

Dear Recreation Commission members;

I believe one of our City's greatest and most unique assets is our Recreation Center. I also believe that for too many years, the facility has not received the financial investment necessary to keep it attractive, competitive and marketable. It is my hope to use money realized from the passage of Issue 34 and from unappropriated funds in the Recreation account to accomplish several projects.

The Recreation Department has already made two purchases this year to improve their operations: a pick up truck and new lane reels for the pool. They have also taken down four decorative piers near the outside pool that were collapsing. This project was done as quickly as possible due to the falling pieces of concrete.

Other projects this year potentially include replacement of the lockers in both locker rooms (\$ 11,000), renovations to the lobby and ticket booth (\$ 20,000), additional playground equipment in the parks (\$ 15,000) and parking lot repairs (\$ 20,000).

In the years ahead, it is my intention to continue to allocate money to capital improvements in the Recreation Department with money saved from Issue 34. Please know that this list is a work in progress as the condition of the building and the parks is always changing.

I look forward to working with the Commission as we begin these improvements. I would appreciate your thoughts and input along the way.

Sincerely;

Mayor Kevin M. Kennedy