

November 8, 2019

Mayor Pownell City Council Member City of Northfield 801 Washington Street Northfield, Mn 55057

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

At the November 19th City Council meeting I will be presenting a brief update on the FiftyNorth Future Planning Phase 2. The Future Planning committee presented a recommendation to the FiftyNorth Board of Directors, October 24th to ask that they accept the Future Planning Committee's report and conclusions for Phase 1 and direct the committee to begin work to set objectives in Phase 2, the Design stage. The recommendation was approved by the Board and the work on Phase 2 has begun.

In Phase 2 the Future Planning Committee will select and contract with an Architectural team that has demonstrated expertise and experience in designing spaces with like purposes as FiftyNorth and the NCRC. The committee will work with the Architectural group to determine a master space plan for the NCRC building, working with the other organizations in the building, City of Northfield staff, and by incorporating the priorities utilizing the current FiftyNorth space, extended space in NCRC building and/or new constructed space; the feasibility of the project; and the estimated cost for a redesign and construction project. Information on the RFQ will be provided at the Council meeting.

I look forward to providing more information regarding Phase 2 at the November 19th meeting. And to further conversation and hearing questions that you may have regarding the process.

Thank you for your time and consideration on the future planning for FiftyNorth and NCRC.

Sincerely,

Lynne Pederson Executive Director