



TO: Chair Christine Woll, Assembly Finance Committee
FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: May 3, 2024
RE: Dimond Park Field House Accessibility

The Field House offers the only indoor track in Juneau that is open to the public. The track is located on the second floor and is not accessible by many people with disabilities because the building is not equipped with an elevator or lift. In FY24, the Assembly appropriated \$150,000 to evaluate options and develop cost estimates to install an elevator or lift provide access to the track. The Parks & Recreation Department worked with staff from the Engineering & Public Works Department, Jensen, Yorba, Wahl Architects, and HMS, Inc. to develop a rough order of magnitude (ROM) estimate for each option. The estimates provided by JYW and HMS provide only construction costs and do not represent total project costs. Of the initial appropriation for this project, \$141,053 is remaining.

Elevator

An elevator would provide a better experience for users, including people who have mobility impairments that do not require the use of a wheelchair or walker. An elevator also would accommodate multiple passengers. Elevators require less space than wheelchair lifts or ramps, and local contractors are available to provide repair and maintenance services. **For an elevator, the total project costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,020,421.** This includes actual construction costs of \$702,621, as well as design, construction management, and contingencies totaling \$317,800.

Wheelchair lifts

Two wheelchair lifts would be required to provide access: One from ground level to the mezzanine, and a second from the mezzanine to the track. This would require more space and limit use of the mezzanine, which currently hosts classes, programs, activities, and birthday parties. Wheelchair lifts typically restrict access only to people with disabilities and require staff assistance, which could be challenging since the DPFH often operates with a single employee. **Wheelchair lifts are estimated to cost approximately \$455,485.** This includes actual construction costs of \$295,452, as well as design, construction management, and contingencies totaling \$160,033.