

Ramsey County Board Workshop:

Vadnais Sports Center Turf Facility

Parks and Recreation Department

May 7, 2019

Estimated start time: 10 a.m.

220 Courthouse, Large Conference Room

Agenda

1. Introduction Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager EGCI

2. Presentation Mark McCabe, Director of Parks and Recreation

3. Discussion and next steps



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Workshop Goals

Report on Progress Since the January Workshop

- Community Engagement
- Building Project
- Fundraising



Community Engagement Survey

Key Findings

- Majority of 143 respondents are facility users
- Continue to support organized sports and events at facility
- Make facility available for community events
- Host open house with targeted outreach to cultural organizations
- Increase promotions of other county facilities that can be used for community events that are closer to mass transit

Full survey can be found at Insert link from Ramsey Net



Project Updates

Design Services Solicitation

- Solicitation for design services issued
- Vendor interviews conducted and selection process underway
- Project plan estimates March 2021 as completion date of the new facility



Fundraising Update

- Ask for support from all who reached out expressing interest in rebuilding a turf facility
- Target primary users of dome facility including high schools, universities and youth sports associations
- Commissioner fundraising progress update



Facility Naming Rights Update

- Open and competitive solicitation posted on ramseycounty.us
- Consultant services being secured for Naming Rights Professional
- Draft contract completed



Next Steps

- Active fundraising through in person meetings
- Finalize Naming Rights Key Prospect List with consultant and set meetings to obtain naming rights agreement
- Move facility design process forward



Discussion