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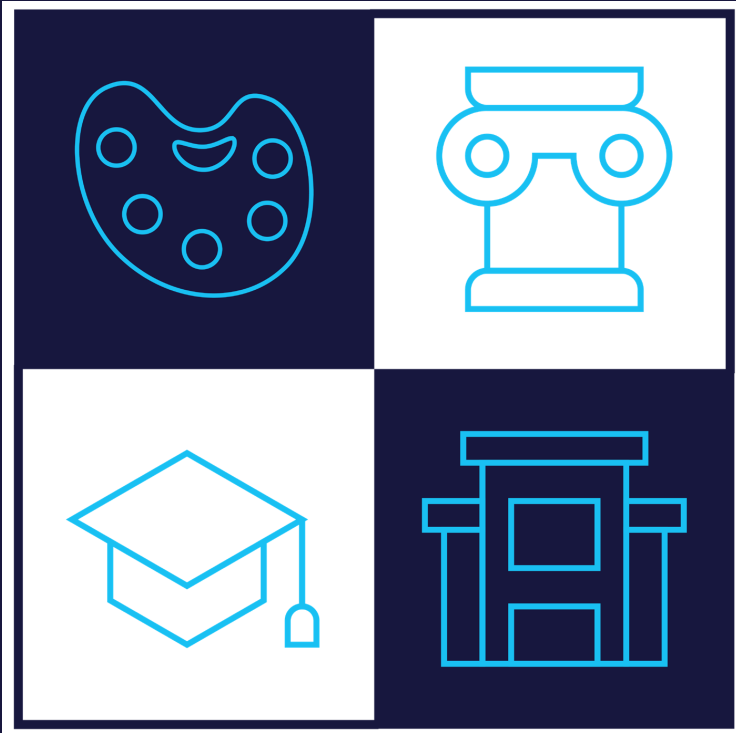
August 19, 2026

2026 GO Bond Program
Community / Multipurpose
Center Committee



1. Introductions of Committee Members and Assigned Staff

Chair John Lopez



Who Does What

- Committee - advises on needs, amenities and priorities
- Chairperson, DPMT John Lopez - leads the discussion
- Staff Liaison, Peter Sime - coordinates and keeps us in scope
- Parks Department Representative, Chris Ginapp - subject-matter expert
- City Manager - assigns staff support; decides certain matters
- City Council - final authority on all implementation decisions

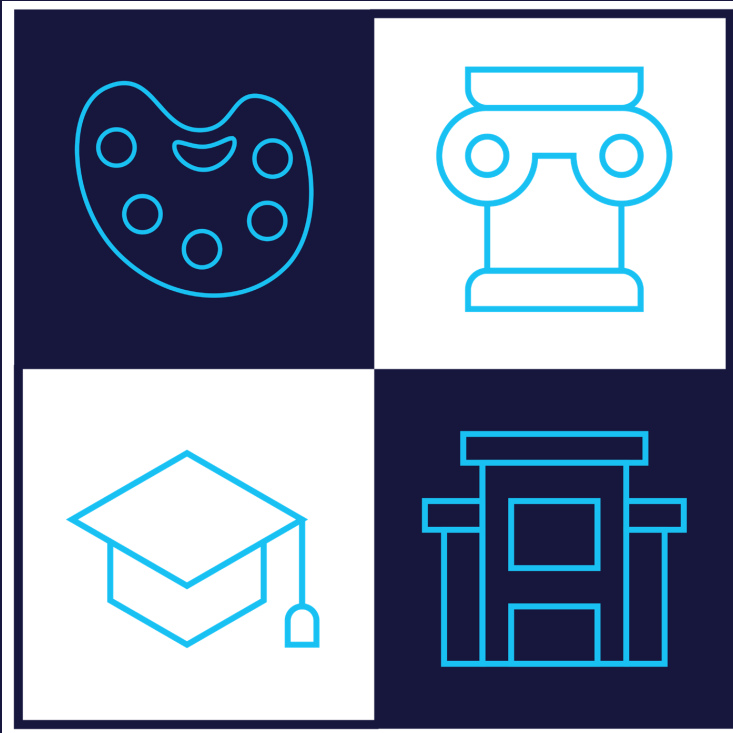
We advise. Staff reviews every recommendation before it moves forward. City Council decides.



2. Review of Committee Charge, Term and Advisory Role

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What We're Here to Do

Provide advisory input on the **Community / Multipurpose Center** project, including:

- What the community needs
- The experience this project should create
- Major characteristics and amenities
- Service and access expectations
- Project priorities
- Implementation considerations for staff

Our job is to help define what matters most.



Our Lane

We Advise On

- Community needs and priorities
- General site characteristics and vicinity
- Major amenities and experiences
- Accessibility and public use
- Project priorities
- Concerns staff should consider

We Do Not Decide

- Final site selection
- Detailed design or engineering
- Architects, vendors or contractors
- Operating budgets or staffing
- Facility naming



Our Final Product

By the end of the process, the committee will provide City Council with a clear summary of:

- Who the center should serve
- The role the center should play in Grand Prairie
- Major characteristics and amenities
- Resident access and service expectations
- What should be prioritized within the available funding
- Any important concerns or differing viewpoints

Final decisions remain with City Council.



Our Charge and Our Clock

Established by City Council ordinance adopted **July 21, 2026**, under Section 2-7(h) of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances.

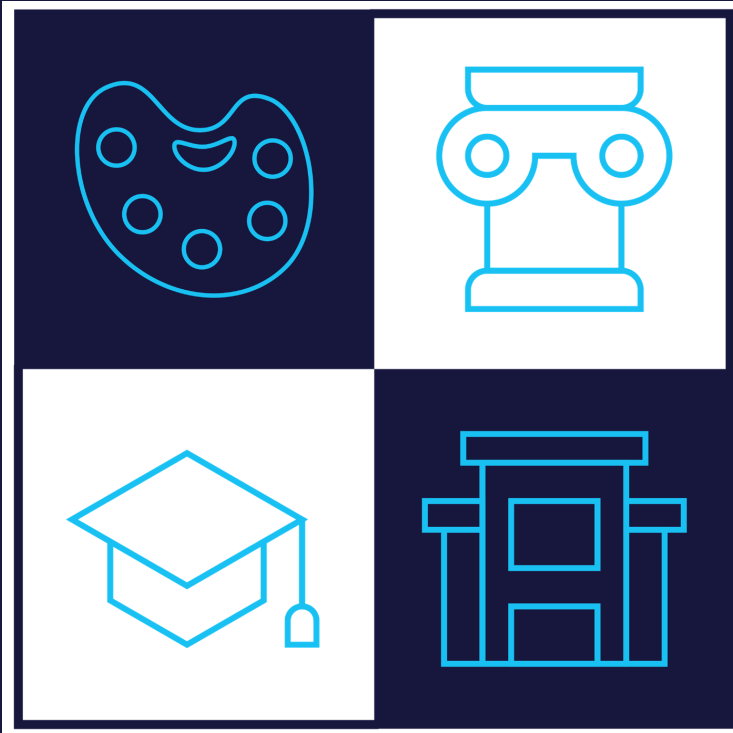
- Our topic: the Community / Multipurpose Center project
- Our term ends October 31, 2026
- The Mayor may extend it up to 60 days if we need more time
- City Council may conclude our work earlier
- Five meetings; the Chairperson may combine or adjust topics

A defined charge and a defined clock - about ten weeks from tonight.



3. Open Meetings, PIA, Conflict Disclosure, and Committee Procedures

City Attorney's Office
Tiffany Bull



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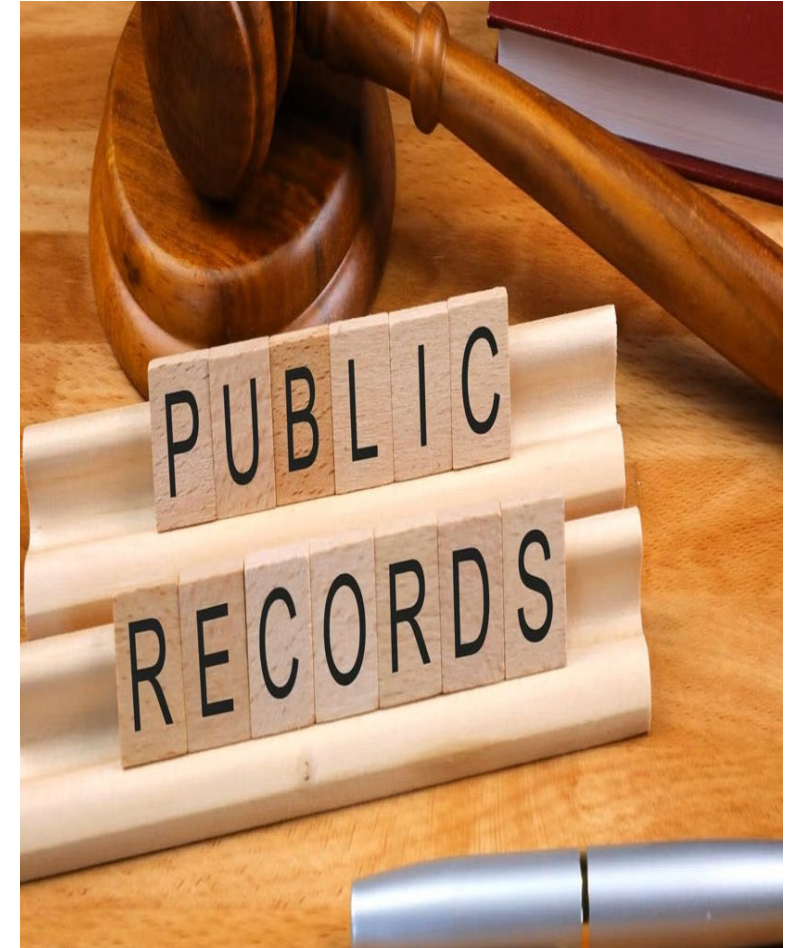
Texas Open Meetings Act

- **Agenda** - All meetings of the Committee will follow a publicly posted agenda (TX Gov't Code Ch 551)
 - Notice of date, hour, place, and items for discussion
 - Posted 3 full business days before the meeting date
- **Agenda Items** - only items on the agenda are eligible for discussion
- **Open Meetings** - Meeting must be open to the public unless law provides specific exception
- **Avoid** - side conversations
- **Quorum** - required to hold a meeting
- **Public Comments** – can board/commission members respond?
 - Items on the Agenda vs Items NOT on the Agenda
- **Posting Other Items** - do social functions, conferences, or ceremonial events need to be posted?
- **Minutes** - Record Actions (Motion, Second, Vote)
 - Approved at the following meeting by vote of members
 - Public record with permanent retention



Texas Public Information Act

- **Public Information** (TX Gov't Code Ch 552)
 - Information that is **written produced, collected assembled, or maintained** in connection with the transaction of **official City business**
- **Regardless of where it is stored** – paper documents, electronic records, photos, email, text messages (including personal emails if related to City business)
- **Presumed to be public** unless there is a law that otherwise makes the information confidential
- Is available to anyone who makes a **written request** per City designation (effective Sept 1, 2026, request must be submitted to the designated email, mailing address, person or through the Public Information portal)



Conflicts of Interest

Ethics Code

- **Standards of Conduct** - City Code of Ordinances and state law have **standards of conduct** that apply to City Council and Board and Commission members to ensure fair and ethical dealing in the handling of City contracts and City business (City Code of Ordinances 2-63 through 2-65)
- **If a member has a conflict**
 - **Disclose** the conflict on the record
 - **Abstain** from discussion and vote
 - **Conflicts Affidavit** signed and submitted to City Secretary



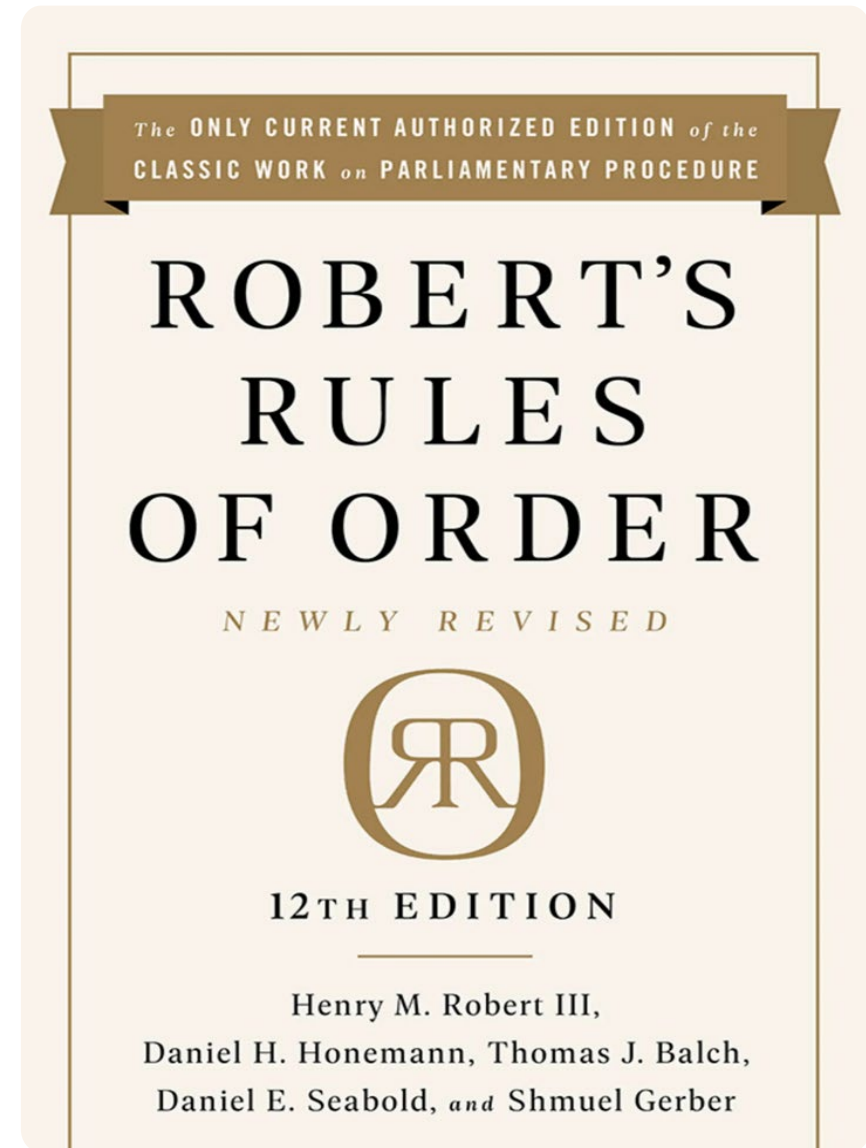
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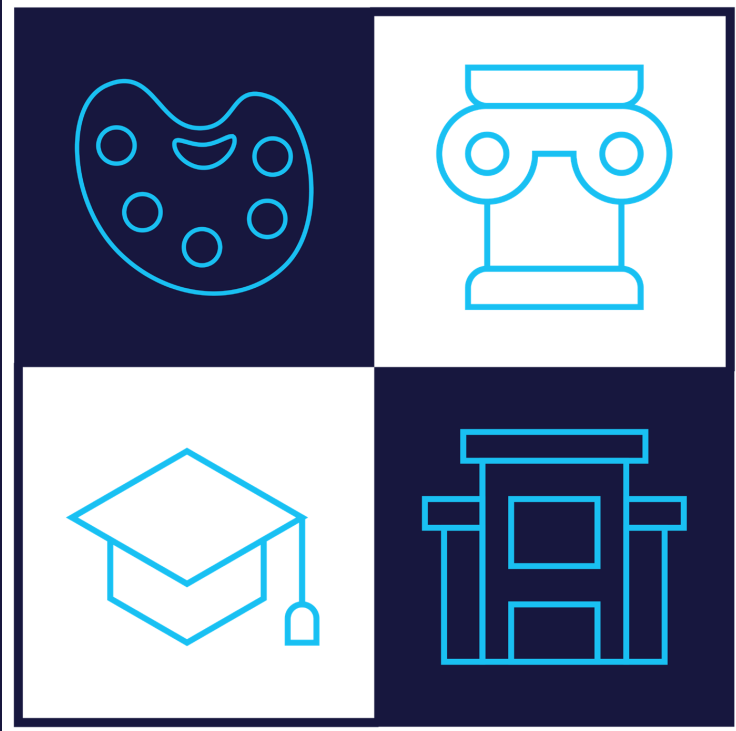
- **Conflicts of Interest** (LGC Ch. 171.002)
 - Board member has a **substantial interest** in a business entity or ownership of real property
 - **Substantial interest** – ownership in the business or receipt of 10% or more income from the business
 - **Ownership of real property** with FMV of \$2,500 or more
- **Employment or Business Relationship** with someone who contracts with, or is seeking to contract with the City (LGC Ch. 176.003)
- **Direct or indirect interest** in any business or contract paid from City funds that would provide a benefit to the board member or his or her family member (City Code 2-63-65)
- **Family members** – within designated degrees of relation of blood or marriage (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, in-laws)



Committee Procedures

- Committee meetings are governed by **Roberts Rules of Order**
- **Call to Order** by the Chair
- **Quorum** is required to conduct business (majority of members)
- **Order of Meeting**
 - Staff presentations (informational)
 - Public Comments
 - Items for individual consideration (action items that will require a vote or no action)
- **Discussion** - Members should be recognized by the Chair before speaking
- **Voting** – Requires **motion and second** (majority vote in the affirmative to pass an item)
 - Chair will repeat who made the motion and the second
 - No Abstaining - All members must vote unless that member has a legal conflict
- **Meeting Minutes** – Official meeting minutes are taken by the City Secretary's Office





4. Proposition C and Project Overview

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What the Voters Approved

On May 2, 2026, Grand Prairie voters approved Proposition C - **\$39,000,000** for parks and recreational projects. This committee advises on one of the four.

- **Community / Multipurpose Center - \$23,000,000**
- Pickleball Complex - \$10,000,000
- Botanical Garden - \$5,000,000
- Public Artwork - \$1,000,000
- Bond funds may be used only for the voter-approved purpose

Our input goes to City Council at a GO Bond Workshop anticipated October or November 2026.



Multipurpose Center - \$23,000,000

The largest single Proposition C project. Our job is to define what it must accomplish before anyone designs it.

- Intended users and community outcomes
- General vicinity and site attributes - not a final site
- Major amenities, access and service levels
- Flexibility, affordability and long-term usefulness
- Fit with existing recreation, library, senior and youth facilities

Needs first. Amenities second. Priorities before preferences.



Considerations We'll Work Through

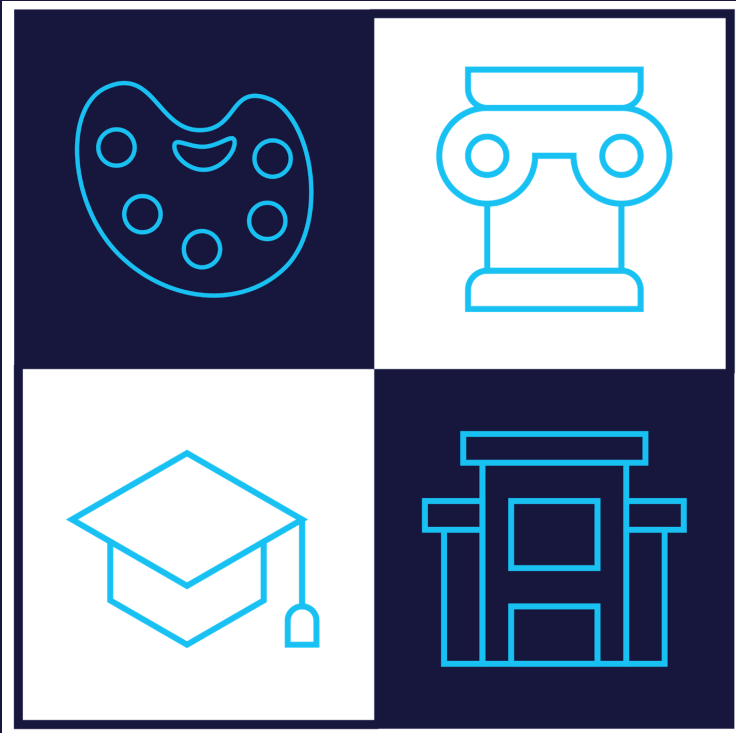
Staff Will Bring Information On

- Legal and bond compliance
- Financial limits and funding
- Operations and maintenance
- Procurement rules
- Schedule and timing

What That Means for Us

- Staff review before transmittal
- Amenities must fit the budget
- Upkeep counts, not just construction
- We describe needs, not vendors
- We finish by October 31, 2026





5. Evaluation Criteria

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The Central Question

What role should this facility play that is not already being adequately served elsewhere in Grand Prairie?

A flexible center is possible. But the committee should be clear about which community needs are a priority.

This choice influences spaces, access, programming, operations and cost.



Our Decision Lens

As we consider ideas, ask:

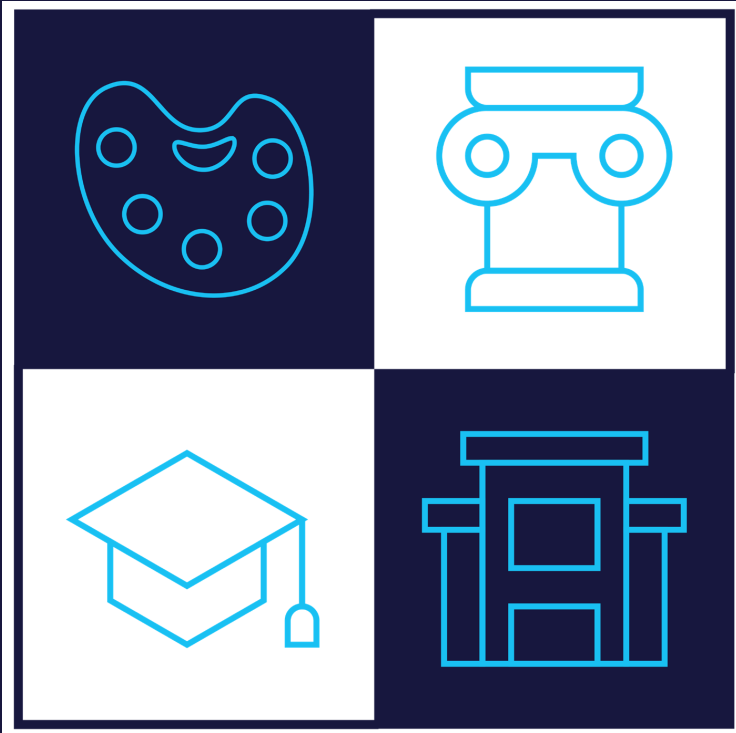
- **Does it serve a real community need?**
- **Does it welcome a broad mix of residents?**
- **Does it create useful, flexible public space?**
- **Does it support the role we want the center to play?**
- **Does it make good use of the available funding?**
- **Could it be added or expanded later?**

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6. Review of Five-Meeting Work Plan and Information Needs

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Our Five-Meeting Path

From ideas to clear advice



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What Information Would Help You?

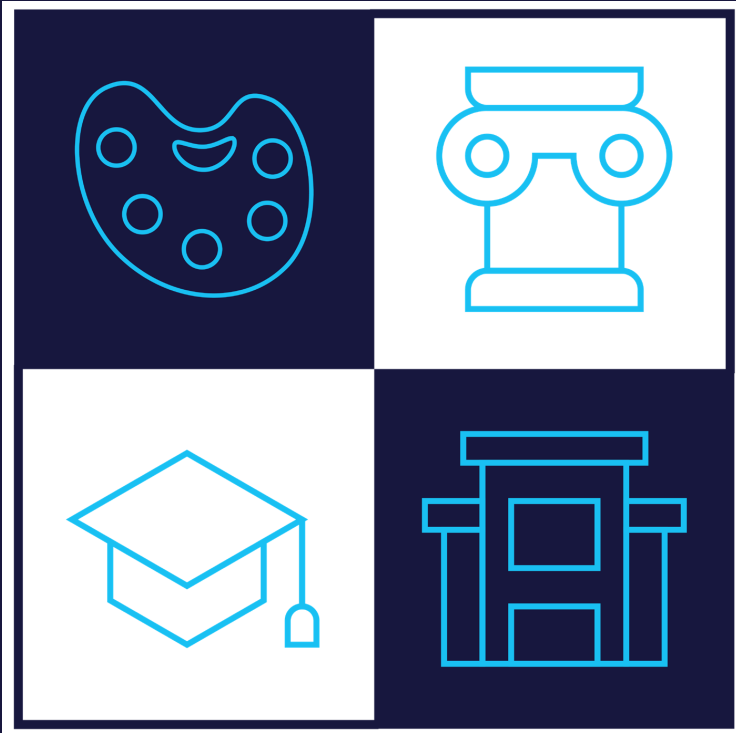
Before Meeting 2, is there anything you would like staff to provide?

What are we missing?



7. Examples of Multipurpose Centers in Metroplex

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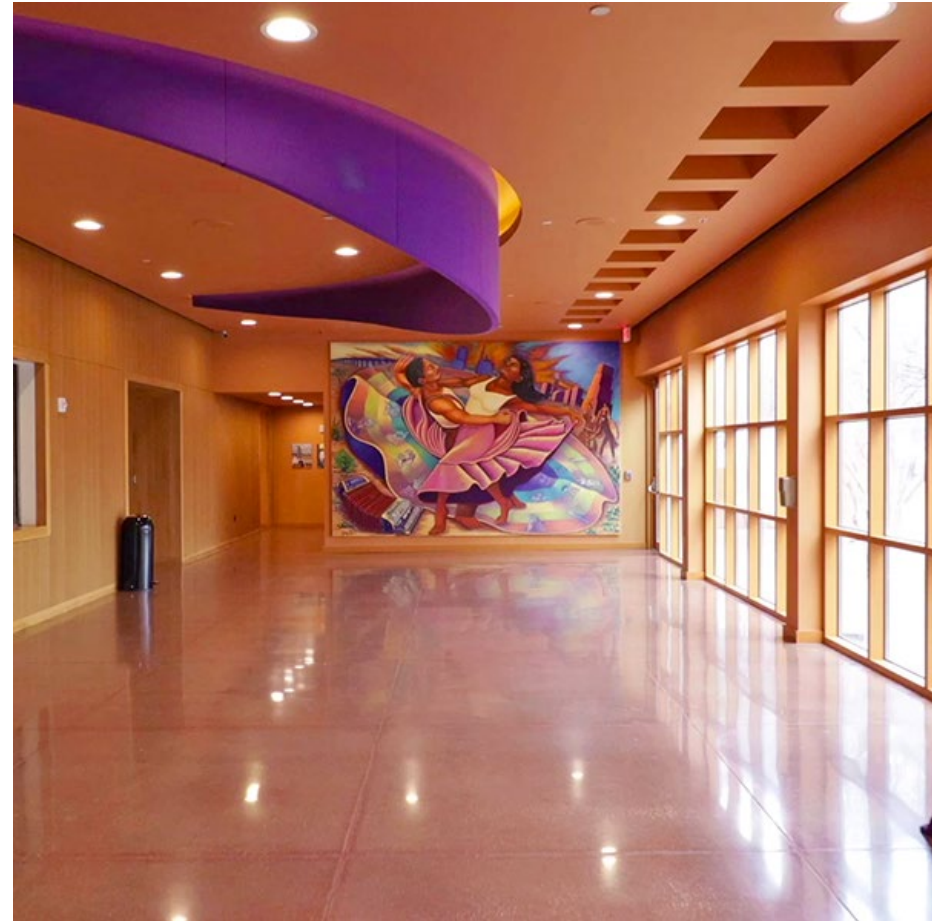
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Latino Cultural Center- Dallas

- Program/Performance space, seats up to 300
- Two large gallery spaces, programs with exhibit artist
- Black box smaller performance space
- Teatro Dallas and other theater companies use space for rehearsals and performances
- Several art display areas



Andrew Doc Session Community Center- Fort Worth

- One large program/performance space
- One recreation room
- Library/Computer room



South Dallas Cultural Center

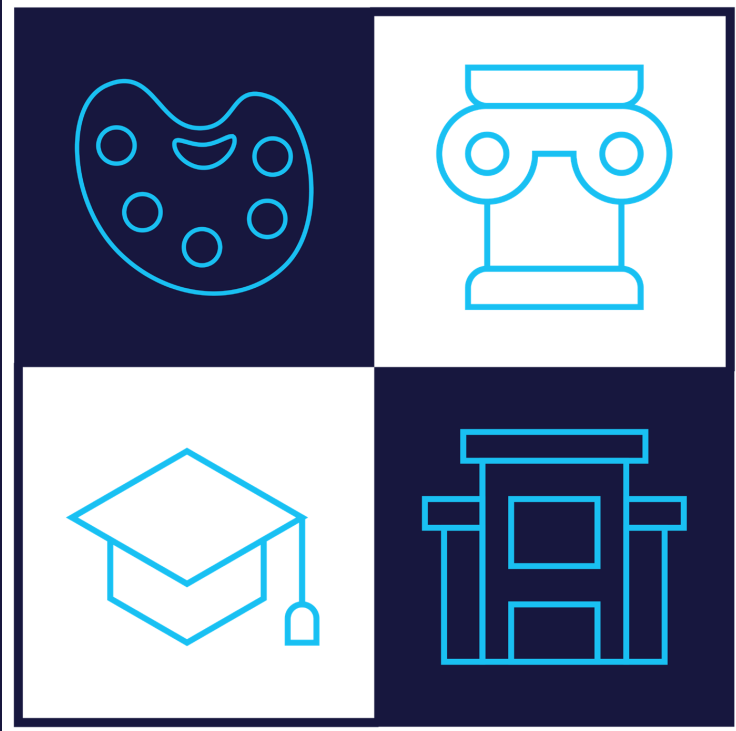
- Black box theater with removable riser stage to allow for different performances/programs.
- Meeting rooms for classes
- Research library- no check outs
- Music studio
- Dance class/rehearsal room
- Sewing room for classes
- Several art display areas



Lively Pointe Youth Center- Irving

- Special needs programming for adults 18 and older, Monday through Friday 9am-2pm
- Teens only after 3pm
- Large gaming room
- Teaching kitchen
- Recreation room
- Large program room with two smaller rooms





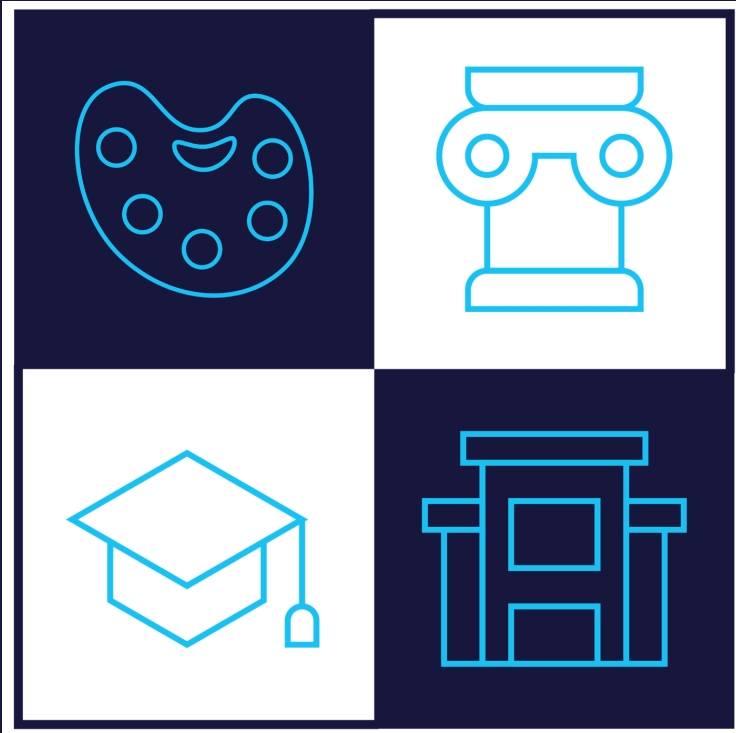
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8. Action Out of Staff Presentations



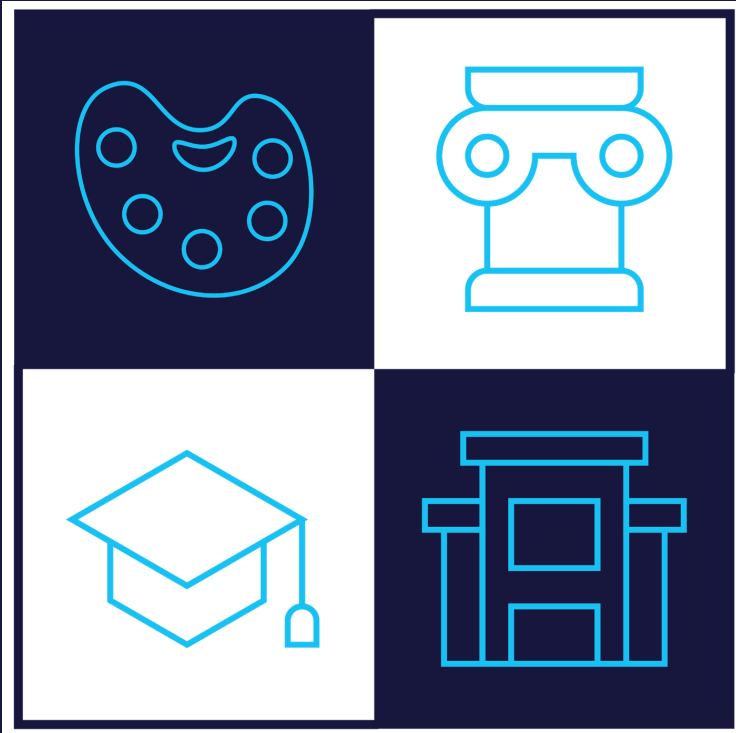
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9. Committee Direction and Topics for Meeting 2

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Between Now and Our Next Meeting

As you move around Grand Prairie and the metroplex, simply think about:

WHO SHOULD WE SERVE?

- Children and families
- Teens and young adults
- Older adults
- Neighborhood residents
- Groups and organizations
- A broad mix of users

WHAT ROLE SHOULD IT PLAY?

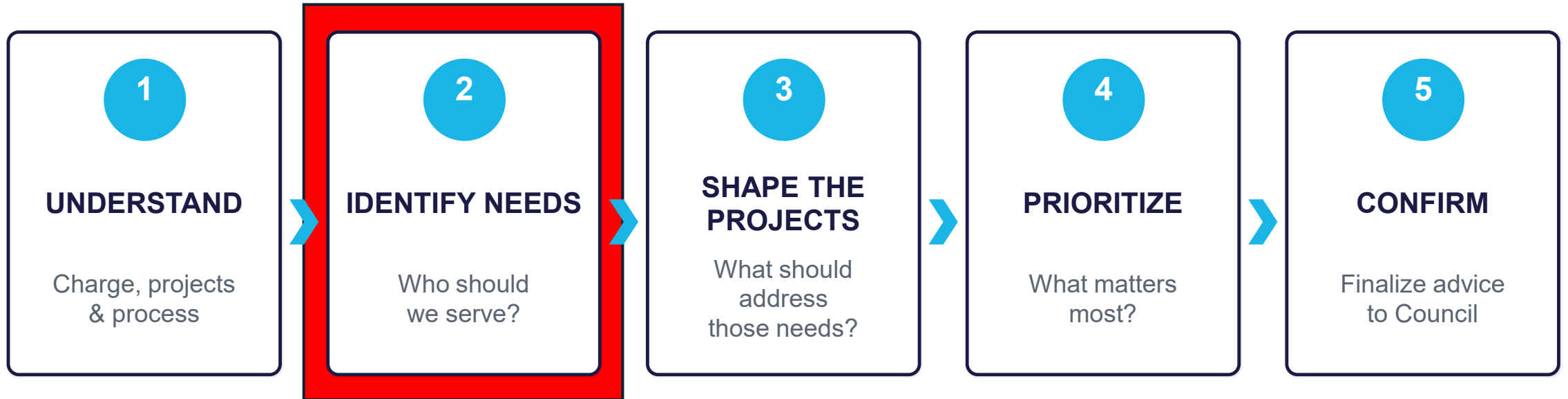
- Everyday community gathering
- Recreation and wellness
- Classes and programming
- Events and meetings
- Flexible public use
- A facility that can adapt over time

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Our Five-Meeting Path

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Comparison Visits: Keep It Simple

You do not need to be an expert.
Just notice what works, what does not, and what feels worth bringing home.

LOOK

What immediately
stands out?

USE

How does the place work
for everyday users?

LEARN

What would you borrow
— or avoid — in Grand
Prairie?

The goal is to learn,
not finding a facility to copy.



Upcoming Meetings

- **Meeting 2 — Needs Assessment**
Wednesday, September 2 at 6pm
- **Meeting 3 — Solve for Needs**
Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm
- **Meeting 4 — Prioritization & Development**
Wednesday, September 30 at 6pm
- **Meeting 5 — Confirm Advisory Input**
Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm



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Thank you!

