

Selma Burke Recreation Center Revitalization Project

Selma Burke Recreation Center, named in honor of former Mooresville Native and Resident Selma Hortense Burke an American Sculptor best known for her bas relief of Franklin D. Roosevelt honoring the Four Freedoms that hangs in the Recorder of Deeds in Washington DC today. Formerly a daycare center, Selma Burke Recreation Center consists of a primary facility, detached office building and detached auxiliary gymnasium. The boundaries of the property are Statesville Ave to the east, I-77 to the west, HWY 150 to the north and shared property boundaries with Piedmont Point to the South.

Issues:

Formerly the Agape Day Care Center, the Selma Burke property totals 6 acres in property with existing buildings on the north end of the property. Approx. 4.5 acres of the property is undeveloped and underutilized. The Town purchased the property below market value with the anticipation of developing out the remaining property with Recreation amenities. Aware of the existing conditions, improvements to the existing structures along with additions to establish improvements were imminent and inevitable.

Strategic Advantages:

- Prime real-estate purchased for below market value
- Expanded Culture, Parks and Recreation services to more western districts of Town that will offer expanded neighborhood parks.
- Opportunity for a unique recreation center anchored with an educational component through a 5 star licensure program for afterschool and summer camp programming.

Objective:

The Town's objective is to expand upon Culture, Parks, Recreation and Education opportunities by way of strategic growth in areas that have been expressed as a need by our Citizenry. These needs include quality afterschool care, affordable summer camps, activities and options for youth and adults alike. Data from our recent Culture, Parks and Recreation Master Plan vet the strong support in establishing more neighborhood parks and multi-generational facilities (something for everyone). The outcome of revitalizing the Selma Burke Center will yield significant opportunities in providing quality programming, enrichment and recreation for all ages championing the model of impacting communities through Conservation, Health & Wellness and Social Equity.

Forecast:

The project's design, construction administration and management has been awarded to Wirth and Associates. This contract will include all details from design to construction management and will include public input meetings. Prior meetings were conducted at the center in 2013 to determine the overall needs of the neighboring community. Revitalization and expansion of the existing facilities and removal of the modular office are top priorities of the project. Establishment of a 4.5 acre park will complement the development.

Amenities:

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| -Building expansion | -Gymnasium expansion |
| -Playground | -Walking trails |
| -Open/Green Space | -Parking |
| -Outdoor Classroom | -Splash Pad |