



Juanita Pohl Center

Meal Options 2025-26

June 9, 2025

Background

- Meal program began in 1982 (Loaves & Fishes)
- Served 5 days/week
- Averaged 175 congregate weekly meals (pre-covid)
- Delivered to 42 homebound clients (pre-covid)
- MOWP full-time Nutrition Manager plus volunteers
- Social Events/Drop-in Activities



Current Status

- Serve congregate lunch 2 days/week
- Average 16 congregate weekly meals
- Delivery to 27 homebound clients
- MOWP Nutrition Manager 6hrs/week

New Reality

- Beginning July 1
 - MOWP focusing on core services
 - No congregate meal service
 - No MOWP staff/volunteers
 - Homebound meals continuing



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Program Goals

- No interruption to current level of service
- Affordable, quality meals for older adults
- Enhance social and drop-in programming
- Responsible use of general fund dollars
- Implement cost recovery strategy



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Meal Options

- Discontinue congregate lunch program
- MOWP Diner's card
- In-house nutrition program (1.5 FTE)
 - Form Friends Group/501c3
 - Alternative funding methods
- Catering Company
 - Flexiblity in number of days vs. cost
 - Opportunity for JPCAC to provide menu input



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Budgetary Impacts

- Catering
 - \$30,000-\$40,000 annual City contribution
- Recommend \$5 per meal
- Cost recovery (potential revenue \$10,000)
- Sponsorships/Donations
- Program Evaluation



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Future Potential

- Increase congregare meal participation
- Expand drop-in & social activities around lunch hour
- Develop sponsorships to increase cost recovery
- Develop scholarship program
- Increase volunteer opportunities



Request for Council

- Council approval to advance new lunch program
- Authorization to increase budget FY 25/26 for lunch program





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