

Questions received and City Response
to the

Request for Information #19-161

Partnership Agreement with Iowa City Parks and Recreation for Complimentary social, recreational, or educational services with 1,887 square feet of the Robert A. Lee Recreation Center

1. What will the monthly rent cost for the space be?

Answer: To be negotiated.

2. What is the anticipated utility cost for the space?

Answer: To be negotiated. Presently the utility costs for gas and electric are about 11 cents per SF for the facility; the 1,887 SF area the gas and electric would calculate out to \$208. This does not include water, refuse/recycling costs.

3. Do all or a certain percentage of programs offered in the space need to be free of charge, or can the organization charge for some programs such as workshops?

Answer: There is not a requirement that the programs be free.

4. What's the city's desired/expected timeline for this project?

Answer: To be negotiated and pending contract administration with the selected organization. Presently the City is anticipating approximately six to eight months to complete construction drawings, bidding and negotiation and construction of the "vanilla box."

5. The RFI indicates the space needs to have open hours that are within the rec center's hours. Do the open hours have to be the full extent of the rec center's hours?

Answer: No, but groups proposing more access hours will score higher.

6. Will off-hours (outside of the rec center's open hours) access to the space (by staff or other keyholders) be possible?

Answer: Most likely access will be granted to the leased space; but not to remaining Recreation Center or interior Recreation Center facility restrooms.

7. Will a restroom be built into the space or will those facilities be shared with the rec center?

Answer: No, not unless the group chosen undertakes this at their expense.

8. What is ceiling height?

Answer: Based on current drawings, the current racquetball ceiling height is 23'-2.5" from finish floor to bottom of concrete slab above. Once the floor is filled, the floor to ceiling height would be 20.' This does NOT include any ductwork, piping, or lighting hanging from the slab.

9. Could we add a second floor?

Answer: The introduction of a partial mezzanine level may be possible, but would require a code study that investigated both building code and accessibility (ADA). Additionally, any proposed mezzanine would require careful coordination with structural, mechanical, and electrical systems. Note, any studies or additional construction would be an expense of the tenant.

10. Will there be plumbing?

Answer: The current schematic design does not include any plumbing.