


**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**
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**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGEMENT**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide a history on the current alignment of community centers, how centers are divided amongst the Park & Recreation (PAR) and Neighborhood Services (NSD) departments, and outline the contractual operation of the Northpark YMCA, and the Rise Community Center. There are 24 centers either operated directly or by agreement with partnering agencies (See attached map for locations). Below is a chart listing the centers and their respective departments:

<b>Neighborhood Services</b>	<b>Council District</b>	<b>Park &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>Council District</b>
Andrew "Doc" Sessions	8	Chisholm Trail	6
Como	3	Diamond Hill	2
Rise Community Center*	3	Eugene McCray	5
Martin Luther King, Jr.	5	Fire Station	9
Northside	2	Greenbriar	9
North Tri-Ethnic	2	Handley-Meadowbrook	5
Southside	8	Highland Hills	8
Worth Heights	9	Hillside	8
		Northpark YMCA*	4
		Northwest (in design)	7
		R.D. Evans	3
		Riverside	4
		Southwest	6
		Sycamore	8
		Thomas Place	7
		Victory Forest	9

\*Daily management by partner agency

\*\*McDonald YMCA is contracted for Aquatics only

In 2014, the City established the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) to consolidate municipal services and programs that focus on building better neighborhoods and improving quality of life for residents. As part of the reorganization, the Housing and Economic Development Department was split into NSD and the Economic Development Department. The Park and Community Services Department (PACSD) was changed to the Park & Recreation Department (PAR). In October 2015, seven of the community centers that were formerly part of PACSD were moved to the new NSD.

The centers in NSD and PAR provide similar programming, such as After School Program, Summer Day Camp, School Break Camps, and a variety of other social, cultural, recreational and educational programs. Department staff coordinate regularly to provide consistency in fees, promotional materials, memberships, and facility rentals.

The centers under NSD offer social services through the Community Action Partners (CAP) program. These services include the following: utility bill payment assistance; heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair assistance; low-income housing water assistance; case management and vocational training; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA); and veteran assistance

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programs. In addition, NSD operates a CAP office in the city of Arlington that serves Tarrant County.

The Northpark YMCA was constructed in 2008 through a partnership between the City of Fort Worth and the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth. All membership fees for Fort Worth residents using this YMCA location are discounted 10%. In addition, the location is available free of charge for public meetings. The contract with the YMCA was executed on April 25, 2007, and it has an initial 20-year term with two 10-year renewals. PARD staff communicates with YMCA leadership and branch staff on facility needs and usage. Future capital improvements are requested and prioritized through department and city processes.

Rise Community Center opened in 2020 and is managed by LVTRise, Inc., a non-profit corporation, responsible for providing programming at Rise Community Center. The LVTRise revitalization project is a cooperative effort by private companies, human service organizations and government agencies dedicated to improving the lives of people living in the Las Vegas Trail area. Their program objectives focus on education, public safety, delivery of social services, economic development, and health and wellness.

An agreement with the City was executed on April 5, 2019, with an initial term of five years and successive one-year automatic renewals. NSD staff works closely with Rise Community Center management to address operational and facility needs. The City also provides funding to support the organization's operating costs through a contract managed by NSD.

Should you have any questions regarding this Informal Report, please contact Neighborhood Services Director Victor Turner at (817) 392-8187 or Park & Recreation Department Interim Director Dave Lewis at (817) 392-5717.

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