November 25, 2020

Philadelphia Art Commission
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13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
ATTN: Philadelphia Art Commission

## RE: Heitzman Recreation Center

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to place an item on the December agenda for the improvements to the Heitzman Recreation Center as part of a Rebuild project. Due to the limited improvements for both the Building and Site aspects we are requesting administrative approval for this project. Below you will find a description of the existing conditions, the purpose and proposed improvements, and the contact information required for this project. Please verify if administrative approval can be sought based on the provided information.

The Robert T. Heitzman Recreation Center is located at 2136 Castor Avenue on a corner urban site with a pool, courts, fields, and a playground. The one-story building contains a gym with a nonstandard $79^{\prime} \times 46^{\prime}$ Basketball court and in the section of the building with a lower roof there is an exercise/multi-purpose room, an office, and support spaces. Former locker rooms are being used for storage, and the restroom facilities are sub-standard and not code compliant. The building and site are in current use as a public recreation facility managed by Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department. The recreation center is used for a mix of sporting programs and youth programs. The indoor gymnasium is used for open basketball as well as leagues. In addition to basketball, there is an adult volleyball league that utilizes the facility. In the multipurpose room various programming occurs to include but not limited to homework help, youth fitness, Owls cheerleading, and Harrowgate Civic Association meetings. The outdoor facilities are used for basketball, flag football, soccer, playgrounds, swimming for youth summer programs and public use.

## EXISTING ARCHITECTURAL \& STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS:

The structure is load bearing concrete block construction with brick veneer on the lower portion of the exterior wall and a stucco exterior finish above the brick. There are few windows and there is clear evidence of former openings being infilled. The exterior painting looks like it was never finished or was repainted as an anti-graffiti effort as portions of the walls are different colors. The metal panels at the top of the gym walls are warped and trim pieces are missing. Overall the exterior is in poor condition but weathertight. The interior walls are primarily painted concrete block. Some of these walls are load bearing. The roof of the gym is free-span steel joist construction (unprotected) with a metal pan deck (unpainted) as the ceiling. There are painted gypsum board ceilings in the lower roofed section of the building and some of these are water stained. The building is slab on grade construction and the gym has a wood floor that is showing some signs of age. The remainder of the building has VCT resilient flooring and there is a small amount of ceramic mosaic tile in the toilet rooms and abandoned showers. The building is not sprinklered or air conditioned. The roof is 15 years old with no visible signs of current leaks but there is evidence of previous water damage in some of the low roof plaster ceilings. It is not possible to tell how old the water stains are and whether they predate the 2005 re-roofing project or not. There are asbestos containing materials present and there is no lead paint present in the building per the Phase 1 Environmental report.

## EXISTING SITE ELEMENTS:

The site consists of two baseball fields, which are also used as a soccer field, and a pool. The fields and pool are outside of the scope of this project. The site also consists of a hockey court, one full and one half basketball court. These areas are both asphalt with faded pavement markings. There is a concrete retaining wall between the basketball court and the adjacent property. It is approximately 5 feet high with an 8 -foot high chain link fence on top of it. There are two different play equipment areas. One is for children aged 5 to12 years, the other is for children between 2 to 5 years in age. Both include safety surfaces in poor condition, and they are surrounded by concrete. There are two areas of safety surface that formerly had swings on them. The site is surrounded by a chain link fence. All areas of the site have tall field lighting. The existing drainage on the site consists of three (3) inlets draining towards the east of the site towards Castor Avenue. The inlets currently contain debris and appear to be partially functioning.

The Purpose of the proposed work is to improve the site under the Rebuild initiative. The project scope includes the following improvements.

## PROPOSED SITE IMPROVEMENTS:

The site work includes improvements less than $\$ 500,000$ for the replacement of the safety surface and playground equipment ( $2-5 \mathrm{y} / \mathrm{o}, 5-12 \mathrm{y} / \mathrm{o}$, and Swings) with the addition of adult fitness equipment. Re-painting of the existing basketball court surface and lines, replacement of basketball nets, and painting of the existing basketball posts and backboards. Mill and overlay of asphalt in the existing hockey court area, removal of chain link fencing between the basketball court and hockey rink, addition of a soccer mini-pitch kit to be installed where the hockey court is currently with an acrylic surface coating. The entry ramp from Amber Street into the site shall be replaced with an ADA compliant sloped ramp with handrails, and the addition of landscaping on each side of the ramp to consist of minimal trees, shrubs, and grass. A trash enclosure shall be added to the site, along with new game tables and replacement benches. Required PPR signage shall also be included. Stormwater infrastructure shall be improved and connected into a proposed PWD underground GSI system.

## PROPOSED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

The improvements to the building are mostly upgrades to the systems of the building and minor improvements to the facility use spaces. Improvements to the interior and exterior are less than \$500,000 when the building system components are excluded.

System improvements include replacement of heating and cooling systems with (3) RTUs enclosed in cages to heat and cool the entire building, new emergency lighting at exits where missing, new LED lighting and controls throughout, new fire alarm devices in renovated areas, new HVAC ductwork throughout.

Exterior improvements of the building consist of recoating the entire roof with a SBS modified bituminous membrane, addition of fixed rooftop access ladders, re-opening existing window openings to meet code requirements, repainting the exterior of the building, repairing existing metal fascia that is damaged, and repairing masonry joints and joint sealant.

Interior improvements consist of renovated ADA compliant male and female bathrooms, new gender neutral restroom, and janitor closet. Improvements to the multipurpose room to include new finishes throughout and moving the kitchenette to the rear wall. Improvements to the other rooms include the reconfiguration of the old locker room and storage to create a new multipurpose room. Improvements to the gymnasium include, painting the existing wall wainscoting, spot repairs to gym floor, refinishing and restriping the gym floor, replacing wall padding, new volleyball anchors, and removal of broken scoreboard. Other improvements
throughout the interior include ADA compliant bi level water cooler, replacing VCT flooring, and new or painted doors to bathrooms, multipurpose rooms, and exit doors.

The point of contact for this project and to receive notice of decision is the undersigned and can be reached via phone or email at any time.

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Very truly yours,

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PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AND FUNDING SOURCES:
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\$2,163,475
Rebuild Philadelphia
Mini-Pitch Kit (approx. \$50,000) to be funded through US Soccer Foundation Safe Places to Play Grant, EPYSA, and the Philadelphia Union Foundation (PUF)

## SCHEDULE:

Bid Documents (December 2020)
Construction (January 2021 to July 2021)

## PROJECT TEAM:

Project User - Impact Services
Project Manager/Civil Engineer - Rodriguez
Architect- OZ Collaborative
Landscape Architect - Ground Reconsidered MEP - Sabir Richardson \& Weisberg (SRW)
Cost Estimator - Promatech

## EXISTING CONDITIONS



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Swing sets were removed



Entry ramp does not meet code



Area at the back of the site needs a new, more active use
 surface paint

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## IMPACT SERVICES COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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DEMOLITION PLAN

LEGEND
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Demolish Pavement and stone base, 3ft depth
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## PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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## MATERIALS PLAN

## Legend

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## SITE FURNISHINGS



PPR standard game table - 3-seat and 4-seat options proposed


PPR standard trash receptacle



PPR standard bench - color will be Black

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## SITE FURNISHINGS



New accessible ramp with handrail at entrance to the site from the sidewalk

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## SITE MATERIALS



Poured-In-Place safety surface for playgrounds. Design has Light blue and Dark Blue Areas.


Former hockey court at back of site will be turned in to a soccer mini-pitch. The mini-pitch system will have surrounding low metal walls, entry gates, and goals as shown.


Diagram not to scale

1. Concrete or Asphalt
2. Acrylic Resurfacer

Acrylic Resurfacer blended with approved silica sand.
3. Plexipave®

Sand-fortified Plexipave ${ }^{\circledR}$ color provides a uniform surface texture and determines the speed of play and traction of the cour
4. Line Paint

A heavy bodied acrylic latex

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## 5-12 PLAY EQUIPMENT



Manufacturer: Kompan


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## ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT



Manufacturer: Kompan


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## PLANTING



Eastern Redbud at entrance to site


Skyline Honeylocust at sitting area between building and pool

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