

LAKE OSWEGO RECREATION AND AQUATICS CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING 1 SUMMARY

Date: 2/25/2021

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Place: Zoom Meeting

Purpose: Provide project update and details on the recreation pool and dryland recreation plans.

Outcomes: Build understanding on where the project is currently, solicit feedback on community priorities for the recreation and aquatic center.

Outreach and Attendance

Outreach

Here are some of the ways that the community meeting was advertised:

- Hello LO
- Lake Oswego ActiveNet
- Parks & Recreation and City of Lake Oswego websites
- LO Golf, Youth, Tennis, Luscher Farm and Adult Community Center listservs
- Parks and Recreation Social Media (facebook, twitter)
- Nextdoor (reaches 19,000)
- Adult Community Center Digital Newsletter and facebook
- Email outreach
- Lake Oswego Social Calendar
- Lake Oswego Events Calendar
- Down LO

Staff Attendees:

Jenny Anderson, City of Lake
Oswego

Erica Baggen, Scott Edwards
Architecture

Andra Zerbe, Scott Edwards
Architecture

Bruce Powers, City of Lake
Oswego

Jennifer Marsicek, Scott
Edwards Architecture

Allison Brown, JLA Public
Involvement

Jan Wirtz, City of Lake Oswego

Sid Scott, Scott Edwards
Architecture

Ariella Frishberg, JLA Public
Involvement

Public Attendees: The meeting was attended by 25 members of the public.

Welcome and Introductions

Allison Brown, JLA Public Involvement, began the meeting. First, she reviewed the webinar tools and reminded attendees the meeting would be recorded. Questions could be asked using the Zoom Q&A function and comments could be left on the Jamboard, found here: [Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatic Center - Google Jamboard](#). Project team members introduced themselves and shared their role on the project.

Project Overview

Bruce Powers, City of Lake Oswego, and Jennifer Marsicek, Scott Edwards Architecture, shared a presentation giving a broad overview of the project. The slides from this presentation can be viewed here: [LORAC Community Meeting Presentation](#)

Recreation Survey Results

Jenny Anderson, City of Lake Oswego, reviewed results from the survey the City distributed in January to gather the community's input on the recreational pool design. The full results from this survey can be found here: [LORAC Recreational Pool Survey Results](#)

Jenny also introduced the dry recreation survey, which was open until March 3, 2021. Jan Wirtz, City of Lake Oswego, shared examples of recreational activities currently on offer.

Q&A

Members of the public were invited to use the Zoom Q&A function to ask questions. These questions are listed below (in order of how they were answered), along with answers provided by staff during the webinar or filled in afterward with additional information. Some attendees chose to enter their comments in the Q&A function instead of using the Jamboard. These comments have been included below in the subsequent section titled "Public Comments."

- *What do the double arrows from Koawood indicate?*
 - This question was in reference to the graphic depicting the potential development area for the project. The blue arrows on this graphic indicate where the architects believe there may be a good connection between the project area and the surrounding neighborhoods and roads. They designate that a connection is needed, but no final decisions have been made about what kinds of access that will include (ex. pedestrian or vehicular).
- *How far from the street will the 12-foot multi-use path be? Will it be separated by a vegetated strip/buffer?*
 - The design team confirmed there is a 5-foot buffer, then the multi-use path, and then a retaining wall. There will be a landscape strip that separates the path from the road.
- *Will the parking for the golf course and aquatic center be separated anyway?*
 - The parking lot needs to accommodate aquatic users, fitness users, golf course users, and staff. It is not currently in the plans to separate parking. From a land use perspective, there is no way to separate the uses, so there will be shared parking for the golf course and the recreational center.

- *What is the maximum depth of the rec pool and lap pool?*
 - The recreational pool hasn't been finalized, but the team is considering 18" at the shallow end, 3.5' in the instructional area, and as deep as 5' or 6' in some of the open play areas. For the competition pool, it will be 6.5' at the stair/warm-up area and 9.5' for the majority of it.
- *Is there any potential for outdoor pool or at least indoor/outdoor blend? Everyone I talk to wants the black butte style roll-up doors to the indoor rec pool bringing patio sf into play overlooking golf course!*
 - The team has not talked about an outdoor pool, but has talked about outdoor space that connects on the south side or the golf course side of the center. The facility the architects designed in Newberg (the Chehalem Aquatic Center) doesn't have an outside pool, but does have roll-up doors and a sun-deck/patio. No decisions have been made at this time, but the architects are looking at options.
- *Will there be on deck shower for rinsing off?*
 - This is something the team has discussed and will be looking into.
- *Where are we with the overall cost numbers of the Rec/Aquatic center for just the "minimum" services according to the "memorandum of understanding"*
 - This is a preliminary stage of design, so there are no solid numbers yet. However, SEA is aware of the budget for this project and is committed to designing the best possible project within the budget. More concrete numbers will be made available as the project moves forward. Part of the decision-making logic behind the shape and location of the building was based on maximizing money spent on the building instead of the site. SEA is also determining the most cost-effective method of building the center, including collaborating with the golf-course team to find efficiencies between the projects.
- *At the PAC tour of the SW Community Center, we were told that during peak hours there is often a wait time for entering the recreational pool of anywhere from a few minutes to an hour. From the pool survey, it sounds like there are a lot of community members anticipating using the pool on a regular basis. How does the city gauge whether the warm water pool is the right size for our community--not too big and not too small?*
 - It is a balance between what we can afford and what the community wants. The reality is that there may be some wait times in the future. The goal is to build the best that we can for the amount of money that we have.
- *So, is the March 9th "final recommendation to LOSD and LO Council joint meeting" realistic?*
 - It was determined this March 9th date referred to a timeline from March 2020 and is not relevant to the current timeline.
- *Will the golf course redesign have similar community involvement?*
 - Yes, there will be public involvement for that project. There will be a Technical Advisory Committee that will help make big decisions about the golf course. There will be a lot of public involvement because we know that is critical to getting this project right.
- *Can Jennifer speak about pool capacity? Specifically, for people on deck. For example, current LO District pool has a maximum capacity of 450.*
 - For the recreational pool, you are allowed to have 1 person per 24 square feet. For a 3,000 it would allow 125 people, in the water. Capacity is different for in the pool versus people on deck. Occupancy loads for buildings are based on worst case scenarios for how many people you

could safely evacuate from the building, it doesn't mean it's an ideal number to have in the building normally. For a pool you also have to consider how well you can monitor and guard the space to make it safe. Again, these designs are preliminary, but what amenities go where will in part depend on how you can safely guard those facilities. Future meetings will share more details and specific answers to questions like this.

- *For Bruce at the golf meeting. Will golf carts be housed in the maintenance building? When will the golf meeting be?*
 - Questions about the golf course will be answered in the future at events focused on public involvement for the golf course project.

Public Comments

General Site: Add your comments on the conceptual site plan

- Room for athlete/spectator seating during swim meets. District meet has about 200 athletes and about 200 spectators
- Who will be paying for Capital Improvements that will need to happen to take care of Street, traffic issues?

Recreational Pool: Do you have any additional comments on the recreational pool?

- Sun deck!
- Can the locker rooms move towards Stafford to move the rec pool toward the golf course! Better view!
- Can there be an outdoor pool, or roll up style doors?
- Room for swimming lessons and lifeguard training classes

Dry Recreation: Do you have any comments on the dry recreation part of the Center?

- Dry classroom space for lifeguard training classes
- Office space for aquatic staff

Looking to the Future: What is your biggest hope for the center?

- We need a sun deck that has margaritas and golf course views!!!!
- That many in the community will be able to participate in activities; learn in and enjoy the water.
- I'd like to see a continuation of existing programs and user groups (pre-covid), at the new aquatic center.

Looking to the Future: What is your biggest concern?

- One concern is that it won't be big enough for all programs or room to grow.
- That the financial obligations to administer and maintain this building will reduce funds available for future needs. The initial estimate for \$404,000 required subsidy has to come from somewhere.

Additional comments from the Zoom Q&A

- *sun deck!!!!!!*
- *more sand traps!*
- *we need a sun deck that has margaritas and golf course views!!!!*
- *Thank you SEA for all your expertise!*

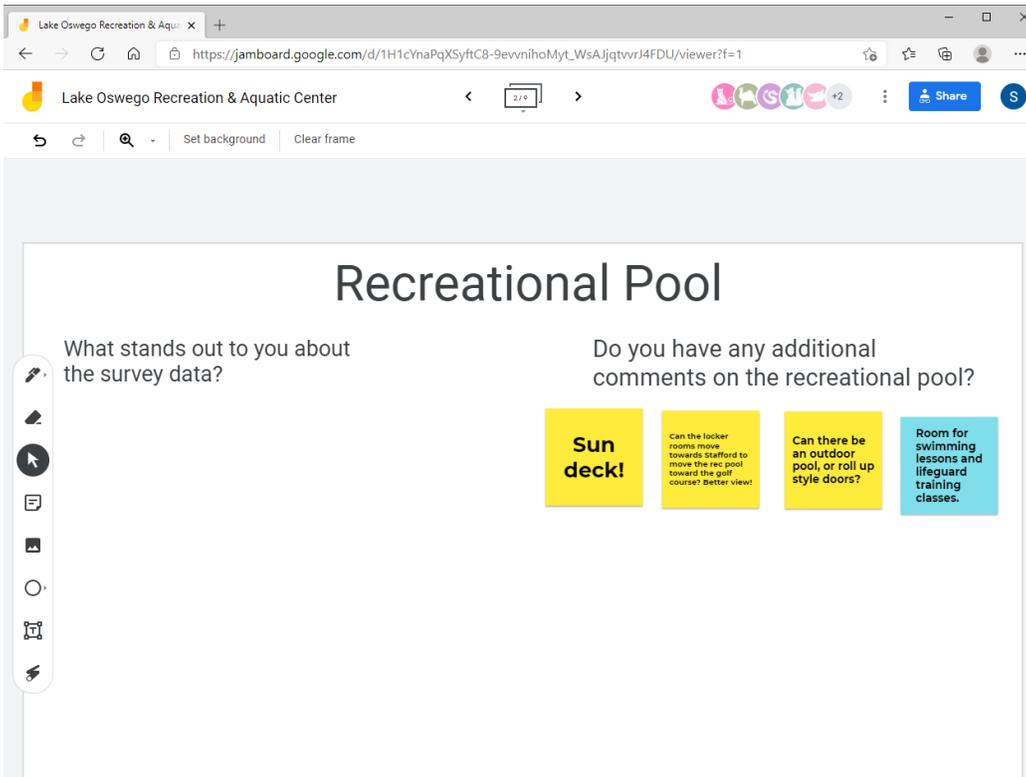
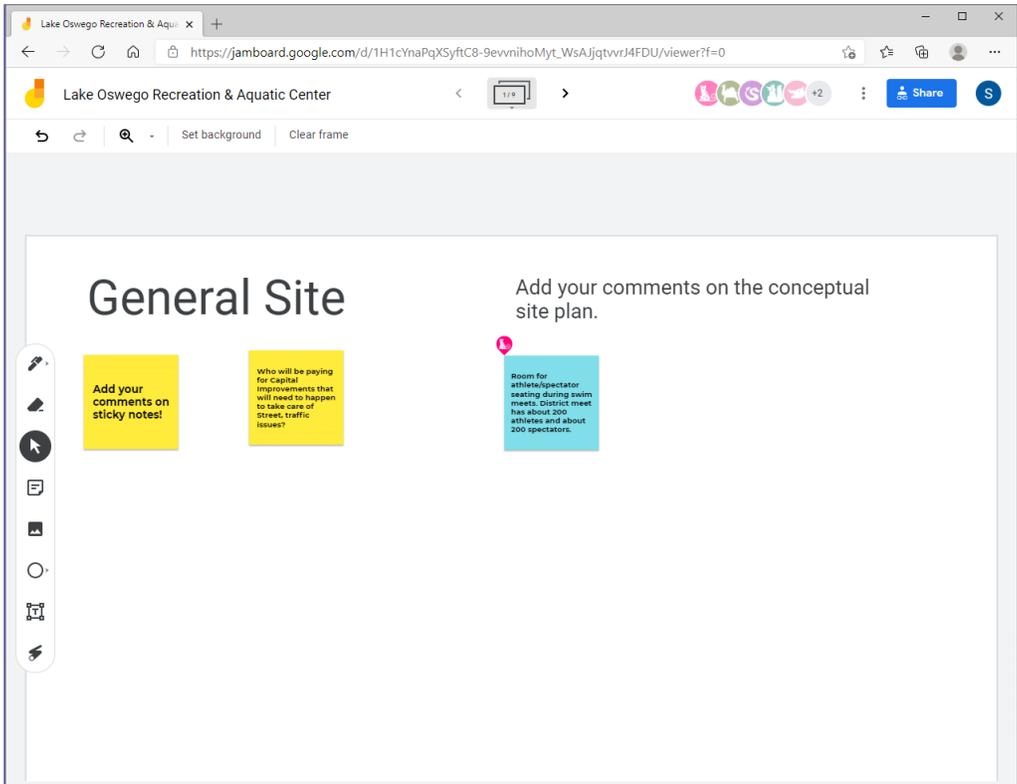
- *Thank you to all the presenters this evening! :)*
- *Thank you!*
- *Thank you Bruce! I promise not to get “feed” off!*

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Project team members thanked the community for attending and asking questions. Additional questions can be sent to Jenny Anderson and Bruce Powers. There will be another community meeting in the future, date to be announced.

Appendices

Appendix 1: JamBoard Screenshots



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Dry Recreation

Do you have any comments on the dry recreation part of the Center?

Dry classroom space for lifeguard training classes.

Office space for aquatic staff.

Take the survey to provide more detail!

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Looking to the Future

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What is your biggest concern?

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