



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE AGENDA**

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

Committee Members:

Kyle Patterson - Chair	Jenny Lokshin
Stephanie Fortado – Vice-Chair	Jim McGuire
Samantha Carter	Diane Michaels
Aaron Esry	

Agenda Items

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. May 17, 2022 *(to be distributed)*
- V. Public Participation**
- VI. Communications**
- VII. Presentations**
 - A. Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District 1-10
 - B. Banio Koroma Jr., Manhood Training Camp 11-15
 - C. Tracy Dace, DREAAM House
- VIII. Other Business**
 - A. Discussion of funding plans and next steps
 - B. Next meeting date and time
- IX. Adjournment**

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Mr. Kyle Patterson, Champaign County Board
Community Violence Prevention Task Force
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Thank you for your continued interest in learning more about the Urbana Park District's (UPD) need for ARPA support for the recovery from the negative impacts of COVID-19. I appreciated being able to speak during the public session at the hearing held on May 17, 2022 regarding area proposals to help reduce community violence in Champaign County. As you know, the Urbana Park District is proposing to construct a new Health & Wellness Center at Prairie Park. Our proposed facility has been in the planning stages for several years now. Both community COVID recovery and eliminating/reducing gun violence is a big part of our vision. Our District is now focused on final design, bidding, and constructing the facility, and we need Champaign County's help.

One of the key reasons for constructing such a facility is to begin improving the physical and mental health of our Urbana area residents and visitors. A key aspect of this focus is to reduce the level of community gun violence. The UPD has been an active member of the Champaign County Community Coalition and has been working collaboratively for many years with our other partners in local government to stem the number of shootings and other aggressive acts of gun violence in our county. We have measures in place to help our youth and families find positive activities to do together. We are making good progress, but more is needed. The UPD needs a comprehensive recreation facility to direct our staff and resources in a way that we can be effective leaders in reducing gun violence and improving the overall physical and mental health of our residents.

The UPD is working with the architecture and engineering firm Farnsworth Group and Construction Manager-at-Risk CORE Construction on the design and delivery of this project. We recently received our first round of cost estimates from our Farnsworth and CORE based on our Schematic Design phase. All construction-related costs have skyrocketed — increasing over 30% in project costs. The UPD is not able to postpone the project in hopes of construction prices going down in the future as our need to recover from COVID and rebuild Urbana is urgent. The high level of community gun violence—combined with trauma, stress, and poor mental health — will not improve without intervention, appropriate facilities, and directed public programs and events. Further, CORE predicts that high construction costs, supply-chain issues, and labor shortages will continue over the next two to three years. We cannot wait for a hoped-for, yet unknown, timeframe when conditions may be more favorable for construction.

Therefore, the UPD must find a way to build this much-needed facility more than ever. The UPD hopes to retain the full program for the facility without needing to reduce the overall square footage and eliminate key programming areas. The UPD can meet our community needs to construct a Health and Wellness Center with ARPA support from both the City of Urbana and Champaign County. The UPD has recently requested ARPA funding support from the City of

Urbana. The UPD's Health & Wellness Center meets four of the five established ARPA funding criteria from the City of Urbana:

- Providing substantial infrastructure
- Improving public health and safety
- Added human rights and social services
- Economic Recovery and Development

We imagine that many of these same criteria are likely to be important to the Champaign County Board and citizens as well.

As you know, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, and special recreation districts were excluded from ARPA recovery funds as an oversight. While we too have had high level of losses due to COVID-19 and are facing direct impacts of gun violence, we have no direct ARPA support. The neighborhood where this facility will be constructed is located in an Urbana "hot spot" — neighborhoods with a high number of gun incidents reported. Constructing this facility in the Washington Street/Lierman Avenue neighborhood would help reduce gun violence and improve nearby living conditions.

Champaign County ARPA funding support for this facility can help the UPD meet our critical goals including:

- Capital funds to construct the Health and Wellness Center;
- Capital funds to construct Phase 2 development for outdoor recreational facilities for free use by all visitors at Prairie Park and/or Weaver Park including: destination playground, Sprayground with outdoor restrooms, outdoor basketball courts, trails, picnic pavilion, rain gardens, athletic fields/courts, public art and/or other outdoor features;
- Operating funds to offset the cost of operations;
- Funds to help support staffing costs for full time, part time, seasonal employees, work/study programs, internships and mentoring programs;
- Collaborations to help reduce costs including making connections to sanitary service, utilities, stormwater drainage systems, trail connections, improved HVAC, solar energy and other "green building" opportunities and/or other infrastructure supports;
- Youth and Family Scholarship funds to support access to the Health and Wellness Center and/or other UPD facilities and programs;
- UPD program support to provide specific activities for our most vulnerable youth to help reduce gun violence including Midnight Basketball, All Urbana Schools - Third Grade (3rd) Swim Lessons, athletic programs, after school SPLASH programs, nature-based mental health programs, arts and cultural programs or other effective programs to help redirect youth away from gun violence.

The UPD has a long history of establishing collaborations with governmental units, local agencies, and other organizations with similar missions. The new Health and Wellness Center will be at the center of meaningful collaborations to help reduce community gun violence. Champaign County ARPA funding would allow the UPD to provide a program base for all of the groups listed below. All critical services—including indoor and outdoor programs, events, and other activities—will help reduce gun violence by the following state, county, and local groups and organizations:

GOVERNMENT

- **University of Illinois “Call to Action”:** a community compact with the University and our local units of government to work together to end racism in Champaign County;
- **CU Public Health Department:** joint support for underrepresented health and wellness needs; joint interests with youth and families related to gun violence as a public health measure; COVID recovery and other health initiatives;
- **City of Urbana:** ARPA support for collaboration with Public Safety (police/fire) to reduce community gun violence; Arts and Cultural events and activities with youth/families; Community Development efforts to promote jobs;
- **Urbana School District #116:** joint collaboration with multiple programs and activities to promote education, recreation services, and workforce readiness;
- **Urbana Free Library:** ongoing joint programs and events to attract underrepresented youth and families to participate in healthy and safe activities;
- **Housing Authority of Champaign County:** work collaboratively with HACC to provide worksites for Youth Build, a program to prepare youth for work readiness and life skills;
- **Cunningham Township:** partnering agency to promote housing, jobs, organic food production, recreational activities, and life skills for residents.

COMMUNITY GROUPS - the UPD created a community umbrella group called C.O.A.S.T. (Community Outreach and Support Team) to help the UPD with our outreach and wellness initiatives; many of these groups listed below participate in the larger C.O.A.S.T. group facilitated by the UPD.

- **HVNT – Maurice Hayes:** the UPD has ongoing programs and events planned with this Urbana outreach organization.
- **Midnight Basketball – Rev. Willie Comer:** the UPD is beginning to work on a Midnight Basketball program at Brookens Gym; this facility is not appropriate to host such a program; however, the need is so great in Urbana we must offer this program now; our hope is that a new, comprehensive facility will be built by the UPD to better host and support this program.
- **Lierman Avenue Gardens – Community Gardens Board:** UPD serves as a support unit for the garden program located at Lierman Avenue and Washington Street in Urbana; growing organic produce, providing recreation and celebrating neighborhood accomplishments to improve the neighborhood.
- **DREAAM – Tracy Dace:** DREAAM is in need of public space to hosts two (2) major programs; the UPD is partnering with DREAAM at the UPD Health & Wellness Center to support:
 - *Dream Big:* supports young boys and young men to college and career readiness, social and emotional skill building, and boosting, academic achievement.
 - *Hope for the Future (H4F):* addresses inequities in academics, physical, mental and social health of kids that might be derailed by gang activities or other forms of violence and trauma.
- **Dream Girls – Deborah McFarland:** UPD supports this group by hosting “back to school” events to promote education/school readiness;

- **Silver Hearts – Giovanna Dibenedetto:** UPD partners with Silver Hearts and other local units to provide special events to help provide food, clothing, recreational programs and family services for residents of Silverwood Neighborhood Association;
- **Urbana Park District Youth Scholarship Program:** Urbana Parks Foundation (UPF) supports fundraising efforts to provide youth and family scholarship funds to offset the costs of attending and participating in UPD programs;
- **Urvana:** UPD Recreation Department hosts a mobile van unit that supports our outreach efforts in every neighborhood in Urbana; Urvana can be found at most UPD events and activities to support our Outreach and Wellness team to provide recreational services in a mobile format;
- **Solidarity Gardens:** a community garden program intended to provide work readiness, leadership skills and work history while growing and sharing organic fruits and vegetable with neighborhood groups;
- **CU Trauma and Resiliency Initiative:** UPD works with CU Trauma to train and educate UPD staff on how to work with youth and families impacted by gun violence.
- **Faith in Place:** joint efforts to promote environmental justice by hosting programs and activities with underserved residents;
- **University YMCA – New American Welcome Center:** collaborative efforts to support immigrants and other New Americans into Urbana-Champaign area; focus on peace building, environmental concerns and inclusion with the Urbana Park District;
- **Uniting Pride:** providing public meeting space, promotion of an inclusive community and welcoming activities; participation in Pride Fest;
- **Urbana Neighborhood Connections (UNC)** –providing facility space, programs and events to support the mission of UNC;
- **Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR)** – Joe DeLuce, Jameel Jones, Tim Bartlett and Corky Emberson - Operating Board; joint recreation program by Champaign and Urbana Park Districts to provide inclusive park and recreational services to youth and adults with special needs.

Attached you will find updated floor plans and estimated costs for the UPD’s Health and Wellness Center. Option 1 is the lowest base plan layout for the facility. This plan contains only 1 basketball court, a small elevated track, some staff office space, and reduced fitness/wellness space. As a reminder, our current leased gym at Brookens Administrative Center has only 1 court space in the gymnasium. The UPD would not be able to increase our service capacity now or in the future. Option 2 is our ideal plan—the “full program” as was originally proposed. Both of the options could include some alternate bid items, however we will not know what could be accepted until we have bids in hand.

As such, we are still in a fluid position with the design, budget, and construction schedule, and adequate funding will be key. UPD has dedicated \$4.1 million in funds toward this project, we have been awarded \$5.5 million in state grants, and have raised over \$1.7 million in private donations toward the facility. It seems everyone agrees that this project is desperately needed in our community, but due to the economic realities of today we still need further funds to bring this much-needed facility to Urbana. Our board, staff, foundation, and community donors all believe the UPD Health & Wellness Center is both shovel-worthy, shovel-ready and an ideal recipient of Champaign County ARPA support.

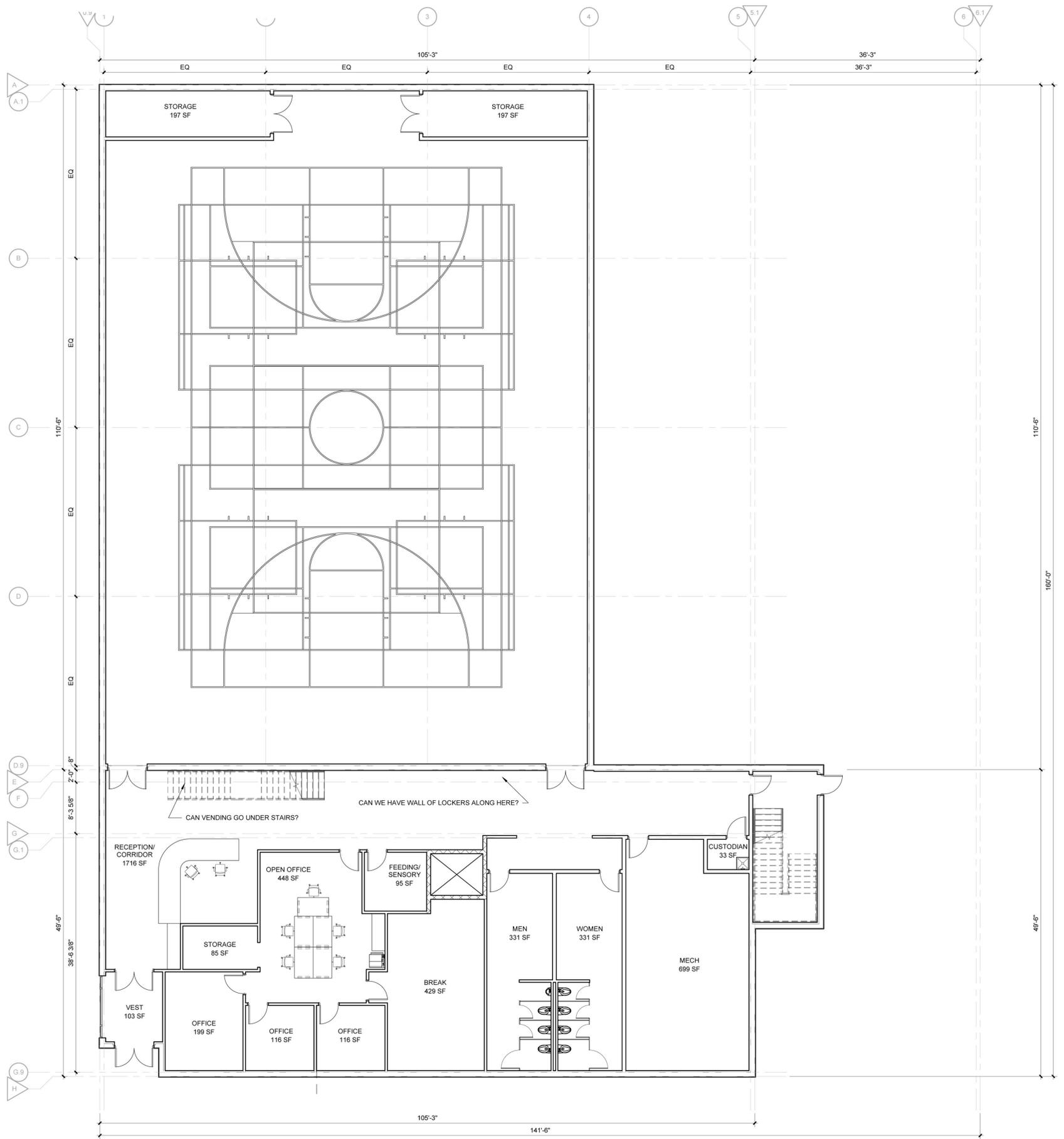
Our UPD staff are available for any briefings, presentations and/or coordination meetings to provide more information about the plans for this facility and/or to direct ARPA funds to the UPD's Health and Wellness Center. We hope that Champaign County board members agree that this facility is a critical need for Urbana, will provide many years of service and create an alternative to gun violence in Urbana.

Be well,

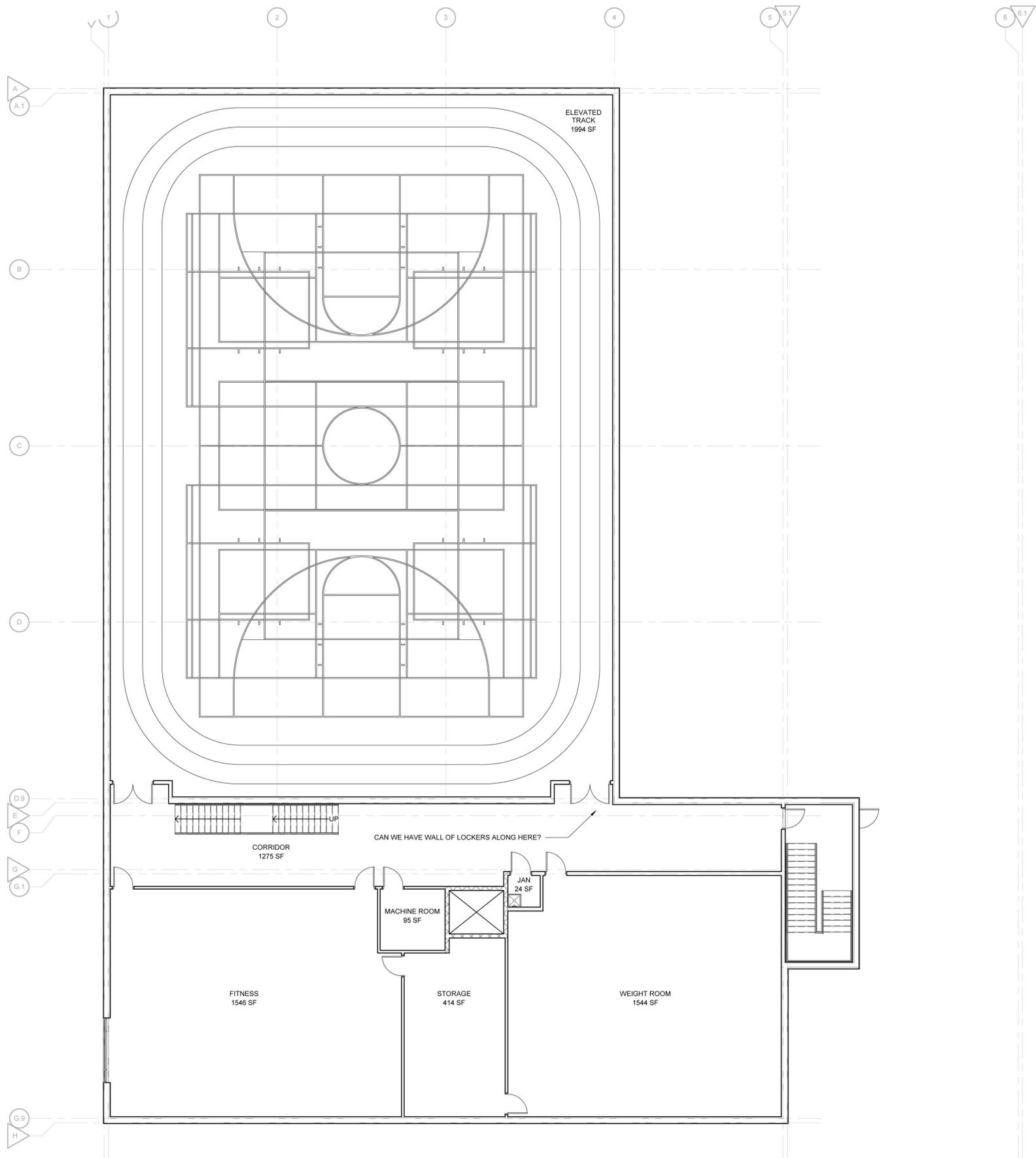
Tim Bartlett
Executive Director of Parks and Recreation

URBANA PARK DISTRICT HEALTH & WELLNESS FACILITY COST ESTIMATES AND FUNDING

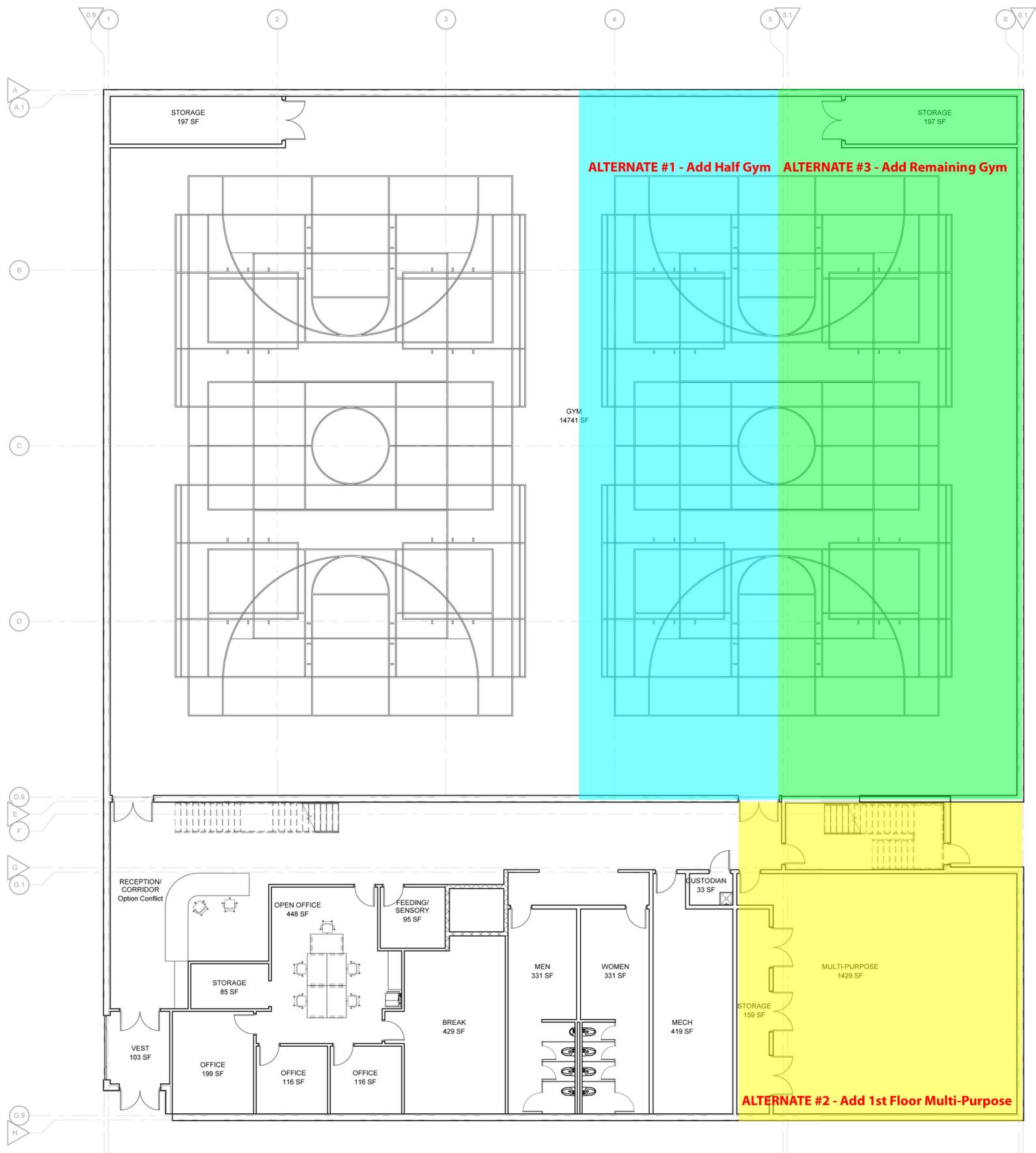
Description	Size	Budget	Range
Base Bid Facility: 1 Gym, 1 Fitness, 1 Weights/Equipment			
Base Bid and Site Work	21,420	\$ 9,400,000	- \$ 9,600,000
Design, CM, Equip, Furn, IT, Testing, Misc Costs		\$ 2,000,000	- \$ 2,000,000
TOTAL BASE BID FACILITY		\$ 11,400,000	- \$ 11,600,000
Full Facility: 2 Gyms, 2 Fitness, 1 Weights/Equipment, 1 Multi-Purpose Community Room			
Base Bid and Site Work	21,420	\$ 9,400,000	- \$ 9,600,000
Design, CM, Equip, Furn, IT, Testing, Misc Costs		\$ 2,000,000	- \$ 2,000,000
Alternate #1 - Add Half Gym	2,847	\$ 570,000	- \$ 600,000
Alternate #2 - Add 1st Floor Multi-Purpose	1,618	\$ 400,000	- \$ 420,000
Alternate #3 - Add Remaining Gym	3,985	\$ 797,840	- \$ 839,831
Alternate #4 - Add 2nd Floor Fitness	1,450	\$ 358,467	- \$ 376,391
TOTAL FULL FACILITY		\$ 13,526,307	- \$ 13,836,222
Health & Wellness Facility Funds, as of 4/22/22			
Park District Bond Reissue		\$ 3,056,861	
Donations/Urbana Parks Foundation		\$ 1,700,000	
2019 Capital Improvement Budget		\$ 26,175	
Fund Balance		\$ 1,000,000	
PARC Grant		\$ 2,500,000	
DCEO (Pending)		\$ 3,000,000	
TOTAL		\$ 11,283,036	



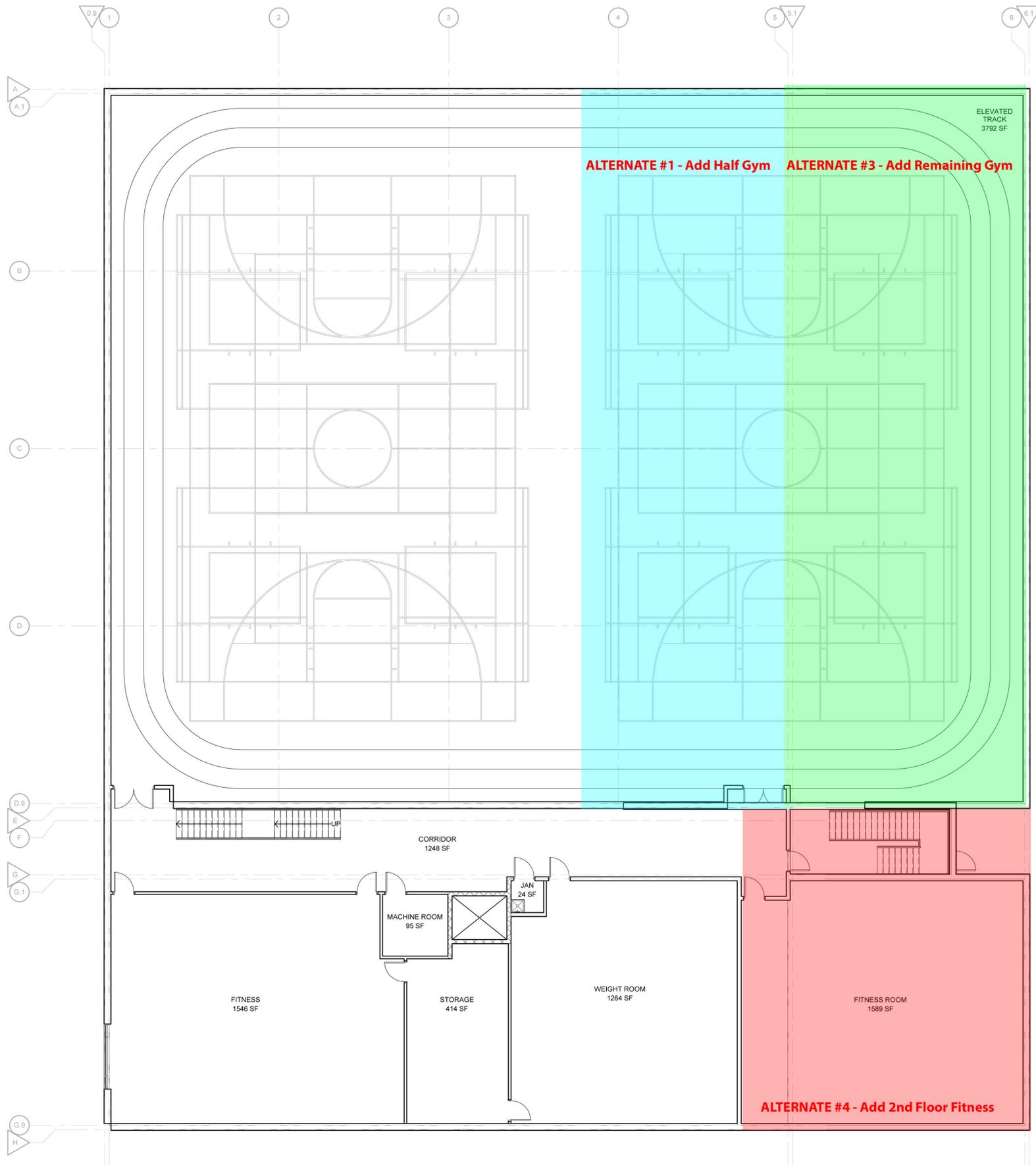
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Second Floor



First Floor



Second Floor

Vision 2 Succeed

Manhood Training Camp



Manhood Training Camp Program Includes:

- Ongoing Summer Manhood Training Camps
- A Free Life Strategy & Planning Session for Families
- Access to a Lifelong Mentor
- Close Proximity
- 10% discount off all Vision 2 Succeed services

"Idle minds are the devils' playground."

IN NATURE!

Manhood Training Camps are hosted outdoors in nature to promote mindfulness, peace and physical activity.

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About Us

In response to the Gun & Domestic Violence in our community, this 5-part coming of age, Men's Guidance and Training Camp, is aimed at teaching young men the true definition of manhood and how to live a life that is prosperous, full of honor, principles and a ethical code of conduct.

The goal is to provide mentorship, positive role models, and a support network for young males and men, in an effort to reduce gun violence and domestic violence.



Manhood Training Camps

(merit-based curriculum)

LEVEL 1

- **"Self Discovery Stage"**
Mentees participate in self reflection exercises and take self-inventory.

LEVEL 2

- **"Game Planning Stage"**
Youth complete visualization & goal-setting activities. Families' of the mentee receive a free life strategy & planning session to support his efforts.

LEVEL 3

- **"Action Stage"**
Mentee has to implement strategies, plans, and display sustained effort.

LEVEL 4

- **"Fruition"**
Mentees will reach their goals and targets that they chose. Mentees' graduate the program and attend a rites of passage ceremony.

LEVEL 5

- **"Giving Back"**

Graduates are called on to be leaders and agents of change in their homes and communities. Mentees are encouraged to attend future Manhood Trainings as Jr. Mentors. Mentors will continue to provide guidance, encouragement, and accountability.

IN THE SUMMER!

Manhood Training Camps are held during the summer to increase safety for young males living in areas impacted by gun violence.



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MANHOOD TRAINING CAMP

Hosted by: "B.K" Banio Koroma Jr.
Mentor, Life Coach & Conflict Mediator

Ages: 12 years and up
*scholarships available

Price: \$40/participant
*accepting male volunteers

Activities Include

- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Barbequing
- ✓ Football & more

Date

Saturday, May 21st 2022
Time: 11:00a-4:00p

Location



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VISION 2 SUCCEED

MANHOOD TRAINING CAMP II

FUN & SELF-DISCOVERY



Friday, June 24, 2022

Ujima Retreat Center, Urbana, IL

CAMPING. BONFIRE. KAYAKING. MALE-BONDING.

MANHOOD TRAINING CAMP PT. 2

Rediscover the great outdoors!

6:00-9:00pm

Ages: 11+ | Cost \$40

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Tent Set-Up

Kayaking

Sport Games

Group Bonding

Bonfire Barbecue

1:1 Mentoring Session

To enroll, RSVP at ujimaretreatcenter.com.

*A new date will be selected in the event of adverse weather.

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