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Subject: Hunter park pool redo

Hi All,
Hope everyone is healthy and safe!!

Not sure if the current pandemic and meals tax constraints are effecting the pool schedule?

Is the handicap lift going to be battery or water powered? I have been swimming at Superior athletic in Medford and they have a battery powered lift and it is not always reliable something I have experienced many times at Hunter park and other pools with battery power. The aquatics director at Superior said the water powered lifts are the way to go. The water powered lift at the Ashland Y is so easy to use and I do not need any assistance, where the other lifts I need help. If we are designing a new lift it makes sense to do water power. Let me know your thoughts.

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Subject: RE: APRC Study Session - Pool Replacement Draft Design Report Presentation

Dear Park Commissioners and Recreation Department management,

I understand you are once again meeting to discuss the plans for the new pool. I would like to understand the timeline of this project as well as address the current needs of the Ashland swimming community. Given that the plan is still conceptual and in process, and that the funding has yet to be actualized, I think we should also talk about how we are going to serve the swimming community until the project breaks ground, which in my mind could be at least a year and possibly 2 or 3. Perhaps we can talk about opening our current pool for the 2021 season. With the hope of Covid constraints diminishing along with the reality that Ella Redkey has managed to stay open YEAR ROUND during Covid,

it seems that a 2021 season is a real possibility. Given the time it make take to obtain funding for the new pool, a 2022 season is also a real possibility. I would hate to see the extensive planning for the new pool become a distraction (and excuse) to not attend to our current needs.

Please consider the feasibility and budget for opening our current pool.

Secondly I'd like to address the length of the season visualized for the new pool. My thinking is that if we are going to do this, we need to do it RIGHT. This means having a long if not year round season. I am an avid lap swimmer and have been traveling to Ella Redkey in the summer and this winter these last couple of months during the shutdown. I am amazed at how well they manage to make it a comfortable experience. I realize that we do not have the geothermal resource that they do, but with ground source heating and solar, supplemented by traditional heat and pool covers at night, we may well be capable of operating in the colder months. We need somewhere for our students to swim, and the community at large would embrace a year round pool. I have witnessed the attendance at Ella Redkey and it is amazing how many people in Klamath Falls think nothing of swimming in 32 degree weather. They have an amazing and successful aquatic program and I encourage you to seek their advise. I realize a dome or other pool cover is probably cost prohibitive, but perhaps heating costs are not if done correctly.

best regards, Julie Downey