Questions, Comments Submitted to pros@auroragov.org

Q1: Nice tennis courts at the facility. We were disappointed that no courts were added at Central, or Trails. Our tennis community is growing by leaps and bounds and courts are so limited. Dedicated pickle ball courts would be nice, too!

A: **Sorry, no tennis courts are proposed as part of the Southeast Recreation Center project, but the gym will accommodate 3 indoor pickle ball courts.**

Q2: It would be great to have quick access to the Aurora Reservoir, is there a plan to connect a road from the Rec Center to the Aurora Reservoir entrance road and if so, where would the road be located?

A: **A future road as a secondary access point has been part of the Aurora Reservoir master plan since 2004. However, it will not be designed or constructed as part of this project and the final location has not been determined.**

Q3: I am disappointed there is no plan for a steam room. Health and fitness are important to all residents of the City of Aurora. A steam room is very beneficial for those of us who suffer from aching joints, stiff muscles, and seasonal allergies. Please re-consider including a steam room into this beautiful recreation center.

A: **A steam room received less than 2% of the votes during the public input process, combined with the required space needed and the associated costs to maintain, sanitize and supervise, made this amenity a low priority in the proposed floor plans.**

Q4: Note: We combined these questions all having to do with the larger site

I am hoping for an MTB course or riding area in the new 600-acre park, is there any plan to develop mountain biking paths?

Has the city ever considered a campground at Aurora Reservoir? I think it is a perfect site and would provide options for folks on the eastern side of the metro area to get outdoors more.

What amenities will be available with the new park area on the west side of the reservoir? We are excited to see it come to life!
What is the plan for the rest of the 600 acres of open space that is designated for parks and open space? The virtual open house said the building is going in the northwest corner, what is the plan for the rest of the acreage?

A: We received several questions about plans for the remainder of the 600 acres of the site. It is planned as a community park which will be a destination park serving about a 2-mile radius area. We are not proposing specific uses or facilities for the rest of the site as of right now. Planning for the rest of the site will include a similar public engagement process at some point within the future. The plans as they stand now focus solely on the recreation center itself.

Q8: Could you please give a little more information on the pool area? I was attending water aerobics at Utah Park before the shutdown, and we're always competing with lap swimmers and during swim season, the Overland HS swim/diving team. Will there be a dedicated space for water aerobics (during class times)?

A: Water aerobics, learn to swim lessons and lap swim will share the same pool spaces. However, we will manage a pool schedule to allow all guests ample time to have access for their favorite activities.

Q9: I thought a fieldhouse was going to be included in the final floor plan (not just as a future) for the southeast Aurora Rec Center. Why is it not included? On a side note, if we do end up with a turf field/fieldhouse, I'd prefer it to be an enclosed fieldhouse, that way it can be used the entire year instead of only part of the year.

A: Thanks for the comment- We had envisioned a fieldhouse as well, but as it stands now, the fieldhouse is not within the allotted project budget. We think it will be a great amenity for the area and wanted to include it as part of the master plan amendment at this time. That way, if there is a future funding opportunity, we can move the project forward right away.

Q10: Given the losses to future city budgets, are the funds secured to build the site?

A: The project is currently on schedule and next steps are continuously being evaluated given the changing health and economic conditions.

Q11: The site plan includes a future trail connection. Is this to be a hiking/biking trail that connects to the one around the Aurora Reservoir, or is it just around the Rec Center?
A: There will be a trail from Harvest Road to the recreation center as part of this project as well as a future trail that will connect to the Aurora Reservoir.

Q12. How is the project funded and when was it approved by City Council?

A: The project and use of marijuana tax revenue funding was approved by City Council in their 2018 council budget meeting and formally approved as part of the annual budget process.

Q13: How will the wildlife be affected by the development?

A: We recognize that many wildlife species use the land and believe that there is ample room for both the wildlife and human activities within the 600-acre site.

Q14. Were there any major changes made to the plan based on public input?

A: At each meeting, participants were asked to vote for their preferred facilities and programs. All the facilities provided in the new center are based upon the public input.

Q15. Please clarify information regarding the fitness rooms. Will there be separate rooms for cardiovascular activities as opposed to stretching activities? Cardiovascular such as spin/cycle workouts should be in cool temperature rooms while Pilates and yoga need to be in warmer rooms.

A: Normal open area cardiovascular equipment such as treadmills, elliptical, bikes, rowing machines, stair steppers, etc. will be in the large fitness area that is climate controlled and can be kept at the optimal temperature. Within the same space, it’s likely there will be free weights, circuit training, functional fitness and open stretching area.

The group exercise studio can be programmed in various ways, all the way from high impact activities, such as dance, martial arts, group fitness and to low impact activities such as yoga, Pilates, meditation, etc. The room can be easily adjusted for temperature and fans will be available to allow for quicker turnover of programs and to make the users more comfortable.