



MLK Community Center

City Commission Briefing
Committee of the Whole
September 9, 2025





MLK Community Center

Project Purpose & Vision

- Safety and vibrancy of the neighborhood
- Accessible and inclusive for all
- Year-round community programming
- Flexible, multi-use space for events
- Energy efficient and practical design
- Reflect the history and vitality of the neighborhood



Engagement-Centered Activation

- 5 years of parks staff-led engagement
- Stakeholder committee established in 2021
- 45 community touchpoints
- 6,500 community members engaged throughout the process
- 4 rounds of postcards – 1,500 per mailing
- Dedicated project webpage



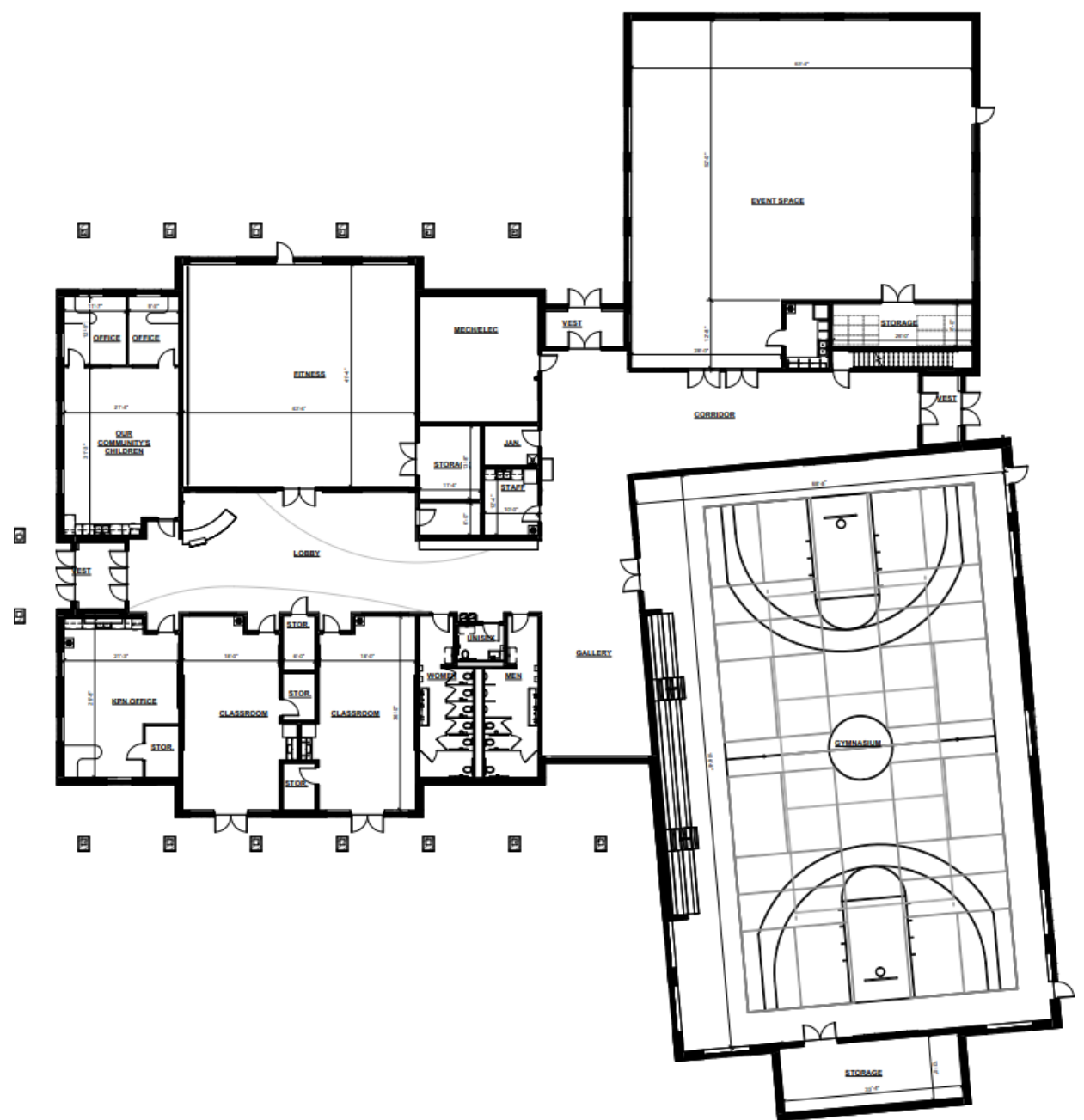


 **MARTIN LUTHER
KING PARK**
◀ **MLK BOXING GYM**
SOUTH EAST END ▶
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION





MLK Community Center Floor Plan



Engagement-Centered Activation

- Multi-purpose community venue
- Youth-focused programming
- Opportunities for intergenerational connections
- Increased accessibility
- Increased park utilization
- Year-round access



Community Center Programming

- Open Gym Basketball
 - Daily, free to residents
- Youth Instructional Classes
 - Sports, dance, humanities (registration required)
- Teen After School Program
 - Free to residents 13-17
- Open Pickleball
 - Weekdays, free to residents
- Summer Day Camp
 - June through August, free to residents
- Adult Fitness Classes
 - Zumba, yoga, strength (registration required)
 - 50+ Programming, free to residents



Gym Programming, September – May

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
9-12	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming
12-3	Open Pickleball	Open Pickleball	Open Pickleball	Open Pickleball	Open Pickleball	Programming	Programming
3-6	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Open Gym	Open Gym
6-8	Open Gym	Programming	Open Gym	Programming	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym
8-10	18+ Open Gym	Open Gym	18+ Open Gym	Open Gym	Closed	Closed	Closed



Gym Programming, June – August

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
9 –11	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming
11:30 – 4:30	Summer Camp	Summer Camp	Summer Camp	Summer Camp	Summer Camp	Programming	Programming
5–8	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym
8-10	18+ Open Gym	Closed	18+ Open Gym	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



Community Center Rentals

- Multi-purpose space
Seating capacity 200
- Two (2) classrooms
Room capacity 30



Community Center Rentals Fees

	Multi-Purpose Room	TBD Room (Classroom A)	TBD Room (Classroom B)	Gym	Fitness Studio
June - Aug	9 a.m. – 10 p.m., Wed-Sun	Available around programming	9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Mon-Sun	Will evaluate after 6 months	N/A
Sept - May	9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Wed-Sun	Available around programming	9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Mon-Sun	Will evaluate after 6 months	N/A
Base Fee (Per Hour)	\$150 R, \$300 NR; 3 hour minimum	Sept – May \$50 R, \$100 NR; 2 hour minimum Pool Parties June – Aug \$75 R, \$150 NR hourly including pool use	Sept – May \$50 R, \$100 NR; 2 hour minimum Pool Parties June – Aug \$75 R, \$150 NR hourly including pool use	\$100 R, \$200 NR; 2 hour minimum	\$75 R, \$150 NR; 2 hour minimum
Additional Fees & Deposit	\$200 security deposit, \$100 optional set-up charge	\$50 security deposit	\$50 security deposit	\$50 security deposit, \$5 drop-in fee for non-residents	\$50 security deposit



Staffing

- Recreation Program Technical Supervisor
 - One (1) full-time position
 - Scheduled hours based on facility activity
- Customer Service Support
 - Seasonal positions
 - 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday-Sunday
- Leader on duty
 - Seasonal positions
 - Scheduled to align with programming
- Teen program leader teachers
 - Seasonal positions
 - 3 – 6 p.m., Monday-Friday, Sept-May



FY26 Budget

Sources	FY26
Registration Fees	12,500
Park Millage/ MOE	250,100
Total	262,600
Uses	
Personnel	147,000
Supplies/Contracts	54,000
Utilities/Maintenance	20,600
Equipment	41,000
Total	262,600



*Maintenance of Effort



Implementation Timeline



Next Steps

- City Manager sets fees
- City Commission approves budget amendment (9/23 agenda)
- Recruit and hire Supervisor
- Begin implementation of operating plan:
 - Development of Emergency Action Plans and Standard Operating Procedures
 - Program scheduling
 - Staff training

