

**TOWN OF VALDESE
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
June 16, 2022**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., for a tour of the Valdese Recreation Community Center(312 Massel Ave SE, Valdese) and Valdese Tiger Gym(301 Church St NW, Valdese) and convened in the Community Room at Town Hall, 102 Massel Avenue SW, Valdese, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor Leonard “Charlie” Watts, Councilman J. Andrew Thompson, Councilwoman Rexanna Lowman, Councilman Keith Ogle, and Councilman Paul Mears. Also present were: Town Manager Seth Eckard, Town Clerk Jessica Lail, Finance Director Bo Weichel, and Parks & Recreation Director David Andersen.

Absent: Councilwoman Frances Hildebran

A quorum was present.

Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Valdese Recreation Community Center. Mr. Watts stated that this was a Special Called Council Meeting to tour the Valdese Recreation Gym and Tiger Gym facility with town staff. Parks and Recreation Director David Andersen led a tour of the facilities, identifying issues throughout the buildings.

VALDESE RECREATION COMMUNITY CENTER TOUR: Mr. Andersen shared that the Valdese gymnasium was built in 1938. Mr. Andersen went over the renovation items that were approved at the May 2, 2022, Council meeting and the items for consideration that will be on the July 11, 2022, regular Council meeting. In addition, the Town Council toured the gymnasium and the upper lobby area looking at future renovations. The Town Council also toured the pool/fitness lobby area downstairs and the men and women’s locker rooms identifying areas that need to be addressed and renovated.



GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT

Items approved during May 2nd Town Council Meeting:

- Gymnasium Flooring and Demolition/Installation including mid-court logo and court lines
- Retractable Bleachers and Installation
- Retractable Dividing Curtain and Installation
- Retractable Goals (6) and Installation
- Safety Padding for Walls and Installation

Items for Consideration during July 11th Town Council Meeting:

- Nevco 2700 Scoreboard (and Installation)
- Electrical work for goal and curtain motors, scoreboard power, vent fan motor repair
- Structural engineering assessment for placement of goals/curtain
- Painting walls, ceiling, and cages around ventilation fans/louvres
- Donor Recognition Jerseys for gymnasium

FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTER LOBBY RENOVATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flooring, including stair treads and stair landings• Remove ceiling mounted heater• Upgrade water fountain to include bottle filler• Informational Wall (Bathroom wall side)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wayne Owens image, information about Coach Owens, Community Center○ Bulletin Board for game information, rules over water fountain and filler• Donor Wall (Wall between porch and lobby)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Solid Surface Counter/Work Area○ Reclaimed court mounted on wall○ Donor Recognition mounted on reclaimed flooring○ Receptacles with USB Charging | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feature Wall (Wall between gym and lobby)• Seating<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Banquettes along feature wall○ Stools under donor wall counter○ In lobby benches• Painting including wall and ceiling repairs <p><u>Lobby Bathrooms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Tile/Paint• Wall-mounted baby changing stations• New doors• Relocate bathroom heaters• New fixtures |
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FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTER LOCKER ROOM AND POOL/FITNESS LOBBY RENOVATIONS

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOMS

- Plastic lockers instead of pressed board
 - Several options for locks
 - Antimicrobial options
- Flooring
- Shower Spaces
 - Replace valves from metered shower control to more traditional faucet control
 - Provide partitions in men's showers, expand partitions in women's showers
 - Shower flooring/walls
 - Additional ventilation in both shower spaces
- Painting and surface repairs on walls and ceilings
- Solid surface countertops with two undermount sinks
- Upgrade water fountains to include bottle filler
- Suitmate water extractors for swimsuits
- StepNWash stools for children's sink access (one in each locker room)
- Baby changing stations in main locker areas instead of in stalls
- HVAC replacement in Men's locker room (Women's HVAC replaced 2020)

POOL/FITNESS LOBBY

- Check-In Counter surfaces
- Plastic staff lockers instead of pressed board
- Painting and ceiling repairs
- Flooring in lobby area and throughout hallway

Mr. Andersen shared that the Coach Wayne Owens fundraiser efforts have surpassed its goal of raising \$100,000.

VALDESE TIGER GYM TOUR: Mr. Andersen led the Council on a tour of the Valdese Tiger Gym and basement area, identifying areas of concern that need to be addressed.

TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM - DISCUSSION:

VALDESE TIGER GYM: Councilman Ogle asked what the recommendation is for the Valdese Tiger Gym. Town Manager Seth Eckard recommends installing an air circulation unit to ventilate the Tiger Gym to help with the moisture buildup on the gym floor. The cost of this would be around \$36,000.00, which would include installing two fans and two louvers.

VALDESE RECREATION GYM: The Town Council discussed adding an air condition unit to the Valdese Recreation Gymnasium and included that in the July 11, 2022 agenda. Councilwoman Lowman asked what the timeline would be for all the renovations. Mr. Eckard stated that the gymnasium repairs that will go before Council on July 11, 2022, should be completed by spring 2023, and the Tiger Gym repair should be completed by fall 2022. Mr. Eckard shared that at the September 6, 2022, Council meeting, we should have a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) contract on the agenda for the future renovations on the gym lobby, pool/fitness lobby, and the men & women's locker rooms. Mr. Eckard explained that we have to do an RFQ because we anticipate the cost to be over \$500,000. The funds will come out of the Towns fund balance. Mr. Eckard explained that we should have a bid recommendation for those renovations at the March 2023 meeting. These dates are subject to change. Council discussed how important it is to renovate the community center for our kids and community. Councilman Ogle mentioned that we should look at a permanent structure over the pool. Mr. Eckard stated that the exterior lining of the pool buddle is fine, and the interior lining has been repaired which, should be good for at least ten more years.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:04 a.m., Councilwoman Lowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

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The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Mayor

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