

Pool Advisory Meeting 4-21-2021

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of April 7, 2021 meeting minutes (A)
4. Public Communications and Concerns [the Chair will ask persons on the call/electronic meeting if anyone wishes to address the Board, and those persons wishing to address the Board should so advise the Chair]. Please state your name, address and topic. Each person will have up to two minutes to address the Board.] Once you have addressed the Board, you are asked to mute yourself
5. Review and discussion of Waters Edge study results (B)
6. Discussion of current plan vs. alternatives (C, D, E, F)
7. Discussion of timeline for completion and benchmarks to attain
8. Review funding options and answer questions (G)
9. Set next meeting date
10. Adjourn

Jason Harris, Chair

Jacy Jensen

Amy Lawton

Linda Licht

Ken Matteson

Kyle Stille

Beth Wright

Curt Pion, Ex Officio

Amy Strutt, Ex Officio

Brett Kaszinski, Ex Officio

1. Call to order 1703 hrs.
2. Roll call, all members present.
3. Minutes with typo corrections. Motion- Matteson, Lawton second. All ayes, motion approved.
4. Public Communications:
Bob Haxton- wants all solutions costs evaluated. He walked around the pool and thinks the concrete can be repaired. He thinks that a failure to evaluate the costs to repair will hurt the effort to get the pool approved.
Julie Becker- Councilman Curt Pion should not be on the committee. His daughter is working for the pool and he clearly has a conflict of interest. Julie has questions about the information provided in the packet. Julie had several other comments about Councilman Curt Pion.
5. Review and discussion of Existing Pool Grade Card, and the process of how Water's Edge Aquatic Design came to be chosen to as the vendor to provide this report. The report was prepared for the Pool Board, which was in 2010 a City committee. The process to choose a vendor would have followed procedures required in 2010.
6. Review of materials from July 2011 Council presentation. 2011 initial renovation estimate was \$2.1M, and the estimated lifespan was just 10-15years. For roughly 1/3 more money, the life of the pool is doubled, the pool house is updated to code and current standards, provides a larger pool to accommodate more people using the pool.
The estimate for a new pool was \$2.8M. In 2011, 79% of respondents agreed that the pool was somewhat or very important to our community. The Pool board at the time looked at alternatives, and recommended finding a way to build a new pool

The Pool board worked with Waters Edge to create a new plan. A discussion of how the plan was developed, items that were considered (green space inside pool fence, concession opening to outside fence, outside accessible restroom for trail users).

What was the reasoning for rocks under the slides instead of concrete? Harris will ask for clarification.

Question on the amount of space between the pool and the fence. Brett said there is a formula to determine requirements of spaces needed. This will be reviewed and if additional gates are needed to assist in quick evacuation from the pool area. Concern is that there may not be enough space on the deck. Interest in providing green space inside the fence. Harris will get additional information and provide to this group.

Discussion of the trail facing restroom, concessions area and the concession picnic area.

Discussion of the pump house filters locations.

Discussion of moving double fence gates to the south end to facilitate pump trucks.

There is a concern about the size of the restrooms, and do they accommodate people to change into swim gear. The current proposed design of the pool house was based on reusing existing footprint. Possible consideration of moving mechanical to allow for a second family restroom space. Review current concessions space and consider what items we want to provide in the future. Consider shrinking the concession to provide additional space for other needs.

7. The timing of the vote is planned for November 2021 general election. More information will be provided on timing and schedules for the next meeting. Discussion of can this committee put a new RFP out for new design vendor firms to provide a new plan. The committee would need to request this from the Council. This committee does not have the authority to do that work. Question- was this done as the Friends of the Pool, or as the Pool Board? Answer- the engineering firm and design was done as the work of the Pool Board, not the Friends of the pool. Two vendors submitted and were evaluated. The Council took action in 2011 to sign a contract with Waters Edge. This information will be provided in the next packet.

Discussion of bid add/alternates and how to work those into the plan and potential costs for the bond.

8. Discussion and review of the potential Bond funding. The proposal is to use Local Option Sales Tax funds, not Property Tax. The bonding capacity of the City will be reduced, but the City still has ability and bonding capacity each year as existing bonds are paid off and as valuations increase.

How does LOST get collected? It is collected at point of purchase, submitted by the vendor to the State of Iowa and the State sends it out to cities.

How do we get the message out that this is a Local Option Sales Tax funded bond, and not a Property Tax general obligation bond? This City committee will not have that role, but the Friends of the Pool will lead the voter information initiative.

9. Harris will ask Cindy to send out a doodle survey to find a date for our next meeting to occur at the pool for a site visit.
10. Adjournment - Lawton motion, Stille second, all ayes. Adjourn 2020 hrs.