

o: City of Ashland Mayor and City Council
From: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

At the January 7th City Council meeting, Commissioner Landt ~~made a request~~asked that renovations to modernize the kitchens, bathrooms and other amenities accompany structural repairs required to make the Community Center safe for occupancy. His arguments included that doing the ~~renovation~~updating at a separate time would likely be more expensive than if done concurrently with structural work and doing the renovation work separately would also result in additional closure time for the Center.

The same argument could have been made for Pioneer Hall. Both facilities are overdue for upgrading ~~and renovation~~. Ashland Parks & Recreation Commissioners recommend that both buildings be remodeled at the same time structural deficiencies are corrected and that the work be done expediently so these important public facilities are available to ~~the public~~users, who are negatively impacted by closures.

Also, at the same meeting, Commissioner Gardiner was asked to speak about the Perozzi Fountain. He was not able to fully answer questions because ~~the APRC Commissioners has had~~ only recently been made aware the Bond proposal would include the Fountain. And there was not a reason to be focusing on the Fountain because repairing it was not on the current list of priorities established by Commissioners for the current biennium.

Since three of the five bond projects are related to APRC with Perozzi Fountain on land managed by APRC and with Pioneer Hall and The Community Center use managed-scheduled by APRC, Commissioners recommend that an APRC representative (and perhaps Public Works representative since they manage the building assets) be on the bond Working Group to ensure that information flows freely to and from the bond Working Group related to APRC responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Mike Gardiner
Chair, Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission