

MEMORANDUM**To:** Board of Alders**From:** Jason Knight, Parks and Recreation Director**Date:** August 5, 2025**Subject:** Park Board Recommendation – Community Center Free Use Policy Review

At the recommendation of the Park Board following staff presentation of needs, I respectfully request the Board of Aldermen revisit the current ordinance governing free use of the Community Center by select user groups.

Following recent staff consultations with multiple contractors, it has been determined that the facility requires more than \$60,000 in roof repairs. In addition, significant interior updates and various building upgrades are needed to keep the facility safe, functional, and welcoming for the public.

Given the scope of these repair needs and the increasing financial demands on the department, the Park Board recommends that staff be directed to develop and propose alternative rate structures specifically for non-profit and community-serving groups. The intent is to maintain accessibility while also ensuring the long-term sustainability and upkeep of the Community Center.

Action Required: NONE/FIO

No action is required at this time. Staff will be conducting additional research to assess current user rates, identify affected groups, and develop proposed rate structures. A formal recommendation will be presented to the Board of Aldermen at a future meeting.