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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Carter
Council President Brendmoen
Members of the City Council

FROM: Derek Anders-Turner, Vice Chair *DA/TUS*
Neighborhood STAR Board

DATE: March 16, 2018

SUBJECT: 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD STAR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM

Background

On March 14, 2018, the Neighborhood STAR Board reviewed a request from the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities for a \$25,000 Year-Round STAR Program grant to create a new YMCA-Best Buy Teen Tech Center. Match of \$25,000 was pledged to this initiative along with a Best Buy Teen Tech Grant of \$43,196 for an estimated total build out of \$93,196.

Presentation

YMCA staff Jenni Kilgore, Amanda Novak and Ashley Filipp presented their plans to remodel 1,500 square feet of the auxiliary structure behind the former Pioneer Press building at 345 Cedar Street.

Space for this new downtown Teen Tech Center will be leased to the YMCA at no cost for 10 years with all operating costs covered by the YMCA. Plans are for the center to operate a minimum of 20 hours each week with hours during the school year projected to be Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with more flexible hours envisioned during out of school time. The Teen Tech Center will be staffed by a full-time Youth Development Coordinator who will oversee programming and services teaching technology skills, build community, and advance both college and career readiness. Teenage participants will also be enrolled as members of the YMCA.

Rating

The Neighborhood STAR Board rated the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program proposal on its own merit on a scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high) with the following results:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Loan</u>
4.9	YMCA-Best buy Teen Tech Center	2	\$25,000	\$0

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have questions, or if staff can provide additional information, please contact:

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