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TO: Members of Common Council

FROM: Craig R. Renda, Director of Recreation

DATE: March 30, 2005

RE: REPORT ON BOUGHTON STREET YMCA

After researching the possibility of purchasing the Boughton Street YMCA by the City of Danbury, I have concluded that at a cost of \$1.9 Million to purchase in addition to major repairs and renovations it would not be cost effective for the City to purchase the facility.

I toured the Boughton Street YMCA with the branch director and witnessed first hand the extensive amount of repairs needed to keep the nearly 40 yr old facility open and operating.

Immediate repairs include:

- Roof - which leaks inside the gym and pool area.
- Gym Floor – needs to be replaced, it has been repaired in spots over the years but it is bubbling and has soft spots, which are a safety hazard.
- Air Conditioning / Furnace / Water Heater / Sump Pump – needs to be repaired or replaced.
- Parking – is inadequate for the facility
- Showers / Locker Rooms – need major renovations and repairs.
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The repairs have been estimated anywhere from \$350,000 to \$400,000 as of May 2004. Due to these inadequacies, it would be extremely costly to operate the facility on a daily basis.

In conclusion, the City of Danbury's needs is for an Olympic sized pool, which cannot be accommodated by the Boughton St. YMCA. Any facility the Recreation Dept. could acquire would in some form benefit the City of Danbury, just not at the cost it would require to obtain, repair, replace and operate the Boughton St. YMCA