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New Livonia Senior Center clears first hurdle for federal funding

U.S. Representative Haley Stevens has announced that three million dollars towards a new Livonia Senior Center has been included in proposed legislation as part of federal funding for community projects. This funding now advances to the full House Appropriations Committee before consideration on the House floor and in negotiations with the U.S. Senate.

“We are grateful to Congresswoman Stevens for her support of this transformational plan,” said Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan. “The project will replace our outdated senior center with a safer, more accessible, state-of-the-art addition to the Livonia Kirksey Recreation Center designed to serve the 19,000 seniors in our city. This project will expand access to Recreation Center amenities without requiring seniors to have a membership, while also adding parking adjacent to the addition.”

“Three years ago, residents set their sights on redeveloping the Civic Center area in a long-range plan called Livonia Vision 21,” Mayor Brosnan said. “Replacing the senior center was the first step in the plan. Today, there is great promise that those dreams will become a reality because of this funding.”

About the Livonia Senior Center Project

The Livonia Senior Center Project is an expansion of the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center to accommodate a safer, more accessible, state-of-the-art Senior Center along with a renovated fitness center. The current Livonia Senior Center is a 60-year-old, retro-fitted church that the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed is inadequate for the safety and health of Livonia’s seniors. Small spaces, inadequate HVAC and a lack of accessibility critically restrict the existing Senior Center. Building a new senior center, attached to the Kirksey Recreation Center, will expand Livonia seniors’ health and fitness opportunities while providing a safe and accessible new space for senior programming.

Livonia Vision 21 is a community-inspired, resident-driven master plan that has among its priorities to maintain and expand our vibrant neighborhoods, targeting special attention areas including the City Center Development Plan for mixed-use redevelopment.

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