

## **428.11 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion**

**Location:** This project is located in Gene C. Reid Park at 3455 E. Zoo Court.

**Scope:** Design and construction of an expansion to the Adaptive Recreation Center located in Reid Park by approximately 18,000 square feet. The Adaptive Recreation Center is the only recreation center in Pima County planned specifically to serve those in the community with disabilities. Planning began in 1993 with a preliminary master plan then progressed in 1997 to a more detailed schematic design for the projected long range build out of the center. The City of Tucson Mayor and Council adopted the master plan in 2000. The master plan identifies two major components of the center – an aquatic facility and a non-aquatic ('dry') facility. The aquatic facility was built using City of Tucson 2000 bond funds. The design and construction of the 'dry' facility is the scope of this Pima County bond funded project.. The dry facility will support therapeutic programming for a wide variety of disabilities. The planned 'dry' facility includes a small kitchen for life skills, nutrition classes and social programming, a gym/multipurpose room for Special Olympics and sports programming (basketball, floor hockey, and team handball), office space, a walking path area with emergency call stations, frequent benches for rest and a surveillance system for walking clubs and a fitness room with accessible weight equipment. Other programming to address life skills, fitness, socialization and nutrition will occur in multipurpose rooms. The associated parking facilities will have more accessible spaces than is minimally required by code.

**Benefits:** This project will provide indoor recreational facilities for the members of the community with disabilities as well as the general public. Currently the City of Tucson supports a therapeutic recreation program that provides life skills training, recreation, fitness and socialization for clients from 6 months of age to adulthood. This existing programming is confined by a lack of space to accommodate all who wish to participate. For example, capacity at children's summer camps is limited and results in waiting lists and children that can't be accommodated. The Kids Zone program for children ages 3 to 5 is currently held in a small space that can't accommodate all who wish to participate. The Special Olympics athletes compete for time at existing indoor gymnasiums. Besides expanding the capacity of existing programming, the Adaptive Recreation Center expansion would facilitate additional programming such as walking clubs, fitness groups and life skills training. The City's therapeutic program is a well-established, well respected resource for the members of the community with disabilities to address the diverse issues experienced by those with Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, asthma, stroke effects, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, brain and spinal cord injury, epilepsy, blindness and visual impairments, deafness and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, attention deficit, emotional/behavioral/learning disabilities, addictions, multiple chemical sensitivities and more.

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$6,000,000

**Bond Funding Estimate:** \$6,000,000

**Other Funding Estimate:** None identified at this time

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:** \$900,000 for planning and design, \$5,100,000 for construction.

**Implementation Periods:** 5, 6

**Project Schedule by Major Task:** Planning and design at 20 months, construction at 18 months.

**Project Manager:** City of Tucson (Project requested by City of Tucson)

**Operator:** City of Tucson

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities. The estimated increase in annual operating expenditures based on current design and similar existing facilities is \$460,000. There is also an estimated increase in annual revenues of \$18,000. Both expenditures and revenues will need to be adjusted at the time of actual construction.

**Regional Benefits:** The Adaptive Recreation Center is the only existing center focused on serving members of our community with disabilities. The expansion would provide increased programming capacity and new programming to serve citizens throughout Pima County.