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## **A G E N D A**

**Delta City Council  
Work Session**

**September 5, 2017  
6:30 p.m.**

**A. Climbing Wall Discussion**

# MEMO

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To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Wilma Erven, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director  
Date: September 5, 2017  
Subject: Climbing Wall



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## *Recreation Department*

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### Recommendation

Staff is recommending that the Recreation Center purchase and program a used climbing wall.

### Background

Staff has rented the climbing wall on two occasions this past summer. At the first event they had 214 climbers and this one was done without a fee. The second event a fee was charged and there were 180 climbers with about 20 turned away at the end of the day, as the owner wanted to take it home.

The results of two surveys done over this past year, the climbing wall/boulders have come in very high. The GOCO Inspire grant that the school is doing, interviewed 4000 students with the climbing wall coming in 3rd and only two points behind archery and water activities. The survey for the City's Master Plan rated climbing very high also.

The portability of the climbing wall makes it a great addition to any special event. Several companies have already ask, if we purchase it, are we going to rent it. Of course, if that was a choice, we would only have it ran by the City's trained staff.

The owner will train the staff and there is a certification that the staff will be doing if it is purchased. Also, a complete maintenance protocol.

### Cost

New mobile climbing walls are \$36,500. This is being offered to the City for \$7,000, which includes all of the safety equipment, signage, trailer and the wall. All equipment has been kept in a building always. It is in perfect condition. There is a one-time fee to the State to operate the wall of \$500 and then a State fee of \$630 charged annually. This is an unbudgeted item for 2017. There has been savings on projects that were done this year that would allow this purchase.

With programming and rental the wall is projected to totally pay for itself the first year, but absolutely no more than two years.

### Alignment with Strategic Planning:

Continue to improve and increase revenue at the Recreation Center.

### Actions To Be Taken if Approved:

Purchase the climbing wall for \$7,000, and pay the State \$1,130 for first years services.