Minnesota. Adequate space for parents to sit while thekids play would also be a plus, as well as a separate smaller structure for younger toddlers.	4/21/2025 11:48 AM
11	We drive out to Golden Valley probably 4-5 times a year to go to that indoor playground - it would be amazing to have close to home.	4/19/2025 10:04 PM
12	There are a lot of children in this community. We have to go to other cities to go to an indoor	4/19/2025 1:43 PM

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playground. It would be amazing to have our own.

13	As a mom of two little ones, we would absolutely LOVE an indoor playground for the cold or wet days. It's hard being couped up or having to drive out a bit to get to Eagan's playground.	4/17/2025 2:26 PM
14	I hope inclusive components would be added to the indoor playground and having sensory days/times would be great too (for those kiddos with special needs/sensitivity to loud noises/large groups of people..)	4/17/2025 1:02 PM
15	With no windows to the outside I feel like an indoor playground without natural light is not pleasant to spend time in	4/17/2025 7:24 AM
16	We do not have enough indoor playgrounds in the area. This would get better community use and appeal to a broader group than a basketball court.	4/17/2025 6:29 AM
17	I think for a growing community option B would be a more long lasting option for folks.	4/16/2025 8:50 PM
18	Climbing wall	4/16/2025 8:48 PM
19	It would be so helpful to have a space where older children can be for childcare	4/16/2025 10:57 AM
20	Older kids and teens need more spaces and I think Option B would be a fun space for that age along with its flexibility for multi purpose.	4/15/2025 10:15 AM
21	Would love to have more options for kids, we would come a lot more! I would anticipate lots of toddler use	4/14/2025 12:02 PM
22	Indoor playgrounds are great for playdates and they can be made for different age groups, with accessibility features.	4/13/2025 11:08 AM
23	Would really love an indoor playground option in Inver Grove Heights. There's just not really anything close to that here and we go instead to Bloomington, Shoreview, Woodbury, Eagan etc for those activities. We frequent the library and parks for playtime too but a dedicated indoor play space would be a blessing.	4/12/2025 8:26 PM
24	There's no point of a multipurpose room	4/12/2025 1:18 PM
25	every body very friendly also all teachers very good	4/12/2025 9:29 AM
26	If it's gets turned into a playground, it would be nice to have it open for a fee for non VMCC members.	4/12/2025 1:07 AM
27	The indoor play would require more staff and cleaning with the risk of infection if not maintained. Also free spaces are better for a community center Can use a multipurpose space for local girl scout meetings or youth play and events. Would get more use with some structure and the option of flexibility. It would be one of the two free spaces at the center (the other space being the outdoor playground which is under consruction)	4/11/2025 10:17 AM
28	An indoor playground is too limiting.	4/11/2025 6:52 AM
29	Rent out for Private events	4/10/2025 3:10 PM
30	Plymouth community center has a great indoor playground (KUBE)	4/10/2025 11:41 AM
31	Both options are feasible. The indoor playground would need to be cleaned and sanitized regularly and a supervised space. A multipurpose room should include space or equipment for tumbling, youth yoga and a basketball hoop that can be lowered for toddler play. I'd also like to see built in seating for adults and some accessibility component for folks who are differently abled. I also like the idea of a "free" space for youth at the VMCC. That is why I choose a multipurpose space.	4/10/2025 5:00 AM
32	Although we don't live in IGH, we like to come to the community center for classes that may not be available to us in SSP. If there were an indoor playground, we would definitely come!	4/9/2025 7:53 PM
33	Families need more things to do with their kids, especially in colder months and an indoor playground in the community would be AMAZING! Especially in a space that is so well run and maintained like vmcc	4/9/2025 10:06 AM
34	Indoor playground like the one shown is not as sanitary and hard for toddlers to use without parent going with them.	4/8/2025 2:20 PM
35	As a coach of the Simley Swim and Dive team it would be great to have a space attached to	4/8/2025 2:12 PM

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our practice facility and locker room that could be utilized for dry land training! I know other Simley as well as parks and recreation athletic programs would benefit from additional practice space as well

36	This would be a wonderful addition to the VMCC not only due to a play space for kids but additional party venues.	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
37	I hope the second table in the west rink lobby will reappear. I wish the figure skating club was more recognized and had designated space for storage and display. Other cities have their skaters trophies, photos, and news articles displayed, and i believe our skaters deserve to get a small space carved out next to an updated hockey wall.	4/8/2025 9:31 AM
38	The indoor playground would be a fantastic use of this space, especially with our winters!	4/8/2025 9:28 AM
39	We'd love to see a playground as an option for kids activity during winter months!	4/8/2025 6:29 AM
40	We have nothing in IGHs for are teens and young adults! The open gym has been taken over for seniors! There is nothing for youth in that regulay open gym any where! I have lived and raise my kids here and we lack a safe place for teens! Always have!	4/8/2025 6:27 AM
41	A lot of other communities have indoor playgrounds and they are great when the weather is cold and nasty for kids to blow off some steam I think it would be beneficial for igh as they have been really catering to seniors lately and they would be a way to give back for more younger families. I also hope the kids rock kids would get to use it as well it's another great feature to advertise for kids rock!	4/8/2025 6:13 AM
42	With 3 kids 5 years old and under, we would LOVE an indoor playground. It's frustrating to drive to Eagan or Woodbury to find one. Can admission to the playground be cheaper than a full day pass to the VMCC? Parents free if kids are paid for? I want access to something like this, but don't want to break the bank.	4/8/2025 12:05 AM
43	An indoor playground would be INCREDIBLE for the long cold winter months!! While driving to eagan or Woodbury for their indoor parks isn't bad, having one in our own city would be top tier!! -Mom of a soon to be 4 year old with lots of energy!!	4/7/2025 9:25 PM
44	I would like to see the age of the indoor playground extended to 11 or 12.	4/7/2025 7:50 PM
45	We need a good indoor park in our area!	4/7/2025 7:34 PM
46	I think the indoor playground would be a good opportunity for the kiddos to get their energy out during the cold winter months.	4/7/2025 7:10 PM
47	Would like to see more kid friendly recreations. Inver Grove Heights is still developing and so far it has been a great place for our family. I think if more kid friendly amenities are created, this can attract many more families to want to raise a family here.	4/7/2025 4:57 PM
48	Would be great for our home teams to use for pre-game warm-ups.	4/7/2025 3:31 PM
49	Gym rentals are always needed! Skills camps for basketball would be great!	4/7/2025 3:15 PM
50	Like a little training room, hockey equipment for off ice, etc	4/7/2025 2:32 PM
51	Not at this time	4/7/2025 7:59 AM
52	Participating in the survey as our daughter is a SpartaCat hockey player	4/7/2025 7:38 AM
53	I think the indoor play area would be a breeding ground for germs and spreading viruses.	4/6/2025 9:54 PM
54	Multipurpose room for basketball and other sports for small group lessons like lacrosse, baseball, soccer etc.	4/6/2025 7:26 PM
55	We were just at Eagan community center to play in their blast indoor playground. Would be great addition for inver grove to have an indoor playground space close to home.	4/6/2025 6:34 PM
56	Our kids are 10 and 12 and still ALWAYS ask to go to Eagles Nest indoor playground like this one up north suburbs. I wish Inver Grove had one!! Huge asset and is loved all year round for kids 2 - 13yrs! Covers a big age range and is a time for parents to relax and connect.	4/6/2025 5:29 PM
57	Yes please	4/6/2025 5:27 PM
58	The indoor playground in New Brighton is nicer than the one in Golden Valley. In my opinion. It's called Eagle's nest. I was really torn in my decision because older children, that can't	4/6/2025 5:11 PM

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afford to do all the extra curricular after school activities need something to do too. Doesn't VMCC have an indoor gym/basketball court?? If not, maybe that's something that could be looked into in the future.

59	Would absolutely come utilize this space especially in the winter and may tip the scales for us on deciding to join as a family. Would love a birthday package as currently I think my daughter is just too young to utilize the pool birthday areas	4/6/2025 4:31 PM
60	The multi purpose room would be amazing. That would leave more opportunity for basketball players without interrupting the pickleball players schedules.	4/6/2025 4:18 PM
61	We love the community center! Thanks for having such a neighborhood-friendly approach to these renovations!	4/6/2025 11:57 AM
62	Indoor playground would be a great addition to our IGH community for kids- there are many days that are too cold to play outside and this would be a great place in the community for kids to get their energy out. Additionally, other communities have similar spaces and it could be a great business opportunity as well (currently residents of IGH use indoor parks and pay per use in surrounding communities). Many of us would use one in IGH if it existed.	4/6/2025 10:57 AM
63	The city does a great job of catering to younger children. A half-court basketball court and multipurpose room would balance the investment toward the 10+ age children that live in the city.	4/6/2025 10:40 AM
64	Glad thr gymnastics program is no longer there	4/6/2025 8:30 AM
65	Dryland area for hockey	4/5/2025 3:47 PM
66	Option A playground should be adapted for all ages in order to maximize potential future revenue	4/5/2025 3:28 PM
67	I feel with the existing shortage of space for programmed exercise classes that the multi functional opt could be used more hours per week than a playground would be used. Playground would be great if we didn't have need for multi programs.	4/5/2025 2:14 PM
68	Thanks for asking for input	4/5/2025 1:17 PM
69	Indoor parks are nice but difficult to clean and maintain. There are already 2 gyms located in the building and the Hockey Association does not have dry land area.	4/5/2025 1:00 PM
70	Dryland facility for hockey!	4/5/2025 12:55 PM
71	As a resident of Inver Grove for 16 years, I would like to see the space as something for a growing youth sport.	4/5/2025 12:48 PM
72	It would be great if the multi purpose room could incorporate some hockey dryland along with the other great sports options.	4/5/2025 12:15 PM
73	I think the multipurpose room is a good idea as we have friends who have thought about going as VMCC members but have stayed at the YMCA because it has more open basketball times	4/5/2025 12:14 PM
74	I would like to see a Dryland training room that could be used for multiple sports.	4/5/2025 12:10 PM
75	Having a dryland, shooting area for the girls would be great for the girls and boys would be nice to have and area of our	4/5/2025 12:10 PM
76	IGHHA and Simley hockey programs would collaborate with the City to develop a space that would continue to make VMCC more marketable (especially in the off season)!	4/5/2025 10:40 AM
77	Every community center needs as indorse playground!	4/5/2025 10:37 AM
78	Youth and high school sports in IGH needs a dry land facility. Our MN weather is unpredictable and we need a better alternative for our kids	4/5/2025 9:59 AM
79	My husband is a coach for Simley Girls varsity hockey. A dryland facility would be an amazing addition, not only for hockey players, but could be utilized for other sports that use VM during their off seasons.	4/5/2025 7:42 AM
80	Simley's hockey program has been in dire need of a dryland facility since the Vets was built. This would be the perfect space to allow for off ice training. It could also be used by the figure	4/4/2025 10:00 PM

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skating program and swim team if needed. I think this would be a MASSIVE benefit to our IGHHA and highschool programs as well as other local sports. Thank you for your time.

81	Would be very nice especially for the swim team as we are not running on a wet deck	4/4/2025 6:42 PM
82	Dryland space for all the youth and high hockey teams.	4/4/2025 6:34 PM
83	We need spaces that older children will use. There are few open basketball court times in the area and we need more. There are plenty of indoor play areas around.	4/4/2025 10:00 AM
84	The indoor playground would be a great place to bring my daughter!	4/3/2025 10:13 PM
85	I don't see the playroom having greater use due to the fact that the adults have to bring and stay with the kids. Put an attendant on duty so parents have a babysitter freeing up time to do their errands.	4/3/2025 6:14 PM
86	I am really dreading needing to clean the playground!!! When it's winter, it may get messy and illnesses will be out in full force. I try keeping all handles clean while working and I can imagine trying to keep the playground clean and dusted. Dust builds up quick in the fitness center and I am always wiping down surfaces to maintain a level of cleanliness. There is no way I am going to be able to crawl through it to wipe stuff down! Love the idea though!!!!!!!!!!!! Either way will be a welcome change. May need another employee to keep it clean/supervise.	4/3/2025 4:42 PM
87	Option B gives you a lot more options for the space for all ages. You can always bring in mobile or blow-up playgrounds to entertain the youth. A fixed playground limits you to just the youth (8-under).	4/3/2025 4:24 PM
88	When my daughter was little, we used to take her to the indoor playground at the community center in Maple Grove. She always had a blast and it was a good option for playtime during the winter months.	4/3/2025 1:08 PM
89	During weekend Hockey season large family groups with children waiting for games to be over could use this play area instead of running the halls of the Grove, playing with vending machines etc. A small fee would help cover the cost of a staff member! Kids Rock could use on bad weather days.. Thank you. Carmen Tipler	4/3/2025 12:51 PM
90	Multipurpose would get more use. Our grandkids would use it alot and we would be playing basketball,etc. with them! It really opens up to children as they gym by the armory is almost never available for them to use to run and play.	4/3/2025 12:51 PM
91	Our grandkids would love the multi purpose room.	4/3/2025 12:30 PM
92	I believe that the multi-purpose room would serve more of the community.	4/3/2025 12:27 PM
93	This would be so so so amazing!!!	4/3/2025 9:58 AM
94	Eagan Community Center has an indoor playground that is very popular. They offer birthday party packages there. This could generate a lot of revenue and have a positive impact on the community, in multiple ways.	4/3/2025 8:24 AM
95	Very popular now in the business sector.	4/3/2025 7:32 AM
96	Could it be kept at a low cost for visitors without a VCMM membership?	4/2/2025 9:15 PM
97	PLEASE INDIOR PLAYGROUND	4/2/2025 8:39 PM
98	I believe an indoor playground will attract new members to the VMCC and birthday/party reservations. This will increase VMCC's revenue which benefits all members.	4/2/2025 7:25 PM
99	There are not many options for indoor playgrounds In the area it would be nice to have a place for kids to play in all weather hot/cold/rain/snow	4/2/2025 7:19 PM
100	No	4/2/2025 7:19 PM
101	There seems to be a growing population of families with younger kids. We love all the outdoor park renovations but having an indoor play space option would be amazing! There are already other spaces in the city with basketball courts, space for fitness classes, etc. An indoor playground would bring in revenue from families in neighboring cities as well.	4/2/2025 7:12 PM
102	A multipurpose room is appealing to a wider age range and for many more activities.	4/2/2025 5:19 PM
103	Love shouting baskets. It would be nice to have hours set aside just for shouting basketball.	4/2/2025 3:46 PM

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104	This is in the Grove needed for a long time. We take the grandkids to Eagan or Woodberry or Oakdale on a regular basis when the weather outside is not so good.	4/2/2025 3:21 PM
105	Every city around IGH have an indoor park facility of some sort. Children from IGH families need to travel outside of the city to be able to play during cold season. We need to space to be creative and have fun with their peers	4/2/2025 2:59 PM
106	Put in some workout gear and have the room open during the day for drop in/self workouts. TRX devices, ropes, etc.	4/2/2025 9:51 AM
107	We have a gym. We don't have an indoor playground. Easy choice.	4/1/2025 11:51 PM
108	Looks good!	4/1/2025 8:17 PM
109	Basketball court please	4/1/2025 7:55 PM
110	There are no nearby options for indoor play for young children. I feel this would attract alot of young families to VMCC.	4/1/2025 7:34 PM
111	Your basketball is never open. Atleast this way people can actually play basketball.	4/1/2025 7:29 PM
112	I love the idea of an indoor playground but I think a multipurpose space makes more sense to serve more people. We have a 5 year old and would use both. Somewhere we can go and run around or throw a ball would be huge. The indoor playground only works until kids are a certain age but a multi purpose space could be used by the adults and kids in a family to be active together. Have racks of balls on the side. Maybe some climbing equipment on the walls and some wall based play equipment so there can still be some installed play but also just a big open space. Padded walls and maybe some large floor padding similar to gymnastics gyms could be cool too. Thanks for reading!	4/1/2025 5:49 PM
113	I would love to have somewhere close to home to bring my nephew, and my own children in the future. Indoor playgrounds are a blessing kids in Minnesota who have to deal with intensely hot summers and freezing cold winter	4/1/2025 5:14 PM
114	I think B allows the most flexibility. It could also be used for BD parties for older children. Great place to shoot hoops, which is sorely lacking.	4/1/2025 3:44 PM
115	We are past members of the VMCC. One obstacle to becoming members again is the lack of open gym basketball courts. If there was more space for basketball we would likely become members again	4/1/2025 3:16 PM
116	This would be wonderful to have an indoor playground in Inver Grove	4/1/2025 2:55 PM
117	Many more families that live nearby would become members if this were a child-friendly attraction.	4/1/2025 2:07 PM
118	Having a permanent space for the bikes for spin class would be nice.	4/1/2025 2:05 PM
119	Please please make this an indoor playground! I have to drive far in order to take my son to an indoor play place and we'd be so happy to bring guests and support this new endeavor.	4/1/2025 2:03 PM
120	This would keep us as consistent members! We find there isn't a ton of options besides swimming for all of the kids to enjoy with us and this would be great. We would love more open gym time to burn off energy when the weather is bad.	4/1/2025 1:53 PM
121	I really think that option B allows for more use of the space by the entire community - given that IGH has a large number of households who do not have children in school - so if you are investing community resources, I think the goal should be to serve a wide variety of community members, not just families with young children. An indoor playground would mostly serve families with young children and not provide any space for youth and teens.	4/1/2025 1:52 PM
122	An indoor playground would be a fabulous addition to the community center!!	4/1/2025 1:51 PM
123	Not against play area however multi purpose allows for more year round usage by a larger potential number of people.	4/1/2025 1:50 PM
124	Multi purpose room offers the most variety of use for everyone from toddlers to seniors	4/1/2025 1:49 PM
125	There aren't a lot of indoor playground options and this would be a great option for parents in the community during cold months and wet days in the summer. The armory works as an all-	4/1/2025 8:53 AM

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purpose room.

126	I think it would be great to have an indoor space for kids in the winter. We already have exercise rooms, classrooms, and the gym next door.	4/1/2025 7:38 AM
127	I've been looking for a good, nearby, indoor playground for the colder months and I would love to see this come to fruition!	3/31/2025 7:47 PM
128	I fear with the massive cuts by Trump to eliminate environmental protection on all fronts (air, land, water), that our children will no longer be able to enjoy outdoor parks as they once did due to temperature increases, acid rain, and air quality. Children will need an indoor park.	3/31/2025 6:18 PM
129	The indoor playground is a fun idea. But the blast in Eagan is very close and meets that community need	3/31/2025 4:34 PM
130	There is no close indoor playground, parents (especially stay at home parents and ones with multiple kids) need something and could really benefit from an indoor playground	3/31/2025 3:29 PM
131	Target audience (10 and under) is too small to justify the indoor playground. Potential users of multi purpose room is much larger and provides many more options for usage.	3/31/2025 1:51 PM
132	I wouldn't love bringing my kids there because there's no windows and there are multiple indoor playgrounds within 10 Mi of Inver Grove so I don't think it's necessary	3/31/2025 10:00 AM
133	Like to see it support the hockey team as a dry land facility	3/31/2025 9:20 AM
134	Indoor dryland area for hockey. It would be an awesome asset that would be used by the IGH Hockey association and the Spartan HS boys/girls hockey! In the spring/summer months could be used by baseball etc.	3/31/2025 9:02 AM
135	This would be a great facility space for ALL youth and high school programs to use as a dryland facility training. A lot of other cities have this and IGH is lacking for this type of space for their athletes. Plus No one wants to sit in an indoor playground with no windows or visibility to see outside, if you look around the competing cities with indoor playgrounds this proposal with no windows would be my last choice to bring kids/grandkids.	3/31/2025 7:41 AM
136	The Vets Center has been lacking a purposeful and functional space for off-ice and off-turf training for years. Renovating this space into such seems to be the right fit. I believe this space has been used for community activities in the past with very little interest and use. Between the soccer, lacrosse and hockey youth associations (to name a few) along with the corresponding highschool programs, this space can be used purposefully and be paid for many times over. To remain without a proper training area in Vets Center would be a disservice to the athletic associations that call the Vets home. It's been proven that extra agility, calisthenics, and, specifically to hockey, off-ice shooting/stick handling is the athletic standard in this current sports world. In terms of use and possible income sources, Doog Woog Arena already finds itself attracting outside sources to pay for and use the dryland training facility on a daily basis. This is similar to Eagan Ice Arena's facility as well as many other surrounding city's.	3/31/2025 6:42 AM
137	Space is set up to fail for and indoor gameroom should be build up to incorporate as much youth training as possible. We are way behind all our neighbor and peer communities with opportunities to develop our youth in sports- this our very below performance on below level athletics. Support our youth associations locally so we do not have to rent space in competitors facilities- make us a destination not a flyover	3/30/2025 10:31 PM
138	I have been a coach for 14 years both with the association and the high school program for both boys and girls teams. We need to invest in the programs that the Grove supports if we don't do this now we may not have any community hockey programs in 3 or 4 years. Yes you can sellout to other communities like you did with the West rink.	3/30/2025 10:25 PM
139	This is an amazing opportunity for older youth to go to a safe place to work on athletics and be with friends and family.	3/30/2025 7:31 PM
140	It would be of great benefit to the community for the space to be available for youth sports in the community and double as a place for Simley high School Athletes to use for conditioning and indoor practice	3/30/2025 6:49 PM
141	It really doesn't matter what you use this room for nobody will ever use it. Even if hockey says they will they won't. Change it to another party room.	3/30/2025 5:43 PM
142	Rental space for youth and high school off season training.	3/30/2025 5:22 PM

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143	Multipurpose room for dry land. Batting cage and skating treadmill stick handling. Baseball softball and hockey would all rent out.	3/30/2025 5:11 PM
144	This type of facility is desperately needed by all of our hockey teams who pay full price year round for ice time.	3/30/2025 4:48 PM
145	Visiting indoor playground in neighboring cities they are always busy...	3/30/2025 4:38 PM
146	The need for an off ice training area for the youth and high school program is imperative for the advancement of the program as a whole. We have fallen behind most associations, cities, and high schools with the lack of a training area.	3/30/2025 4:37 PM
147	Add multi sport dryland equipment. Baseball/softball, hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, etc.	3/30/2025 4:34 PM
148	There needs to be more indoor options for families with young children to visit. Between schools in the city and the work out spaces already provided at the community center those can be utilized for additional work out/athletic options.	3/30/2025 4:27 PM
149	Used exclusively for igh kids / programs that's igh is coop with. If another community wants to use the facility charge them by the hour.	3/30/2025 4:25 PM
150	VMCC needs to pay attention to the needs of our community sports teams.	3/30/2025 4:17 PM
151	Multipurpose seems to make more sense.	3/30/2025 4:13 PM
152	Thank you!!	3/29/2025 9:32 PM
153	Buy a Lu!	3/29/2025 2:04 PM
154	Especially with so many months of winter, our kids would love this fun safe place to come get out some energy! I was on the fence of if we were going to be able to afford a membership for next year, but I would definitely allocate the funds for it if there was an indoor playground like this	3/29/2025 12:14 PM
155	We'd love an indoor playground in this area!!!	3/29/2025 10:25 AM
156	Multiple ages could utilize this space. ECFE has multiple opportunities for young kids to play + the pool already. Besides indoor playgrounds are breeding ground for the norivirus!	3/28/2025 7:02 PM
157	No	3/28/2025 2:02 PM
158	Dryland area would be great to have for youth hockey players	3/28/2025 12:36 PM
159	this space would be great for the hockey program also could put up some nets for indoor batting cages	3/28/2025 11:49 AM
160	From youth, high school, and senior league players and spectators either visiting or a second home being the vmcc. I would utilized the space for training and development for the hockey program.	3/28/2025 11:22 AM
161	Hockey puck shooting	3/28/2025 11:00 AM
162	Dryland hockey training is something that has been missing from youth through high school. Most programs have such a space which is essential for developing stick handling and shooting skills. It would require very little investment to be included in the space.	3/28/2025 10:52 AM
163	Thank you for allowing feedback from residents.	3/28/2025 10:46 AM
164	Dryland for hockey development.	3/28/2025 10:27 AM
165	The lack of gym time available is a huge downfall. They offer many hours of pickleball and then a 1-2 hour time a lot for the gym. Open gym hours should not be during school hours. That is when pickle ball should be to accommodate the age groups.	3/28/2025 7:36 AM
166	Dry land facility	3/28/2025 7:33 AM
167	Top high school hockey teams across Minnesota have top of the line training facilities to encourage growth & keeping the team competitive in today's hockey leagues. Our high school team has been told they can't practice dryland puck handling while at the grove. Additionally, our swim team has been met with disdain by employees at the grove when they attempt to conduct practices (even though the swimming pool was originally built in collaboration with the	3/28/2025 7:23 AM

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high school but current employees appear to have forgotten or weren't around when this was done). Our community is only as good as it can be when everyone comes together in support of each other. We should use this space to offer an alternate training room for ALL sports teams to rent for dryland practice... high school hockey (boys & girls), association hockey (boys & girls), boys swim, girls swim, etc. If you want to increase revenue for the city of IGH, having a top of the line athletic program is a desirable attribute for a city and/or community. With top of the line comes community support & offerings towards these sport programs. We need to grow together to be stronger together.

168	There should be a space for kids to do dryland considering there are 2 rinks and no place for them to "stick handle"	3/27/2025 9:57 PM
169	We desperately need a shooting and stick handling area for our hockey teams. It should be open to all ages at all times during rink hours. Easy access, not locked, no big restrictions. Easy sign up sheet or whatever. Simley HS boys/girls get priority on game days	3/27/2025 9:20 PM
170	Add a shooting lane/dryland training area to complement the ice rinks.	3/27/2025 8:57 PM
171	Think about the big picture indoor playground only small demographic of the users. Indoor playground is generally for kids 8 and under. As a multi sport family using this room will not be an option if the indoor playground becomes the option.	3/27/2025 8:42 PM
172	Simley hockey needs a dryland shooting area. Basketball court with it would be nice.	3/27/2025 8:41 PM
173	Would be nice to have a space for dryland hockey training, maybe other youth sports could utilize an indoor space. Youth oriented workout space, ladder drills/pull up bars/jump rope Inver Grove doesn't have a hockey dryland space	3/27/2025 8:23 PM
174	I am currently a high school hockey player, other high school teams have a dryland area for their team to train outside of the rink and we are the only team that does not have the opportunity to do so.	3/27/2025 8:17 PM
175	Cages for hockey shooting lanes	3/27/2025 8:13 PM
176	This would benefit kids as young as 5 years old to high school athletes, as long as the cost was not too expensive.	3/27/2025 7:20 PM
177	I might not be a resident, but I grew up in IGH and only moved to SSP to buy an affordable house. My son play hockey for the Simley Spartans. They desperately need a place to do dryland training. The hockey association would also utilize the space for dryland training. It's essential part of hockey. There is nowhere for them to do stick handling drills off ice and if they try, they get yelled at. A whole lot of hockey families helped build this facility. If we don't start treating the hockey association and the high school team better, the facility will end up with out hockey and lose a crap ton of money. It's already hard to get kids playing due to cost, if they have to continuously fight for space to improve the programs parents will register their kids elsewhere.	3/27/2025 7:08 PM
178	I think if we had the multi purpose room it would be more efficient and would be used by all ages and a play ground would be like just for little kids. Also if we had the multi purpose room it would be good for sports and it would make up stronger!!	3/27/2025 6:09 PM
179	Brighten it up! It's the bright sides room!	3/27/2025 6:09 PM
180	All of our hockey teams have a lot of potential but don't have a place to practice dryland as a team. I think this would make the perfect dryland room for hockey	3/27/2025 5:59 PM
181	Every city offers some sort of dryland, could be multi sport space. The community could benefit from this for many age groups (ie. more kids would be at appropriate age to use)	3/27/2025 5:55 PM
182	Would like to see a space that is available to use for dry land use for the hockey teams	3/27/2025 5:55 PM
183	This would really be a great builder to the community and its center	3/27/2025 5:44 PM
184	Would be a great use of space for hockey dryland, batting cages, and a training facility to be utilized by sporting teams or individuals.	3/27/2025 5:43 PM
185	A multi purpose room or hockey shoot-around area would be ideal	3/27/2025 5:37 PM
186	Adding Dryland training like a hockey puck shooting area, skating treadmill or a indoor batting cage tunnel and other similar things would be great for the community	3/27/2025 5:24 PM

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187	This would be a great space for a dryland training area for the Simley hockey teams and IGH hockey association.	3/27/2025 5:19 PM
188	I'd be interested in renting the area.	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
189	Use this for hockey they need to become better	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
190	We need a dryland shooting room it's not even an option.	3/27/2025 5:18 PM
191	Most communities have an indoor dryland, stickhandling, shooting area available to teams. With both the Simley hockey teams and the Inver Grove Heights hockey associations based out of the VMCC this is something much needed! There really is no place off ice that this can happen.	3/27/2025 5:12 PM
192	I'd like to see this space utilized, by the hockey association/ a hockey training company, I feel that it will benefit the arena users, as well as your big tenant.	3/27/2025 5:04 PM
193	My husband has been a coach for IGH for 8 years (baseball, basketball, football). We have a 6th and 3rd grader (and pre-k)... being so involved with sports and talking to parents....so many of these "older" kids are seeking ways to hang out and play basketball or other sports. Winters are tough on these kids. I would love to see more focus put into our older youth (I have many places I can bring my pre-k). One of the biggest reasons we haven't committed to the Grove yet, is because of the limited options for my oldest. We are torn between going there or Eagan.	3/27/2025 4:32 PM
194	An indoor hockey dryland area would benefit the IGH hockey association and the high school teams. Other sports teams would also be able to use the strength training parts.	3/27/2025 4:11 PM
195	IGH needs a dryland room for all the hockey programs.	3/27/2025 4:03 PM
196	Could still host indoor open play time, use for dry land for youth and high school players, use for programming/camps!	3/27/2025 2:19 PM
197	A place to shoot pucks, stick handle and skating treadmill.	3/27/2025 2:03 PM
198	Give it to the hockey side for dryland shooting.	3/27/2025 1:39 PM
199	It would be a great place for kids to practice sports...hockey, lacrosse, golf, tennis, baseball....	3/27/2025 1:37 PM
200	While both are good options and my children are now older and wouldn't be able to use option A, this would have been something I would have loved in town when they were little. Instead I would take them to other indoor play areas in other cities.	3/27/2025 1:36 PM
201	The multi-purpose option would be great opportunity for our youth sports (hockey association, Varsity Hockey, baseball association, etc.) to utilize.	3/27/2025 1:27 PM
202	Allow Youth sports teams to use this space for conditioning and training.	3/27/2025 1:23 PM
203	We don't have any indoor areas for baseball. It would be great to see that!	3/27/2025 1:19 PM
204	It would be a great dryland area for sports.	3/27/2025 12:35 PM
205	This is a feature in almost every rink in the state of MN.	3/27/2025 12:29 PM
206	There are many other spaces at the Grive that kids over 10 can use.	3/25/2025 3:09 PM
207	Indoor playground to enjoy during the winter time.	3/23/2025 6:01 PM
208	Multi-purpose room available for more age group as well as purposes	3/23/2025 3:15 PM
209	But I would also love more open pickleball times.	3/23/2025 1:19 PM
210	love this idea!!!	3/21/2025 2:39 PM
211	The guard gym already functions as a multi-purpose room	3/20/2025 6:35 PM
212	Currently need to travel to Eagan and Woodbury for indoor playground access on winter / rainy days. Would be convenient to have these amenities available in the IGH community.	3/19/2025 6:30 PM
213	If not a playground, maybe batting cages?	3/19/2025 3:50 PM
214	Where would all the Fall & winter preschool classes move to if there is no space in the Brightside room?	3/19/2025 12:21 PM

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215	Having an indoor playground could increase usage of a membership for the facility.	3/18/2025 10:39 AM
216	I would like to have a bungee fitness class offered. It would need the beams available to connect the bungee cords. Also I would like to have a "shake plate" available for people to use.	3/18/2025 10:25 AM
217	A multi purpose room that could be used for other classes (specialty classes and cycling for example) Needs to be painted a cheerful color too.	3/18/2025 10:18 AM
218	Please renovate the basketball gym. It desperately needs additional baskets that are adjustable for all ages. Also increase the amount of open gym hours for basketball	3/17/2025 6:44 PM
219	It makes sense to have an indoor playground in Minnesota	3/17/2025 11:14 AM
220	I'd love to see a well appointed Toddler area of the park. This would be really great for VMCC members and other community members with little ones at home during the colder months.	3/16/2025 9:39 PM
221	An indoor playground would be an amazing addition! It would give more options on rainy or cold days	3/16/2025 5:55 PM
222	The reason I chose the playground is because there is already a basketball court, which is rarely actually used for basketball. I would appreciate if there were more hours to use the court, as the current ones are very inconvenient and limited for anyone who uses them. It is also being overtaken by pickleball or meetings most times, and I personally believe it should be used for its intended purpose. Now I do understand that it isn't fully owned by the center itself, but it isn't being used for its full potential.	3/16/2025 4:44 PM
223	We currently have to drive and support other city's indoor play parks. Would be nice to have one in our community!!	3/16/2025 4:33 PM
224	Dryland room for shooting,	3/16/2025 3:35 PM
225	Dry land facility for hockey / baseball to rent	3/16/2025 3:12 PM
226	The hockey community in IGH has lacked a space for off ice training that all other communities have for their youth and HS hockey programs. This space would be perfect for that.	3/16/2025 1:14 PM
227	Indoor playgrounds can be very dark without adequate lighting. Makes it hard to see the kids as an observing parent. Plan to improve lighting please.	3/15/2025 10:44 AM
228	There are already multiple purpose gyms there. If there was an indoor park area too, it would be more competitive and comparative to Edinborough with the existing pool amenities. IGH is a family friendly city and this is exactly what they need. I grew up there and only moved to SSP when housing market was tough.	3/15/2025 8:51 AM
229	I thought there was already a multi purpose room up at Vets? Either way, I think the indoor playground would be used much more frequently and bring additional cash flow to the community (if you charge to use it). Many of our surrounding communities have indoor playgrounds (Eagan, Woodbury, Bloomington). So it would be really great to have something local for our citizens to use instead of having to drive and use another cities amenities.	3/15/2025 8:42 AM
230	Play can happen in lots of ways! A more flexible space is SMART	3/14/2025 7:54 PM
231	We already have enough indoor playgrounds in the area. We need a dryland room for off ice hockey training and lacrosse training (or other turf sports)	3/14/2025 6:36 PM
232	We still have the gymnasium for other sports activities, right? Then go for the revenue generating playground.	3/14/2025 2:07 PM
233	Do it for the kids. The disadvantage of Minnesota is that it is cold for half of the year, limiting outside play. The IGH community has to travel to other cities and pay to play in their gyms (Eagan).	3/14/2025 7:29 AM
234	Would consider membership if made into indoor playground space	3/14/2025 6:51 AM
235	Parking is already a huge pain, so I imagine the indoor playground will draw more people in the winter. The lot is already over capacity with Grove members, hockey parents/players, and other community events. We need a larger lot before we even consider adding anything that would draw more people. A multi purpose room would also draw more vehicles, but not as many as the playground.	3/13/2025 9:22 PM

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236	Indoor Playground or another option for members under the age of 12 to enjoy.	3/13/2025 7:51 PM
237	Have indoor playground good for kids through 5th grade minimum for activity interest	3/13/2025 7:07 PM
238	An indoor playroom would be amazing for the kids to be able to play during the winter and even on a really hot day	3/13/2025 6:55 PM
239	Indoor playground would be amazing and would further justify our monthly fees for VMCC membership!	3/13/2025 6:42 PM
240	If the room was converted to a playground, where would childrens programming be held? Would it be moved into a conference room? That works for some stuff, but youth soccer in the conference room wasn't great.	3/13/2025 6:34 PM
241	I would like a big indoor playground for the residents	3/13/2025 6:17 PM
242	Seriously had NO idea the room existed & I've been a member since day 1. Option B seems to me more intergenerational and multi-purposeful. With possible floor lines for a pickleball court or 2 fit in this space? in addition to a Basketball hoop? hitting cage(s) with nets drop down from the ceiling. Definitely a fresh coat of paint would go a long way for this space also.	3/13/2025 1:59 PM
243	Add silks for yoga or ariel classes. High ceiling can allow other circus apparatuses for classes. Bring in younger class options! Too many classes for boomer aged classes and no good classes for pre teen, teen & adults	3/13/2025 1:55 PM
244	The Grove is and always has been too expensive and I spend my money elsewhere to stay fit.	3/13/2025 12:02 PM
245	I would rather see a place for the teenagers to have a place to hang out. Where they can clay games, study, dance etc.	3/13/2025 11:55 AM
246	We travel throughout the metro to use indoor playgrounds and would love another option on this side of town!	3/13/2025 11:53 AM
247	We need a indoor play area in this facility. This is a great idea. I think memberships would go up also.	3/13/2025 11:31 AM
248	I'd like to see the room as and indoor playground, as that is lacking at our area. But would like to ensure youth fitness (like soccer shots and amazing athletes) would still have another room to use in the building.	3/13/2025 11:05 AM
249	Great revenue builder!	3/13/2025 10:11 AM
250	The community center needs a place for preteens to go and also we need something for dry land activities or other sports.	3/13/2025 8:57 AM
251	I teach ECFE 0-5 at the Early Learning Center here in Inver Grove and would love to see an indoor playground! It gets cold in MN. Nice to have another option.	3/13/2025 8:02 AM
252	.no	3/12/2025 10:39 PM
253	The Vmcc needs a multi use area!	3/12/2025 10:24 PM
254	But please let this be open to the public without your typical exhorbitant fees.	3/12/2025 10:02 PM
255	The indoor playground would be such an awesome space for kids, we would love to see one be added to IGH!!	3/12/2025 9:14 PM
256	Myself and other stay at home parents are always traveling to other cities to utilize spaces that they have designated for open recreation time. It would be so awesome if vets would consider a day to make the gym available for (pay as you come) open gym for toddlers.	3/12/2025 8:16 PM
257	An indoor play ground would be ideal for families, but I wonder if you could add space for older children to shoot baskets or kick a soccer ball around.	3/12/2025 7:30 PM
258	Indoor playground would be a great addition to the area, and a great option for kids of any age.	3/12/2025 6:34 PM
259	We would LOVE to have an indoor playground closer to home	3/12/2025 5:15 PM
260	My children would have loved a place like this to play near home.	3/12/2025 4:59 PM
261	The cycling classed used to be in that room. It was much better to have the classes there because the current room in the second floor feels cramped and not a lot of air circulation	3/12/2025 3:57 PM

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262	You've lost many pickleball players with your recent schedule changes Numbers are down significantly.	3/12/2025 3:43 PM
263	Would love a space for younger children to be able to play during the whole year! Being in IGH would definitely be convenient!	3/12/2025 3:14 PM
264	There are many rooms that can be used by parks and rec. The playground would be fabulous for children and families.	3/12/2025 2:58 PM
265	An indoor playground would be so amazing and needed!	3/12/2025 2:48 PM
266	Make a section of the indoor playground for kids ages 3 and under.	3/12/2025 2:43 PM
267	The gym is not available very often to be able to play basketball. This would be a good addition to people that work and would like to use this in the late afternoon/early evening.	3/12/2025 2:40 PM
268	The Grove really needs the space for fitness programming.	3/12/2025 2:21 PM
269	I am a Parent Educator in ISD199's Early Learning Program, and the parents that attend our classes are ALWAYS talking about the various indoor playgrounds they go to in neighboring communities. They would love to have one here in IGH!	3/12/2025 2:17 PM
270	I think an indoor playground would be a great idea! I do want to make a suggestion that the equipment be advertised for a larger age group (0-13) as a lot of 11-12 year olds still appreciate playgrounds. Also, I want to say lots of local parents will appreciate the indoor option for winter birthdays!	3/12/2025 1:16 PM
271	I trust the judgement of the decision makers for this renovation project. I am more likely to use the multi-purpose room (since I have no young children), but I will prolly use the multi-purpose room (Option B) only minimally. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.	3/12/2025 1:08 PM
272	Dryland for hockey would be ideal! Updating the lobby would be awesome. There is nowhere to be/sit before, during, or after games. No where to eat. Kids run around like crazy as it is, so I get the playground idea, but who is policing it? Just another option for parents to not watch their kids. Walking track around the rink would be fantastic.	3/12/2025 11:21 AM
273	A really nice toddler area would be good. Most indoor playgrounds are focused on older children. Party room that can be nearby for the party package. Great info and images! Keep up the good work!	3/11/2025 9:13 PM
274	I like the indoor playground, however, Good Times Park is close by and does this well already. Option B is more versatile and could even hold large meetings. This space could also be used for Kids Rock over the summertime as my son attends and would love more time playing basketball!	3/11/2025 8:36 PM
275	We have a membership at the Eagan Good Times Park and would love to have one even closer to home.	3/11/2025 7:49 PM
276	I would use it more as a space for sports, but would have loved an indoor playground when my kids were younger.	3/11/2025 7:48 PM
277	We need more indoor play opportunities for toddlers at an affordable price.	3/11/2025 6:30 PM
278	We need a space for teens and youth who can't go into the gym but are too old for the water park!! Option 2 is a better option in my eyes.	3/11/2025 6:01 PM
279	I feel the current membership rates are steep relative to what is included. Please consider a climbing wall, or other multi-purpose open space, to be available for members-only, or others (for a fee).	3/11/2025 5:48 PM
280	As much as I would like an indoor playground for our children/grandchildren, a flex space would serve more people.	3/11/2025 5:20 PM
281	A multi purpose room for dry land would be amazing. Hockey stick handling. Skating treadmill batting cage. We have associations that would rent space for baseball hockey softball and lacrosse as just a few from more than 1 city	3/11/2025 4:47 PM
282	I am at the VMCC 5 days a week and would appreciate to see the Brightside room as a fitness or training room.	3/11/2025 2:19 PM
283	A climbing wall would be great. Indoor pickleball would be great as well.	3/11/2025 1:55 PM

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284	I believe we need an indoor playground space for the children in our community.	3/11/2025 1:33 PM
285	This would be an incredible resource to have in IGH! Please please please go the indoor playground route!!	3/11/2025 1:06 PM
286	I would love a local indoor playground, inver grove doesn't have one yet.	3/11/2025 11:32 AM
287	Not at this time.	3/11/2025 7:51 AM
288	A multi-purpose room offers far greater flexibility and utility than an indoor playground, making it a more advantageous choice. It can be adapted for a wide range of activities such as meetings, fitness classes, community events, and creative workshops, catering to diverse interests and age groups. This versatility ensures that the space is consistently usable and valuable to a larger segment of the community. Moreover, a multi-purpose room can easily be reconfigured and repurposed, optimizing the use of resources and maximizing return on investment. In contrast, an indoor playground is limited to play and entertainment, primarily serving children and not accommodating the varied needs of the entire community.	3/10/2025 10:46 PM
289	This space would be ideal for training and other purposes, leveraging its position between the fitness and rink areas. I think an indoor playground would be too chaotic in that location.	3/10/2025 10:17 PM
290	Option A: It would be nice if it could be designed for up to 12 age range. Option B: It would be great if there was open gym times here with random sports equipment.	3/10/2025 9:44 PM
291	There is currently very little for indoor activities for young children age 10 and under in Inver Grove Heights and what is close (Eagan) is often full on school release days, weekends and during the winter months when it can be too cold for littles to burn off energy safely outside.	3/10/2025 9:31 PM
292	Activities for adults like volleyball, handball, soccer ball. Different activities on certain nights.	3/10/2025 8:02 PM
293	Half court basketball 🏀 in the multi purpose room. There is rarely "open gym" @ VMCC. Kids from aged11-17 need a place to hang & that room would be great for them.	3/10/2025 6:09 PM
294	Inver Grove needs a space for the kids to be able to go during the winter. This would be so amazing to have an indoor playground right in our backyard!	3/10/2025 6:08 PM
295	As a parent with a young child the playground would be really awesome. I wish there was more open basketball time in the current gym because then I feel like a half court gym would not be as needed.	3/10/2025 5:50 PM
296	Half basketball court would be a great addition for youth/teens	3/10/2025 5:48 PM
297	Both wonderful ideas for the space. A climbing wall addition would be awesome, too! :) Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.	3/10/2025 5:32 PM
298	It would be really nice to have a indoor playground in inver Grove vs having to go to Eagan or woodbury	3/10/2025 4:19 PM
299	It would be nice if the indoor playground could be designed for children in the 10-12 year old age range as well.	3/10/2025 4:16 PM
300	Weekday classes are outgrowing current fitness studio space. having more fitness ready space could possibly help with offering more classes	3/10/2025 4:14 PM
301	Yes! Indoor play would be wonderful addition for the City.	3/10/2025 4:04 PM
302	In the multi-purpose option, you might consider working with Inver Grove Heights Hockey Association for setup and rental as a dryland space. The room seems like it would be a good fit for something like that (shooting and turf). You have a gym already on the other end, which could presumably be used for basketball.	3/10/2025 3:41 PM
303	Great for families with little ones who need a place to expel energy in the winter or on rainy days. Great for birthday parties too.	3/10/2025 3:38 PM
304	It would be great to have a space for figure skaters and hockey players to warm up before games and events. The multipurpose space would possibly allow for this.	3/10/2025 3:35 PM
305	No close city indoor playground at nearby town (ssp, wsp, cg, Woodbury)	3/10/2025 3:30 PM
306	I like the idea of potential revenue while also adding an indoor space for winter play for my kids.	3/10/2025 3:29 PM

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307	Indoor playground would be more useful as long as they extend open gym hours for basketball. No need to build another court when we already have one. There is also the opportunity for additional revenue for all the hockey parents and siblings to purchase a day pass for the playground	3/10/2025 3:27 PM
308	Perfect place for a golf simulator. Parents dropping their kids off will stay and play a round of golf	3/10/2025 3:22 PM



Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **2025 Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Work Plan Updates**

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Joint Work Session with City Council

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ACTION REQUESTED

The Council and Commission are asked to receive updates and discuss the status of several key items from the 2025 PRAC Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

City staff and members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) will provide high-level updates on several key initiatives from the 2025 PRAC Work Plan. The selected topics for discussion include:

- Acquisition and development of a new park in the Northwest Area
- Master planning for the southwest corner of Rich Valley Park
- Planning for the final phase of development at Heritage Village Park

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Council with an overview of these topics and to seek early input from the Council to help guide planning efforts before any formal recommendations are brought forward for approval. This feedback will help ensure alignment with broader City priorities as these projects advance.

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None