



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

COPLEY FAMILY YMCA FACILITY
PROPOSED FUTURE USE INFORMATION SHEET
JANUARY 2015

Copley Family YMCA is vacating its facility at 3901 Landis Street (Park de la Cruz) in January 2015. The YMCA is currently in a Lease Agreement with the City for the Landis site, and it will be opting out of the lease and moving into their new facility (Copley-Price Family YMCA at Fairmount Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard). The old Copley YMCA facility consists of approximately 33,000 sq. feet with a gymnasium, several offices, three exercise rooms, meeting rooms, one large classroom, kitchen, and swimming pool. The property is managed as dedicated park land, which means the facilities must be used for park purposes. The Park and Recreation Department's proposed course of action is to continue community services at the facility and operate the facility as a community center with diverse specialized services which would include therapeutic, senior, and general youth and adult recreation activities.

Benefits for City to operate the facility as a therapeutic/senior/community center:

1. Assures well rounded recreation services are provided for the surrounding communities with minimal downtime of the facility being vacant
2. Provides on-site staff during business hours for maintenance and emergencies for adjacent Park de la Cruz including ballfields, tot lot, and future skate park
3. Adds a recreation center for the City Heights area west of the Interstate 15 freeway and east of the Interstate 805 freeway, consistent with the Public Facilities Financing Plan
4. Allows therapeutic and senior services staff to conduct programs at one central location instead of reserving facilities around the city to conduct programs
5. Offers a unique experience for the citizens of San Diego by providing inclusive, senior, and general recreation programming within the same facility during public use hours

Reasons to close the existing indoor pool facility:

1. Two pools are located less than two miles away and are available for public use.
2. Indoor air quality may be inadequately ventilated and inconsistent with current aquatic codes for indoor facilities, which would require upgrades.
3. Pool shell is cracked, and a liner is currently in use.
4. Boilers, pumps, and filtration system are very old and require immediate updating.
5. Pool is not competitive size, which limits program use and revenue generation potential.
6. Ongoing operations under the current conditions of the pool will be very costly.

Public information meetings schedule:

1. City Heights Planning Area Committee – January 5, 2015
2. Disabled Services Advisory Council – January 14, 2015
3. Park and Recreation Board – January 15, 2015
4. City Heights Recreation Council – January 20, 2015