

3. Options & Alternatives

This chapter presents the list of options for the future of SRC which emerged during the public involvement and facilities analysis process. Alternatives are discussed in the following categories:

- Operations and Management
- Uses and Activities
- Improvements to Existing Facilities
- Expansion of Facilities
- Offer Additional Programs

Operations and Management

The four (4) options presented below represent the entire range of options available to Pierce County for operations and management of SRC. At one end of the range, or spectrum, would be a Option 1, which is continuation of existing operations and management (which is done primarily by Pierce County with some services being provided by private vendors). At the other range end of the spectrum is the 4th option, which is to have a private vendor manage and operate the entire facility. In between those two extremes are Options 2 and 3, which assume a greater mixture of public operation and private vendors and a group of vendors operating the facility, respectively. This range of options was analyzed in Chapter 2, Benefit Cost Analysis.

All of the options discussed assume perpetual County ownership of the facility as discussed in Chapters 1 and 2, Site Ownership Analysis.

Option 1. Continue County operation of facility as is with existing private vendors

Option 2. Continue County operation and pursue additional private vendors

Option 3. Multiple private vendors operate entire facility

Option 4. One private vendor operates entire facility

Uses and Activities

This category identifies the range of options available in terms of the use of the facilities within the existing buildings and using the grounds as they are currently developed.

1. Continue existing uses and programs (existing conditions)
2. Increase efficiency of space usage within existing facilities and hours
3. Expand uses and programs within existing physical facilities and hours

Improvements to Existing Facilities

Suggestions in this category came from both the facilities analysis and the public, and addresses improvements to the existing facilities, expansion of facilities, and the introduction of new programs.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

1. Building and site improvements identified in Chapter 2 of this document should include:
 - Design and construct access and circulation improvements to community rooms
 - Install security improvements to building and grounds
 - Install ADA improvements
 - Improve restrooms/locker rooms
 - Implement Energy Efficiency Measures to lighting and ice arena equipment

EFFICIENCY MEASURES

The following measures are recommended to improve the efficiency of existing operations:

1. Investigate relocation of activities within the building such as the concessions/retail sales activities, improvements to the Rainier Room, addition of a catering kitchen, and the conversion of preschool room to other activities
2. Convert racquetball courts to other uses

Improve Aesthetics and Marketability

The following actions are recommended to improve the marketing and appeal of SRC:

1. Install parking lot landscaping
2. Improve signage program
3. Explore sponsorship opportunities

Expansion of Facilities

HIGHER PRIORITY

Facilities that received the most support during the public involvement process and stakeholder interviews include:

- A second sheet of ice and related training and spectator facilities
- Improvement of existing tennis courts lighting and surface and add additional courts
- A gymnasium/indoor soccer facility
- Upgraded restrooms and locker rooms
- A weight/fitness training facility
- Lighted outdoor playfields and tennis courts
- Addition of youth facilities, perhaps a Boys and Girls Club

LOWER PRIORITY

Facilities that were mentioned but received lower levels of support during the public involvement process and stakeholder interviews include:

- A swimming pool
- Addition of skateboard area
- New walking areas to replace the running track
- A BMX area
- Training facilities to support skating programs
- Reacquire portion of site owned by the Fire District

- An all-weather athletic field surface
- Alternate parking lot access

Offer Additional Programs

The following programs should be further evaluated for additions to SRC:

1. Expand Youth Programs
2. Add weight training/additional fitness programs
3. Add training programs for skaters
4. Add parenting classes