

Stephen Leonard Park Youth Center

An investment in the Community of South Merced



History

- ▶ Served the Community of South Merced through services offered by Parks & Community Services, the Boys and Girls Club and several additional local youth serving orgs
- ▶ Rests in Stephen Leonard Park, home to Merced's biggest splash pad, a small skate park, and community playground with restrooms





**Historical view of
set up prior to fire**

Account of Damages

- In early 2022 the roof of the facility caught fire
- The fire started on the roof and quickly moved into the attic and ventilation system causing significant damage both externally and internally
- Building was immediately deemed unusable



Account of Damages

- The City spent several months mitigating additional damages and ongoing negotiations with the insurance adjusters to develop construction bids
- Between the claims submitted and the work being contracted the site suffered ongoing vandalism and additional damages.
- In fall of 2024 the bid was awarded to Diede Construction and restoration began



Account of Damages

Work required included:

- Fire Damage (all covered by insurance)
- Code Upgrades (most but not all covered by insurance)
- Vandalism (only about half covered by insurance)



Account of Repairs

In January 2025 work began to complete

- Roofing
- Fire sprinklers
- Ventilation



Account of Repairs

- Exterior roofing repairs



Account of Repairs

- During repairs, additional work was determined to be required to ensure the safety, security, and utility of the facility



Account of Repairs

- Facia enclosing entire soffit had to be replaced due to extensive dry rot



Account of Repairs

- In February work began on the interior including electrical, ADA compliant modifications and paint

Large Conference Room



Large Activity Room



Account of Repairs

- Exterior work including Park restroom renovations and window installation have continued to progress



PRIORITIZED ADDITIONAL UPGRADES

ADDING SAFETY, SECURITY, AND VALUE TO STEPHEN LEONARD YOUTH CENTER



Upgrading Flooring- \$7,000

- Flooring was cleaned and prepped but found to be unfit for multipurpose use. Budget request would allow for leveling and adding commercial coating universally across facility.



ADA Parking in front of Youth Center on 7th St- \$45,000

- The Parks & Community Services Department will release a Request For Interest for local agencies and organizations that would like to expand programing to the Stephen Leonard Neighborhood. ADA parking will expand the potential offerings and accessibility to all in the area.



Front Entry Foyer- \$100,000

- Currently the configuration of the building entry adds little value and is unwelcoming. A formal entrance would serve as a check point for entry and exit from the facility allowing for controlled entry based on use (i.e. meetings, children's activities, or appointments with staff).



Internet and Security Cameras- \$46,000

- Install internet capability and security camera on facility



Kitchen Cabinets and Countertops- \$40,000



Existing Kitchen does not provide utility for community center operation

Replace barn doors with architectural security screens- \$40,000



Example at
Merced Heart
Associates



TOTAL ASK FOR PRIORITIZED ADDITIONAL UPGRADES- \$350,929

- Northstar Engineering- 20,000
- Flooring- 7,000
- ADA Parking- 45,000
- Front Entry Foyer- 100,000
- Camera and Internet- 45,000
- Kitchen Cabinets and Countertops- 40,000
- Security Window Treatments in replace of Barn Doors- 40,000

\$350,000- Currently available in General Fund Allocation for South Merced Investment

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL UPGRADES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Graffiti Coating exterior- 6,737
- Center Room Divider- 29,000
- Upgrade to Sternberg Park Standard Lighting- 80,000
- Convert storage room to office space- 37,625
- **Total of \$154,291**

\$154,291 Currently available in Economic Development

* Special thanks to Economic Development for acknowledging the investment in Parks and Recreation as an economic development strategy

Graffiti Coating on Exterior Paint- \$6,737



Open Space Room Dividers - \$29,000

- Separating the open spaces for various program operations will help diversify the programming that takes place within the facility. Room dividers provide the opportunity to add additional space or isolate for specific programming



Park Lighting- \$80,000

- Replace old dysfunctional pole lights throughout park with upgraded, park standard, Sternberg lighting



Converting Storage Room to Office Space- \$37,625



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