



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00588

City Council Workshop

9/21/2020

DISCUSSION ITEM

FROM: City Council Member Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

900 EAST JACKSON ST. - MALCOLM YONGE GYMNASIUM

SUMMARY:

This item seeks to discuss the use, future and possible surplus of the Malcolm Yonge Gymnasium property.

Malcolm Yonge Gymnasium was named for Malcolm Yonge, who was an original member of the Recreation Board from 1943 until his death in 1951, serving as Chairman for two years. While under his direction, several youth centers were built, parks added, and other projects extended in scope. A native Pensacolian, he also served as chief deputy tax collector under John R. Jones and attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now known as Auburn University). The center was dedicated on July 27, 1961.

As of today, the Gym offers senior programs, such as pickleball and volleyball, and youth basketball and volleyball camps (pre-pandemic). With citizens participating from all over the area, these programs can easily be relocated to other resource centers with as little as two weeks lead time.

In keeping with Council policy, an appraisal of this property was received by City staff in September 2019, and notices will be mailed to property owners within the 300-ft radius of the property. To facilitate the sale of the property, the Mayor or his designee will determine the most efficient effective method to market the parcel. Once a buyer is identified, the proposal will be presented to City Council for consideration.

PRIOR ACTION:

August 13, 2020 - An item to declare 900 E. Jackson as surplus was brought before City Council, the item was withdrawn by the Sponsor (Mayor) prior to any action being taken.

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Appraisal Report
- 2) Aerial from property appraiser
- 3) Emails from Lighthouse Academy

PRESENTATION: No