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Two things to add to the meeting packet for the next Parks meeting. The first is a heatmap showing foot/run/bike traffic around Centennial Park and the second is an approximate rendering of where the proposed Fitness Park would be.

Reid - some notes from my most recent call:

- Right now they can't add a fitness studio to a fitness court after construction, but they're exploring that option with their engineers. (My recommendation would be to just do the fitness court - we are nowhere near having the kind of staff to run/organize regular programming for a fitness studio, that's a larger city thing.)
- The location in the FC placement pic attached is where they've identified would make the most sense and likely get the highest usage rate. They can't go too near the playground because the Fitness Court isn't meant to be used as play equipment for kids so it's a safety issue. There's a minimum distance they require, the placement in the map meets that requirement. (If we want to change the location we can, but their Partnership Development Manager thought that the location identified is about as perfect as they can get in terms of their usage score which is used to determine if they award a grant.)
- I noted it before, but I'll note it again - the grant award is not binding (until it's spent of course). So if for some reason this falls apart before construction starts there's minimal to no risk to the town.
- If the Commission approves moving forward with this, the next step would be me filling out the grant application and them making a decision. All of that would happen before the end of May, possibly before the end of April. The funds would be FY26 funds, but we wouldn't need to spend them in FY26. We can use their grant award (assuming they give it to us of course) in our applications for other grants. Once we have enough money collected to fund the project, they would release their funds and we'd go forward. This would get after the issue we've had before where every grant wants proof some other grant is ponying up money first.
- I'd encourage the commission to start thinking about what matching amount we would be willing to put forward and whether we want to just go with their included art or partner with a local artist to create something custom. (My preference is to partner with a local artist, but there is an additional cost of course.) We don't have to make either of those decisions now, but I will need them before I start applying for other grants so I know how much money to ask for. I think it's reasonable to wait until we get a decision from NFC about this grant before we decide on anything else, but we do need to be thinking about it.

As far as the resolution to approve (or not) it needs to include: permission to pursue the NFC

grant, whether we're asking for a fitness court or a fitness court + studio (again, I recommend just the court), and approving the location identified in the attached map (or identifying an alternate location, but we have to have choose a location because that's part of the grant scoring).

Let me know if there are any questions!

Cheers,

Jen