

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-11		
Date action introduced:	January 8, 2019	Introduced by:	PRAHSC Committee
Date action taken:	January 8, 2019	X Approved	Denied
Confirmed by:	<i>KM</i>		

Action Title: Direct Administration to Explore Funding Options for Feasibility, Planning, and Design for “Phase II” at the YK Fitness Center

Attachment(s): None

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
City Manager		

Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:
x	No fiscal impact at this time.

The YK Fitness Center was constructed primarily through funding from a State of Alaska Capital Grant with community support in the form of sales tax contributions directly to the operation and maintenance of the facility.

The community of Bethel is seeing significant economic growth, one thing that is a draw for prospective residents is recreational opportunities. Participant numbers at the facility continue to grow showing growing interest in the functional operation of the facility.

To continue to grow the facility the City is interested in beginning the investigative process of planning, feasibility and design for a second phase of the building. This would include a much-needed community gym. Part of this effort will include examining sustainability and leveraging community partners and the resources they may be able to bring to a potential project. This community is in desperate need of an accessible space for adults to play basketball, volleyball, soccer, Frisbee and other popular sports. This additional use would provide additional revenue for the facility and help improve economic development for our growing community.

Initial feedback from other facilities indicates that a gym could provide additional revenue to help subsidize the swimming pool side of the building. This facility has been a draw for recruiting and retaining a local workforce, which improves economic development for our growing community. Adding a gym to this facility will continue to enhance the quality of life in Bethel, assist with recruiting and retaining people and thus improve economic development in our community.

At the October 8, 2018 Parks Recreation Health and Safety Center Committee Meeting a motion was passed to ask Council to direct administration seek funds to support planning and design of “Phase II” at the YK Fitness Center.