



Cedar-Riverside Recreation Centers Predesign Amendment to the Predesign

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) has released an Amendment to the [Cedar-Riverside Recreation Center Predesign](#). With the Amendment release, a [public survey](#) will remain open for an additional 45-days. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions to provide you with additional information on the newly released Amendment.

How does this Amendment change the Predesign Report?

The Amendment shows the preferred site of the new recreation center in Currie Park. A summary of changes to the Predesign has been public along with this FAQ. This change is necessary to ensure that a recreation center design and construction project is eligible for State Bond funding, which requires the recreation center to be located on land that MPRB both owns and operates. If/when a recreation center design and construction project is funded, MPRB will review all possible sites for the new recreation center; these include Lot A, Lot F, the Brian Coyle Community Center site and Currie Park.

Why are the other locations no longer preferred?

To ensure that a recreation center design and construction project is eligible for State Bond funding, the Predesign Report needs to specify a feasible site owned and operated by MPRB. Once the recreation center design and construction project is funded, MPRB will review all possible sites for the new recreation center; these include Lot A, Lot F, the Brian Coyle Community Center site and Currie Park.

Who made these changes?

MPRB initiated the changes to ensure that the recreation center design and construction project is eligible for State Bond funding.

Where will the new recreation center be built?

With the Amendment to the Predesign Report, MPRB has identified the playground site within Currie Park as the preferred site. If/when the recreation center design and construction project is funded, MPRB will review all possible sites for the new recreation center; these include Lot A, Lot F, the Brian Coyle Community Center site and Currie Park.

Is expanding or reconstructing the Coyle Center still an option?

Yes. However, the Amendment to the Predesign Report identifies Currie Park as the preferred option. This is to ensure that the project is eligible for State Bond funding. If/when the recreation center project design and construction project is funded, MPRB will review all possible sites for the new recreation center; these include Lot A, Lot F, the Brian Coyle Community Center site and Currie Park.

What is the status of the Coyle Center lease by Pillsbury United Communities?

The status of the Pillsbury United Communities (PUC) lease of the Brian Coyle Community Center has not changed with over 70 years remaining on the original 99-year lease. Both PUC and MPRB remain in discussions related to the terms of the existing lease. If the new recreation center is to be located on the Coyle Center site, the terms of the PUC lease will need to be amended.

Why is the new location being proposed on the playground?

The Amendment to the Predesign Report identifies the current playground site as the preferred site for a new recreation center due to its proximity to 15th Ave S. If the recreation center is built on this site, the playground will be relocated within Currie Park. Prior to constructing a new recreation center in the current playground site, MPRB would be required to initiate a process to amend the current [Currie Park Master Plan](#) as part of the [South Service Area Master Plan](#).

Does the Amendment to the Predesign Report change the timeline for a design and construction project for a new recreation center, or delay its opening?

The Amendment to the Predesign Report does not change the timeline for the recreation center design and construction project, in part because that project remains unfunded. Once funded, it will take a minimum of three years to design and construct the new recreation center.

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