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Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department

Kiwanis Pool Community Meeting

15 AUGUST 2019 / 5:30 PM / 212 CANCO RD, Ste A, 2nd Floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES

George Deines, Project Manager, Counsilman-Hunsaker

Sally Deluca, Director of Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Marie Davis, Recreation Manager, Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Colleen Lepage, Aquatic Supervisor, Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities

20 Community members and users

AGENDA

Purpose

1. Kiwanis Pool, built in the early 1960's, has nearly doubled its lifetime expectancy of lasting 30 years. The City of Portland has hired Counsilman Hunsaker, a nationwide Aquatics Consulting firm, to do a needs assessment of what amenities could be brought to the aging facility to update it and hopefully have it last another 50 plus years.

Discussion questions

- What do you currently like?
- What would you like to change?
- What amenities would be “must-haves” and what would be “nice to have?”

NOTES

- George Deines gave an introduction to Counsilman-Hunsaker and the feasibility study process.



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- In his research so far, George discovered that 19,000 kids under the age of 14 are within a 15 minute drive of Kiwanis Pool.
- George noted the four uses for pools: Competition, Recreation, Instruction and Wellness. With that options for amenities include: zero-depth entry; waterslides in all sizes; spray pads; climbing wall; current channels/lazy river/vortex; jumping platform/diving boards; perimeter shade; crosswater crossings; lighting; concessions; updated bath house; improved fencing; bike rack.
- George then shared some photo examples of renovations that his firm had done across the country.
- The discussion then opened to the community users present for comment.
 - *What started the process?* The city manager saw that it was a 60 year old pool in need of updating.
 - *Would it be in the same space?* Same footprint, but can expand.
 - *Would it still be outdoor?* Yes.
 - *Ownership and Kiwanis Club involvement?* While the Kiwanis Club provides supporting donations, it is city owned and run.
 - *Private sponsorship and naming rights?* That would be a City Council item.
 - *Community Garden?* Possibly relocated.
 - *Dougherty Field Master Plan?* While the athletic fields need to stay where they currently are, it does call for concessions and restrooms near West School.
 - *West School?* Slated to be sports fields/playground and housing.
 - *Could the existing tank but used or does it need to be replaced?* Given its age and that it is stainless steel, it would need to be replaced. It is already seen some pinholes that have had to be welded.
 - *Would it stay 25 meters or go to 50 meters?* Most facilities go 25 yards or 50 meters by 25 yards with a bulkhead. The City is conducting a separate needs assessment to look at building a new, community center where an indoor pool would be considered.



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- *Parking?* Possibilities to include keeping on-street parking but make it diagonal to allow more spaces; could the extra lot at Portland Water District be a consideration.
- *Price range?* \$2-\$8 Million as there are many variables.
- *Grant funding available?* Something to look into.
- *Will user fees remain the same? Season pass option?* Given higher operating costs of a newer facility, prices will most likely go up. However, a season pass option could be a possibility.
- *Lighting?* If added to both inside the pool tank and surrounding area, could allow for expanded hours.
- *Cover?* Is a liability issue given the frequency of nighttime visitors. The city did put in 2 new heaters at the beginning of the season this year.
- *Family area added?* Definitely part of the consideration given our current set-up can be restricting for those under age 7 and less than 4 feet tall.
- *Updates to bathhouse to include more showers and lockers/baskets?* Would be part of the plan to bring it up to date with current codes and disability access.
- *It is an asset to our city and it should maintain its modesty as well as its "oasis" feel.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. In a few weeks, George will present to the city a low, middle and high price range design to consider.
2. Attendees names and contact information were taken so that they can be reached for future meetings as design plans are considered.