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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive an update from the DuPage Children's Museum 5th Avenue Working Group.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

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BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

The 5th Avenue Steering Committee reviewed initial concepts prepared by Ryan Companies on August 28, 2018. The Committee has provided recommendations for refinement of the initial concepts to City Council.

BACKGROUND:

On September 18, 2018, City Council directed an additional working group be established focused on the future of the DuPage Children's Museum (DCM). Specifically, the City Council asked for a recommendation in 60 days from this new working group as to whether the DCM should remain at its current location or consider relocating to an alternative site in Naperville.

DISCUSSION:

The DuPage Children's Museum Working Group (DCMWG) has met four times over the last 90 days. Mayor Chirico, Councilwoman Gustin, and City Manager Krieger have represented the city on the DCMWG. The DCM Board is continuing its efforts to consider opportunities to address existing and future needs from its current location and evaluating possibly moving elsewhere in Naperville.

On December 10, 2018, the DCM Working Group held its third meeting. Initial cost information has been developed for certain options. City and Museum staff are working to refine cost information in order to allow for an accurate assessment of financial feasibility of different options. The DCM working group has scheduled their next meeting for mid-January.

NEXT STEPS:

A workshop has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2019 to receive the recommendations from the DCMWG and allow City Council to discuss the topics identified by the steering committee and public in August (see attachment).

FISCAL IMPACT:

On October 16, 2018 City Council hired SB Friedman to serve an independent professional advocate under a contract not to exceed \$100,000.

The final scope of any redevelopment and associated financial impacts are not yet known. Any City costs associated with redevelopment will be subject to the review and approval of the City Council.