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Subject: Public Testimony for 2/3/21 study session Ashland Parks

To Whom It May Concern: These are my follow up questions that I hope will be addressed at this meeting. I sent these questions to Michael Black and other staff and parks commissioners after the first meeting and look forward to a response to these areas.

Thanks. Risa Buck

1. In the recommendations from the Ad Hoc group it was suggested that a non chlorine option for pool filtration be considered. Ultra -Violet is what the YMCA in Medford has used for many years and as a result have greatly reduced the need for chlorine except at those times when "poop" gets in and they use chlorine to spike. If the pool consultants are unfamiliar with alternative options for pool filtration, the hope is that parks will explore this option and include it in plans to investigate **state of the art** options that meet efficiency and CEAP requirements. Less chemical use of chlorine lowers maintenance costs, has health benefits and helps achieve recommendations set by the CEAP.
2. The partial "bank" on the warming side of the proposed pool was confusing. Without an edge, when lap swim lanes are in, would those lane lines not have an edge in that direction? How would that work?
3. I'd like to hear more at a future meeting about : the possibility of a heat exchanger to offset heating costs year round. What is the capacity and access for solar on the roof(s)? Would the senior center offer solar access space for more solar panels? Would the STRACKER technology (solar array that moves with the sun to maximize solar generation) be appropriate? Would solar structure over the parking lot in between tennis courts and pool offer shade or in the deck area for shade instead of a structure just for shade makes sense? Jeff Sharpe is the local person with the STRACKER company. True South Solar is a local photovoltaic installer who could also provide expertise.
4. Last but not least, I am interested to learn whether it is a priority with a new pool to expand community access to the pool to no less than 6 months a year for lap swimming and other non organized swimming activities? Many of us in the community have advocated for a longer swim season for decades. Of course year round is the ideal but half the year is the minimum given the warming climate and the reality that our best options for the future is likely late spring and early fall given the fires that are in our current reality. While I fully support opportunities for water polo, swim team and masters, the lap swimmers are an important constituent and offer a potential for steady income with some creative marketing options that go beyond the current offerings. The Ella Redkey pool in Klamath Falls offers year round outdoor swimming. They have a model that seems to work. Being creative about memberships while keeping a variety of options available for the many types of people in our community who love to swim. A NEW structure for financing and learning from other communities would be beneficial for us.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these possibilities more. Please do not hesitate to let me know how I might continue supporting a future pool for Ashland that better serves our community. Thanks for your ongoing commitment to this worthwhile project.

Risa

From: JoAnne Eggers [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: FW: Contact the APRC Commissioners Submitted

Yes, that wall-to-wall format was not very approachable. Thanks for letting me know. Let's see if this works.

Well, my document would not attach, so I copied it below:

Parks Commission Feb.3 Swimming Pool Study Session

Having watched the December study session re: proposed swimming pool at Hunter Park and the January commission meeting and having read the background materials for The Feb.3 study session, I have the following comments:

Support for basic values

1. I appreciate the emphasis on “community” pool. It is especially important to provide a facility for children to learn how to swim for safety, for fun and a sense of accomplishment and to experience and enjoy the social aspects. Adults, as well, can experience the above benefits and can enjoy them with their children.
2. I appreciate it that you are delving into the options for heating now. I am heartened to see the awareness of natural gas as a greenhouse gas and the reference to “environmentally efficient and sustainable features.”
3. I was happy to see the statement in the current Recreation Guide: “We take a long view of our responsibility.”

Considerations, concerns, questions

Greenhouse emissions: It seems that heating systems other than natural gas need more study, given that heating is the highest operating cost and greenhouse gas emissions increase climate change stress. Although it may be tempting, particularly in these times of budget constraints, to select the lowest short-term cost for heating, it would put an even greater burden of GHG consequences on our young and future generations. I don't want to add to that burden, and I fervently hope that we as a community can see beyond short-term dollar savings to the long-term consequences of increasing the impacts of climate change.

Heating Costs: I question the wisdom of planning to heat the pool in winter. What are the costs? Will users such as individuals, groups, and school districts pay for increased heating and other operating costs?

Extra depth: What activities require it? What are its design, build, repair, and heating costs? Who benefits? How many users benefit? Can they pay the added costs?

Thank you for your attention to all these details. JoAnne Eggers

From: Jocelyn Sanford [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public Testimony for February 3, 2021 Study Session (APRC)

As a resident of Ashland since 2002, I have been looking forward to a new community swimming pool in Ashland for the past 18 years.

It has been a long process and there is much excitement in the community regarding this project.

Water, as a medium for wellness, is beyond amazing.

As a community, now is the time to create an aquatic playground, a place for families, friends, people of varying ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to come together and thrive from the physical, spiritual, cognitive, psychological, creative, and emotional health benefits of being in, near, on, or under the water.

Water safety and learning to swim are life skills. The education of these skills should be an integral part of our community and our educational school system.

There are benefits of aquatic activities within professional, recreational, and athletic venues. Knowing how to swim and to be water safe opens the door to endless possibilities for growth for people of all ages. Some of the activities that may be enjoyed from being water safe and knowing how to swim and having an appropriate swimming pool facility include: aqua-aerobics, aquatic rehab, water walking/balance, swimming, SCUBA, crew, kayak, surfing, sailing, white water rafting, triathlon, diving, SUP, lifeguarding, swim instructor, water polo, WATSU.

United States Masters Swimming has designated April as Adult-Learn-To-Swim month. May is known as National Water Safety Month and is an annual campaign by the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, the American Red Cross, National Recreation and Park Association, and World Waterpark Association. May 15th, more specifically, is International Water Safety Day.

Aquatic activities and learning to swim are supported by the American Heart Association, the American Pediatric Association, the American Red Cross, the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, USA Swimming, United States Masters Swimming, USA Water Polo, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Drowning Prevention Alliance.

As a mother, a Physical Therapist, a coach, a lifeguard and swim instructor, a Blue Mind Ambassador, a member of Rogue Valley Masters swimming, an honorary Life Member of USA Water Polo, a Certified Pool Operator, and a member of the APRC Pool Ad Hoc Committee, I support the building of a new pool for our Ashland community.

I support the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission to continue moving forward with a new swimming pool for the Ashland community, a pool that will provide a multigenerational and multipurpose aquatic experience for our citizens.

Jocelyn Sanford