

Landmark Outdoor Basketball Court Project – Project Update

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to provide updated information on the Landmark Outdoor Basketball Project and to seek approval for a change to the project scope and to enter into a Gift Agreement with Jumpstart.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the request by Jumpstart, in partnership with Hoist the Hoops, to construct an outdoor basketball multi-court in River Landing Phase 2 be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in this report;
2. That the increase in scope of Capital Project P03003 Hoist the Hoops from \$530,000 to \$900,000, fully funded by Jumpstart, be approved;
3. That the City Solicitor be requested to review Jumpstart's Gift Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal; and
4. That the estimated operating impact outlined in this report be included within the Business Plan and Budget starting in 2024.

BACKGROUND

In August of 2019, a group of individuals (Michael Linklater, Marcus Storey and Michael Donauer) formed Hoist the Hoops and presented an idea to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services to build a feature outdoor basketball court in Saskatoon's core neighbourhood area.

Public Engagement was conducted under COVID protocols. An online survey was posted on the City of Saskatoon (City) website Engage page and was open for responses from April 26, 2021, to May 20, 2021. In total, there were 136 responses. Approximately 81% of the 136 respondents strongly supported a basketball court in the proposed location. In addition to the online survey, a virtual online public meeting held on May 11, 2021 allowed the City to provide some background information and for a member of Hoist the Hoops to present the concept plan to everyone who attended. Attendants were able to ask questions after the presentation.

At its June 28, 2021 meeting, City Council approved a report from the General Manager, Community Services recommending:

- 1) That the concept for this project, including naming and sponsorship details set out in this report, be approved;
- 2) That the Hoist the hoops Project be designated as a municipal project;

- 3) That the Corporate Revenue Department, Corporate Financial Services Division, be authorized and requested to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the project; and
- 4) The City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreements and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate agreements under the Corporate Seal.

The concept plan included one full size court (84' x 50'), lights, up to six basketball standards with back boards, hoops and nets with a footprint of approximately 95 feet by 65 feet at a total estimated capital cost of \$530,000.

The report presented to City Council in June indicated that Hoist the Hoops, in partnership with Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association, was prepared to raise capital funds for this new facility, including 10 years of operating funds. It was estimated that the capital cost to complete the feature outdoor basketball court would be \$530,000 including detailed design, project management, site survey, project contingency and construction costs. It was also estimated that the annual operating impact for this new facility would be \$10,000 comprised of a contribution to Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance program of \$4,800 and an annual operating impact of \$5,200.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Jumpstart Project Partnership

Jumpstart, founded in 2005, helps kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities. Jumpstart is more than just about getting kids active, it is about giving kids from families in financial need, the same chance to participate as their neighbours, their classmates and their friends. Whether it is the chance to try a new sport or to continue with a favourite one, all children should have the opportunity to participate.

Jumpstart reached out to the City about the potential to construct an outdoor multi-sport court facility. Administration, recognizing the synergies between the two projects, connected them to Hoist the Hoops and this past fall, they initiated discussions about partnering on the Landmark Outdoor Basketball Court Project. Discussions have progressed between Jumpstart, Hoist the Hoops, Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association and the City. Administration is providing City Council with an update and seeking approval on the change of scope with this project as described in this report.

Revised Outdoor Basketball Multi-Court Facility Concept Plan

Jumpstart is prepared to contribute 100% of the capital funds for this new outdoor basketball multi-court facility to be located in River Landing Phase 2. The revised concept plan includes:

- one full size FIBA basketball court;
- two regulation FIBA 3 on 3 courts;
- lights;
- shade shelter; and
- up to 6 basketball standards with back boards, rims and nets.

The actual footprint has increased from 95 by 65 feet to approximately 139 by 120 feet (see Appendix 1). The new estimated capital cost for the outdoor basketball multi-court facility is \$900,000.

Administration has reviewed and supports the request by Jumpstart, in partnership with Hoist the Hoops, to construct the revised outdoor basketball multi-court facility, in principle, subject to Jumpstart meeting the following conditions:

- 1) submitting a final design to the City for approval;
- 2) submitting the final design to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Review Committee and Meewasin Valley Authority for review and approval; and
- 3) securing all compliance and permits as part of the construction process.

Subject to City Council approval, the City and Jumpstart would enter into a Gift Agreement, which would see Jumpstart assume responsibility for all aspects of the design, procurement, and construction. As a term of the procurement process, the agreement would require Jumpstart to utilize a best value approach, and they may use a combination of purchases, donations and in-kind donations for this project. Jumpstart would like to start construction in 2022 with the new outdoor basketball multi-court facility tentatively available for use by early fall 2022 or spring 2023.

Jumpstart Gift Agreement

If approved by City Council, the City and Jumpstart will enter into a Gift Agreement, which would see Jumpstart provide a gift in-kind, valued at approximately \$900,000 for all the site preparation, remediation and construction of the new basketball multi-court facility. As a result, the funding agreement with Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association would not be required. Hoist the Hoops has agreed to enter into a separate agreement with Jumpstart that would see them donate all their capital fundraising back to Jumpstart to cover their contribution to the project.

Outdoor Basketball Multi-Court Facility Name

Throughout the planning process, a representative from Hoist the Hoops has been in discussions with Elders, residential school survivors and community members about naming the outdoor basketball multi-court facility. Jumpstart, in partnership with Hoist the Hoops, has requested that the name of the new facility be finalized in 2022 after further community discussions have occurred. As per Council Policy C09-028, Sponsorship, Administration will bring back a future report when the name for the new facility is identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Jumpstart has estimated the capital cost to complete the outdoor basketball multi-court facility to be approximately \$900,000. This cost includes the geotechnical survey, detail design, site preparation, construction and contingency costs. Jumpstart would also be responsible for all cost in securing all compliance and permits as part of the construction process. Administration is requesting City Council's approval to increase the scope of Capital Project P03003 Hoist the Hoops from \$530,000 to \$900,000. When the project

is complete and Jumpstart gifts the outdoor basketball multi-court facility to the City, the City will have to account for the value of this new asset as part of the City's tangible capital asset inventory.

Jumpstart has requested the City take on the operating impact including the Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance (CBCM) contribution for the new outdoor basketball multi-court facility. The report presented to City Council in June indicated that Hoist the Hoops, in partnership with Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association, was prepared to raise the capital funds for this new facility, including 10 years of operating funds. Jumpstart is willing to invest and fund the project fully with the request that the City assumes the ongoing maintenance costs immediately upon completion of the project at the end of the warranty period. It was initially estimated that fundraising for the original project would take Hoist the Hoops up to 2 years or more. Jumpstart is requesting the City to partner on the project by taking on the operating impact to support the accelerated timelines, the expanded project scope and the negative impact COVID-19 has had on fundraising efforts of Hoist the Hoops. Jumpstart is willing to fully fund the project including Hoist the Hoops' contribution while Hoist the Hoops' continue with their fundraising efforts. This would allow the project to proceed in 2022 and allow Hoist the Hoops the time to focus their attention on fundraising for their component of the expanded project, which by agreement, they will provide back to Jumpstart. Jumpstart's capital program for these types of projects that are gifted back to community does not include funding options for operating. This will provide Hoist the Hoops more time to raise the capital they have committed to, which they would then donate to Jumpstart.

The updated annual contribution to CBCM program is estimated at \$6,000 which will cover repainting of the courts every 7 to 8 years and replacement of the acrylic surface every 15 years. Based on the proposed construction timelines and applicable warranty period, the contribution for CBCM would begin in 2024. The annual operating impact is estimated at \$6,500 for preventative maintenance and the replacement of basketball rims, nets, and backboards as required throughout the year. If approved by City Council, the Facilities Management Department has determined that with the new facility being under initial warranty, there will be minimal, if any, operating impact for any portion of 2022 subject to the facility opening. For the full year in 2023, again related to warranty and a newly opened facility, the operating impact is estimated to be less than \$5,000. The full operating impact, of \$12,500, for CBCM contribution plus maintenance costs will be included within the 2024 Business Plan and Budget.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

Subject to City Council approval:

- 1) In consultation with the City Solicitor, the City will review the draft Gift Agreement prepared by Jumpstart and request authorization by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal;

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- 2) Work with Jumpstart to finalize the design and submit to the CPTED Review Committee and Meewasin Valley Authority;
- 3) The adjacent community associations would be updated about the change in scope to the outdoor basketball multi-court facility project; and
- 4) At the appropriate time, a future report on naming the facility would be provided to City Council for review and approval.

APPENDICES

1. Basketball Court and Footprint - Revised

REPORT APPROVAL

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