



City Council
Community Development Committee
Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 10:00 am
City Council Chambers

1. APPLICATION REVIEW

1.I. CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MINOT, INC. (DBA MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER) AND MINOT PARK DISTRICT

The Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC) grew out of a brain storming session sponsored by the Minot Area Community Foundation. Through those discussions a dream and then a plan arose to create the Magic City Discovery Center. For the past three years the museum partnered with the Dakota Territory Air Museum which provided space for educational exhibits, creativity and play.

The Board plans on constructing a 20,000-square-foot building that is estimated to welcome 75,000 to 100,000 visitors per year, treating them to interactive STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) based exhibits as well as outdoor exhibit space, educational classrooms and community multi-purpose space.

The Magic City Discovery Center is requesting \$2.5 million toward an approximate \$10 million capital campaign fundraising effort.

Documents:

[CHILDRENS MUSEUM.PDF](#)

1.II. CITY OF MINOT- CARNEGIE CENTER

The Carnegie Center was built in 1911 and is on the historical registry. The building has been used in the past for many different functions and activities. Music lessons and recitals, art displays, weddings and receptions and also some historical displays. It has had very good interior care and the HVAC has been upgraded, all in compliance of the historical registry compliance guidelines.

The building has had some settling in one corner of the structure and action to correct this situation before the building can no longer be repaired or saved. The north wall from the west

corner is sunk to the point where a large crack has developed from the top to the bottom separating brick and mortar, window ledges and window sills and decorative concrete trim and caps. Many windows themselves, jambs and storm windows which are holding the "poured" glass panels also need reselling. Once the building has been stabilized, point tuck work on the brick would need to be done.

The City of Minot is requesting \$550,000 to include structural plans and design for the Carnegie Center repairs.

Documents:

[CARNEGIE CENTER.PDF](#)

1.III. CITY OF MINOT- CITY HALL

The City of Minot is requesting Community Facility funding to make appropriate improvements to City Hall's Council Chambers to better serve people with disabilities in the community. Currently, Council Chambers is not completely in compliance with ADA standards. It does not aid any persons with hearing disabilities, and does not have appropriate access to the dais or podium for individuals with physical disabilities.

Funds requested will be used to help alleviate any physical barriers people with disabilities may face if they wish to participate in community meetings held in Council Chambers.

Among the physical upgrades will be technical upgrades that will allow people to watch any and all meetings from their home via online streaming and cable broadcast.

The City of Minot is requesting \$70,000 to install physical and technical upgrades to the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Documents:

[COUNCIL CHAMBERS.PDF](#)

1.IV. CITY OF MINOT- RECYCLING TRANSFER FACILITY

As we are currently rolling out automated trash collection, which was the first step toward implementing recycling, we are looking at the next phase of the ad committee recommendation to build a recycling transfer facility. Since the main goal of any recycling program is to divert as much recyclable material as possible from the landfill, single stream recycling was the chosen method as it is proven to have the highest diversion rates. The drawback to single stream is that those materials need to be again separated into their individual commodities for marketing. Minot is located about 500 miles from the nearest materials recovery facility or MRF, thus the need for a transfer facility.

The City of Minot is requesting approximately \$2.5 million for design and construction of a recycling transfer facility.

Documents:

[RECYCLING FACILITY.PDF](#)

1.V. MINOT RECREATION COMMISSION- MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

The Minot Recreation Commission is requesting funds to replace the Auditorium Flooring in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, the existing tartan floor was installed in 1992. The Auditorium floor would be replaced with a similar type of tartan floor which would still allow for multiple events and athletic activities.

The Recreation/Auditorium is also requesting Community Funds to replace the remaining 543 light fixtures that have the T12 Bulb system. The lights were installed in 1992 during the last remodel and the T12 bulbs are no longer manufactured. The Auditorium has replaced many of the T12 lights during other remodeling projects and this phase would finish the remaining areas of the building that were not updated.

The City of Minot and Minot Recreation Commission are requesting \$392,500 for Auditorium projects.

Documents:

[AUDITORIUM.PDF](#)

1.VI. MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

This request is for the replacement of seating in the MSU Dome on the Minot State University campus. The bleachers and chairs currently in the Dome represent the original seating installed in 1981 when the Dome was constructed. The purchase of new spectator seating will allow for safe and comfortable seating for those attending the many events held annually at the MSU Dome. Updated seating will also help attract additional events and new visitors to the facility and to the Minot community. The Dome provides seating for 10,000 spectators and is one of the largest arenas in the Upper Midwest.

Minot State University is requesting \$2 million from the Community Facilities Fund for replacement seating in MSU Dome.

Documents:

[MSU DOME.PDF](#)

1.VII. ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO/MINOT PARK DISTRICT

The total project cost is \$5 million dollars and consists of 3 separate projects: Amur Tiger habitat (\$1.9 million), African Lion habitat (\$2.1 million), and Cat complex for Amur leopards and Snow leopards (\$1 million). Both the tiger and lion habitats would be newly constructed exhibits featuring naturalistic landscapes for the enrichment of the animal as well as provide a dynamic and educational experience for our visitors. The cat complex would be a renovation of the existing habitat and will feature rock climbing structures and overhead catwalks to again provide an enriching home for the animals and unique visitor experience.

The Roosevelt Park Zoo is requesting \$3 million dollars from the City's Facility Grant Fund to build new habitats for the big cats at Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Documents:

[MINOT PARK DISTRICT.PDF](#)

1.VIII. SOURIS VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Souris Valley Animal Shelter (SVAS) has developed plans to remodel and expand to better

suit the needs of the City of Minot and Ward County. The primary purpose of this expansion will focus on increasing our housing capabilities to reduce the number of feral/stray pets within the city of Minot and Ward County. This project will also include the addition of a spay/neuter clinic (the only clinic of its kind found WITHIN an animal shelter in North Dakota). The clinic will serve three purposes. The main purpose will focus on the SVAS's current pets. The next purpose is its Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program which focuses on sterilizing feral cats in our community to control reproduction. Finally, the SVAS will offer low income spay/neutering.

The Souris Valley Animal Shelter is requesting \$900,000 in order to partially fund phase 1 of remodeling and expanding their facility.

Documents:

[SOURIS VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER.PDF](#)

1.IX. YWCA MINOT

YWCA Minot is located in a 3 story building, and can house 17 homeless women and children at a time. Currently, 5 of the 6 homeless shelter rooms are in the basement and

the handicapped accessible room is on the main floor. The problem that we encounter

when we house a handicapped client is that the shelters showering facility is on the basement level, and going down stairs can be hazardous or even impossible for a handicapped person. While we do have a restroom on the main floor, it is not equipped

with the necessary features to serve our disabled clients. We hope to change that to better meet the needs of everyone who comes through our doors. With support, we intend to renovate the main floor restroom to include a handicapped accessible shower,

a shower bench, and support rails.

YWCA Minot is requesting \$5,000 to convert their main floor restroom into a handicapped accessible bathroom, and to create a new program called "Fresh Start."

Documents:

[YWCA.PDF](#)