



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 9/15/15
CONSENT
ITEM #14

AGENDA ITEM: Status of Arts Center
SUBMITTED BY: Clark Schroeder
THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator
REVIEWED BY: City Council / Staff

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Interim City Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal cleanup costs

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

Sometime in the mid 2000’s a house was purchased at 3585 Laverne Ave N by the City with Park funds. The intent was to demo the home and use the land as part of the downtown park. The building was put into use for various purposes including the Library for a spell. At this point the building is used by a group called the Valley Friendship club and a group that comes and paints every now and then. The building has fallen into disrepair and would need substantial maintenance to make it acceptable for public use. I am making a recommendation that we vacate the house and use it for our fire department to practice on. After that, the Parks Commission could complete the task they started years ago. I talked to the Valley Friendship group and they said that they could clean up their materials by November first, I also talked to the library and they said could get their books and shelves out by that time also. Attached are pictures of the current state of the building.

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the aforementioned, the Administrator recommends the City vacate the building and use it for a practice burn for the fire department.