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TO: Council Member Benson
Honorable City Council

FROM: Crystal Perkins 
Deputy Director – General Services Department

DATE: July 25, 2022

RE: DEXTER-ELMHURST COMMUNITY CENTER

As requested, please see below responses to questions regarding plans for the Dexter-Elmhurst Community Center.

What does the donation include?

- The donation includes the Dexter-Elmhurst Community Center (approx. 20,000 SF) and the adjacent lot, which will be converted into a neighborhood park (approx. 20,000 SF). Acquiring this location will help fill a void in recreational programming in District 7 and provide accessibility to these programs for over 4,000 residents within a half a mile radius of the Dexter-Elmhurst Center (DECC).

**What are the department's plans for the recreation center and adjacent park?
How will it be funded?**

- The department's plan is to renovate the DECC to a State of Good Repair and to develop the park both for community use and programming. The renovation will include:
 - Updated fire alarm system
 - New roof and skylights
 - Updated lights and electrical systems
 - Updated HVAC
 - New exterior doors
 - Kitchen upgrades
 - Bathroom upgrades
 - New gymnasium floor
 - Interior finishes
 - Exterior site work
 - Landscaping
 - Park development
 - Parking lot development
 - Site work



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- A series of community meetings/outreach will be held throughout the design phase to obtain community input.
- The community center will be operated by GSD's Parks and Recreation Division. Funding to operate the DECC has been included in the four-year budget plan.

What will be the projected cost to operate and maintain both the facility and park? How will it be funded?

- Estimated annual cost for operations and maintenance is \$415,000, utilizing General Fund dollars. The funding to operate is included in the four-year budget plan.
- Through the efforts of our Sustainability division, we are in the process of implementing facility upgrades to our current recreation centers to significantly decrease our utility cost. These cost savings will be used to cover the utility cost of the DECC.

Should you have any additional questions, comments and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

cc: Honorable City Council
Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison