



Council Agenda Report

From: Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Subject: Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA, a Branch of the Channel Islands YMCA, and the Paso Robles Unified School District for Future Facilities Development

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: March 18, 2025

Facts

1. On [November 21, 2023](#), City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA (YMCA), a Branch of the Channel Islands YMCA, and the Paso Robles Unified School District (PRJUSD) to determine the feasibility of future YMCA facility development in Paso Robles.
2. The proposed site for a future YMCA facility was identified as the existing Municipal Pool and an adjacent underutilized PRJUSD property located at 504 28th street.
3. Since adopting the MOU, the YMCA has conducted a series of studies to determine the feasibility of developing a YMCA facility on the identified site but requires more time to complete studies in progress.
4. The current MOU expires in May of 2025, the First Amendment will extend the study period through December 2025.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA, a Branch of the Channel Islands YMCA, and the Paso Robles Unified School District for Future Facilities Development;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The YMCA has expressed its interest in building a stronger north county presence through the establishment of a dedicated facility with increased programming opportunities in Paso Robles. In the process of identifying a suitable location, the PRJUSD owned property at 504 28th Street and the adjacent Municipal Pool were identified as having high potential. On November 21, 2023, the City entered into an MOU with the YMCA and the PRJUSD agreeing to support the YMCA's efforts to determine the viability of the identified site for the purpose of developing a YMCA operated recreational facility. To determine the feasibility of the site, the YMCA has conducted a marketing study, facilities space allocations study, and is preparing to launch a fundraising study to gauge under what conditions the YMCA is sustainable at the location. Once the studies are complete, the YMCA will develop a proposal to be presented to PRJUSD

and the City. To assist in the process, the City will cooperatively work with the YMCA and PRJUSD to refine and clarify the conceptual viability of the property, provide an estimate of related permit fees, determine the most appropriate means of complying with any conditions imposed by the City, and to define the terms under which the property development may occur.

Municipal Pool is operated by the City on PRJUSD owned land and is used by both the school, for an agreed upon payment of 18% of maintenance costs, and the community at large through Recreation Services programming. Currently, the community enjoys a variety of classes at the Municipal Pool including public swim, swim lessons, lap swim, aqua jam, and aqua fit classes. While PRJUSD currently uses the pool regularly, it is anticipated that they will discontinue use once their new aquatics facility is complete. At that time, the City would consider expansion of aquatics programming in alignment with the Recreation Services Strategic Plan for 2022-2026.

The YMCA proposal is not meant to eliminate public aquatic opportunities at Municipal Pool but could result in a change in operational provider. In addition to potential aquatics opportunities, the feasibility studies will assist the YMCA in determining if other YMCA recreational activities would be desirable by the surrounding community.

The purpose of this extension is to enable the YMCA to proceed with evaluating the site for a potential future facility. City staff supports the request and will remain actively involved in the process.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City related to extending the MOU. The YMCA is financially responsible for costs related to determining feasibility and developing a proposal for potential development if the site is deemed suitable.

CEQA

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA, a Branch of the Channel Islands YMCA, and the Paso Robles Unified School District for Future Facilities Development

Attachments

1. First Amendment to the MOU with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA and the PRJUSD
2. MOU with the San Luis Obispo County YMCA and the PRJUSD