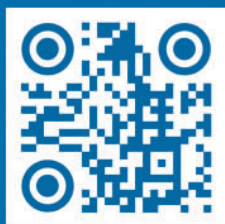




Crooked Creek Park Facility Master Plan

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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission's 2020–2030 Strategic Plan provides a framework for guiding parks, recreation programs, facilities, operations, and capital improvements. The original plan was developed through an extensive community engagement process involving more than 1,600 participants.

A mid-plan update was initiated in late 2024 to assess progress, incorporate current community input, and identify emerging facility and program priorities.

A key focus of the update is improving and expanding recreation facilities in response to growing community demand. **Goal 2** in the Strategic Plan calls for the Commission to proactively acquire, allocate, develop, maintain, and protect land and facility resources to serve a diverse and growing population. Priorities include anticipating future demand, allocating space for new services, and improving existing parks, aging facilities, and infrastructure.

The updated plan also identifies a need for additional indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, particularly in the Chapin area. Indoor facility priorities in Chapin include additional athletic gyms and court space, multipurpose studios, fitness and weight/cardio areas, and an indoor walking/jogging space.

The Strategic Plan's emphasis on improving and expanding recreation facilities in response to community demand prompted a master planning process for Crooked Creek Park. The process brought together a planning committee of ICRC staff and community members to assess existing conditions and needs and establish priorities for the park's future improvements, updates, and expansion.

As part of this effort, Crooked Creek Park Recreation Center was identified as an area for improvement. Staff input, public feedback, and committee review identified current building limitations and offered recommendations for priority improvements.

The results of these efforts are outlined in this Master Plan which provides a framework for guiding the park's future development and investment.

CROOKED CREEK PARK RECREATION CENTER

Executive Summary

This report summarizes key findings and recommendations from the Crooked Creek Park facility planning discussions, incorporating staff input, public feedback, and committee review of the recreation center's current use and limitations.

The goal was to identify priority improvements that will guide consultants and provide a framework for Crooked Creek Park's future development.

INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES

An inventory and assessment of the Crooked Creek Park Recreation Center was conducted, documenting the facility's size, location, and overall condition.

Major Themes Identified

- **Gymnasium and Fitness Space Expansion**
Demand for gym space far exceeds current capacity. Staff and public feedback support constructing an additional full-sized gymnasium that can accommodate two basketball courts. The existing fitness areas also require significant expansion due to high demand and limited equipment space.
- **Multipurpose Room Shortage**
Current classrooms and corner rooms are undersized or oddly shaped, limiting program offerings. The committee determined the need for several new multipurpose rooms. These would support dance, camps, senior programs, rentals, and general recreation.
- **Lobby and Entry Experience Redesign**
The front desk layout currently presents limited visibility, inefficient flow, and storage limitations. A redesigned lobby should create a clear point of entry, enhance customer service, improved sight lines, and accommodate better wayfinding.
- **Technology Modernization**
Both staff and the public emphasized the need for updated computers and cameras, digital

signage, and the addition of self-service check in kiosks improve front desk efficiency.

- **Arts and Culture Space**

Strong public interest highlighted the need for a modern studio space for art programming, pottery and ceramics with proper ventilation, plumbing, sinks, shelving, and lighting.

Operational Observations

- Staff and the public both prioritize additional gym facilities, improved technology, updates to the lobby and increasing programmable space.
- Several existing spaces including the racquetball area, corner rooms, and Meeting Room One offer opportunities for repurposing or expansion.
- Improving access control and security is necessary due to multiple exterior entry points.
- The ongoing need for additional storage should be factored into final design recommendations.

PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY NEEDS

Crooked Creek Park programs currently exceed available space. The following additional facilities are recommended to meet demand.

- Additional multipurpose rooms for camps, fitness, dance, art, and rentals.
- Expanded fitness space for cardio and weights.
- An additional indoor gymnasium for basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and indoor soccer.
- A dedicated, fully-equipped studio for art programs.
- Spaces that support both daytime senior service programs and evening rentals.
- Flexible, reconfigurable rooms adaptable to seasonal programs.

KEY RENOVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

High Priority Building Modifications

- Add a new gymnasium that can accommodate two full basketball courts.
- Expand the fitness area.
- Add office space.
- Add multipurpose rooms.
- Reconfigure or relocate the front desk and

expand the lobby.

- Improve access, lighting, and flow in high use areas.
- Repurpose the racquetball court footprint into usable program space.
- Update all entrances and door systems.
- Modernize HVAC systems throughout the facility.
- Build a larger, more modern kitchen and modify the existing kitchen into programmable space.
- Update and expand the senior services area.

ACTION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Develop a Conceptual Plan.
- Estimated costs and seek potential funding sources (e.g., grants, bonds, partnerships).
- Develop full construction documents and pursue permitting.

APPENDIX

Technical data, detailed maps, and drawings.

For additional information on the planning process, please scan the QR code or visit icrc.net.



IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION

The Commission acknowledges and expresses appreciation for the commitment of staff, focus group and task force members, community members and stakeholders who have contributed to this plan. We have confidence that the collective voice of the community is reflected in this document and are committed to the goals that have been established through this process.

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