



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 10-6-15

REGULAR

ITEM #

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.

The building was inspected by our Building Official, Fire Chief, Parks Chairperson, and Electrical inspector. Their report is attached to this packet. I will highlight that if this building is going to be used as a public facility it would need work and a budget to fix it up and bring it into compliance.

RECOMMENDATION: If the city council wishes to create and maintain a community center repairs/maintenance/budget/contractors need to be developed to create a safe compliant space.