

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 13, 2023

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Mark Bresnahan, Director of Recreation

Re: Request Approval of Proposed Addition of a Louvered Pergola to the Mandel Recreation Center

Date: May 30, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve in concept the attached design schematic for adding a louvered pergola to the Mandel Recreation Center. This project will then be presented to ARCOM, if necessary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Recreation Department has received numerous requests for adding additional shade opportunities around the Mandel Recreation Center, specifically on the south side of the building facing the field. The plaza on the southwest side of the building was identified by staff as the best location for adding a pergola that would provide the much-desired shade requested by patrons. In the original building plans for the Recreation Center, there were plans to put in a shade structure or a shade tree in this area, but it was value-engineered out at the time. Staff are requesting approval to move forward with the project.

The pergola will significantly enhance the usability of the southwest patio. Currently, the lack of shade limits the functionality of this space. With the addition of a pergola, spectators will have a comfortable area to observe games while being protected from direct sunlight. Shade is crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of patrons, especially during outdoor programs, camps, and events. The space under the pergola complimented by fans will become an ideal place for lunch during summer camp, a serene spot for a morning outdoor yoga class, or as an impressive entrance into the fieldhouse for a special event. The potential programming options for this enhanced space are truly exciting for the staff.

In addition to its practical benefits, the pergola will enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of the Mandel Recreation Center. The architectural structure and design of the pergola will seamlessly integrate into the existing space as if it was part of the original design. Nelo Freijomel, the original architect of the Mandel Recreation Center, has been contracted to prepare design documents for this project, if approved.

The addition of this pergola received the full support of the Recreation Advisory Commission during their regular meeting on January 26, 2023. In addition, the Friends of Recreation, are wholeheartedly in favor of the pergola and have unanimously voted to provide a grant of \$25,000 in support of the project during their annual board meeting on May 3, 2023.

The benefits of this addition, including providing shade for programs, camps, and spectators, while enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal, will undoubtedly contribute to the well-being and enjoyment of all who utilize this facility. Staff recommends approval of moving forward with this project with hopes of installing and completing the pergola in time for programming its use by late fall.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for design and construction are included within the remaining capital project dollars for the Mandel Recreation Center. Staff anticipates project costs to be approximately \$135,000. Staff will return to Town Council for contract award, if necessary.

Attachment: Design schematic, submitted by Nelo Freijomel, Partner & Senior Project Architect, SpinaOrouke

cc: Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager
Wayne Bergman, Planning, Zoning & Building Director
Bob Miracle, Deputy Town Manager

Existing patio on southwest corner of the Mandel Recreation Center



Design concept: new louvered pergola that matches the design concept of the Mandel Recreation Center; the columns would rest on the existing site wall and the pergola will have an operable louvered system that covers the footprint of the existing plaza (fans and lighting will be included in the project)

