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Text

**Title**

North Mesa Shared-Use Gymnasium Project Planning/Pre-Design Phase Presentation & Request for Board Input and Recommendations

**Recommended Action**

**I move that the Board recommend County Council consider Site \_\_\_\_\_ (A, B, or C) for development of the Shared-Use Gymnasium at the North Mesa Middle School Campus.**

**I further move that the Board recommend County Council consider the \_\_\_\_\_ (small, medium, or large) facility program size, associated budget needs and advance the project to the design phase.**

**OR**

**I move the Board wait for additional public comment expected to close end of June 2022 prior to considering motions for recommendations for the North Mesa Shared-Use Gymnasium project.**

**Body**

Previously, the County engaged the community to evaluate the need for indoor recreational facilities and gymnasium space with results presented to County Council on November 29, 2016.

Subsequently, concepts for a Multi-purpose Activity Center (MAC Gym) were developed and a recreation bond measure election was held in May 2017, which did not pass.

Discussions continued between the County and the Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS) for a shared-use gymnasium to try to address school and community needs that were identified in 2016 as part of the recreation bond effort. On December 17, 2019, County Council adopted the 2020 State Legislative Agenda and approved the FY2021-2025 State Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) that included the shared-use gymnasium project. Following inclusion of the project on the ICIP list, the County received a \$350,000 State Legislative Capital Outlay grant for planning and design services for the project.

Fundamentally, the project proposes to develop a shared-use gymnasium located at the Los Alamos Middle School that will support County recreation programs and allow Los Alamos Public Schools' programmatic use during school hours.

At the February 28, 2022, Joint Session between the Los Alamos School Board and the Los Alamos County Council, the School Board and Council were presented several possible site locations for consideration. As a result, Council directed staff to evaluate three specific sites at the Middle School campus for the proposed facility and approved hiring FBT Architects to provide planning and design services for the project.

A Stakeholder group was formed consisting of the design team and representatives from Los Alamos Public Schools and the County to work on the School Board and Council directive. The group began evaluating the three sites identified by Council and the School Board and developed a range of programs for facility sizes and budgets. A public meeting was held on June 1, 2022, to inform the public of planning work completed and seek input on the options for site locations, facility sizes and associated costs.

The Stakeholder group wishes to update the Parks and Recreation Board of work completed to date on the Planning/Pre-Design Phase of the project, report on public input received to date, and seek input and recommendations from the Board on the options for site location, program for facility sizes and associated costs and budget needs.

A survey is under development for the public to provide their views on the project and offer their opinion on the sites and program sizes under consideration. The survey will be open through June 24, 2022.

#### **Attachments**

A - North Mesa PRB Presentation