

69 completions as of 17 July 2006

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Master Plan Survey

In July 2006 a random sample of resident voter households in Anacortes School District were contacted to participate in a controlled sample survey concerning master plan and financing options for Fidalgo Pool.

200 households agreed to participate in the survey and were mailed a copy of a summary description of the plan and a copy of the questionnaire. Survey results were compiled for the first 100 households who completed the surveys by follow-up telephone call - the number planned for in the original survey scope - of which 26% were male and 74% were female.

The resulting survey results are accurate to within 10+/- percent of the opinions of the general registered voter population (the statistics are rounded and may not add to 100 percent and do not list don't know responses). The statistics also account for undecided, did not know, or refused a response. Following is a summary of the results for the total sample group.

Your current use of the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center use

How many times in the past 12 months have members of your household used the following features of our Pool & Fitness Center?

Facility features		Times per year				
		0	1-6	7-12	12+	?
5	Pool and lockers - recreational swims, lessons, and meets?	40%	14%	10%	36%	0%
6	Fitness equipment - personal workout on equipment/weights?	80%	7%	4%	5%	4%
7	Fitness center - exercise classes and group workouts?	81%	5%	5%	7%	2%
8	Daycare - childcare during swims or workouts?	95%	1%	2%	1%	1%
9	Meeting room - parties, meetings, or other gatherings?	87%	10%	1%	1%	1%
10	How much have you likely spent for pool, fitness, and all other admission fees and charges at our facility in the past year?	Mean expenditure = \$130 23% spent \$0				

How would you rate the following **existing conditions of our pool and fitness center** on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest quality possible?

		lowest / highest						mean
Facility		1	2	3	4	5	?	
11	Pool – layout, capacity, water temperature, etc?	15%	25%	33%	14%	0%	12%	3.47
12	Locker rooms – layout, shower configuration, restrooms, etc?	8%	20%	39%	11%	5%	17%	3.18
13	Fitness center – layout, equipment, etc?	2%	3%	32%	10%	9%	4%	2.63
14	Daycare – layout, location, etc?	2%	5%	21%	4%	8%	60%	2.73
15	Lobby and reception counter – layout, location, etc?	17%	29%	26%	11%	4%	13%	3.51
16	Parking – layout, number of stalls, etc?	21%	29%	26%	11%	0%	13%	3.69
Programs		lowest / highest						mean
		1	2	3	4	5	?	
17	Swimming programs – type, number, instruction, schedule, etc?	17%	24%	21%	7%	2%	29%	3.66
18	Fitness programs – type, number, instruction, schedule, etc?	3%	13%	24%	8%	3%	49%	3.10

Your current use of other facilities

How many times in the past 12 months have members of your household used the following other swimming pool and fitness facilities in the local area?

Facilities		Times per year				
		0	1-6	7-12	12+	?
19	John Vanderzicht Memorial Pool in Oak Harbor?	90%	6%	0%	0%	4%
20	YMCA Pool & Facility in Mount Vernon?	96%	1%	0%	0%	3%
21	Riverside Pool & Fitness in Mount Vernon?	95%	2%	0%	0%	3%
22	Thrive (formerly Watersedge) Athletic Club in Anacortes?	78%	3%	3%	12%	3%
23	Bayside Athletic Club in Anacortes?	87%	4%	0%	4%	5%
24	24 Hour Fitness in Mount Vernon?	95%	0%	0%	1%	4%
25	Anacortes Boys & Girls Club?	90%	4%	1%	1%	4%
If you use other facilities, what are the reasons why?		yes	no	maybe	?	
26	More convenient location?	13%	53%	4%	30%	
27	Larger or better pool and locker arrangement?	3%	62%	3%	32%	

		yes	no	maybe	?
28	Greater selection of swimming programs and instructors?	4%	60%	2%	34%
29	Larger or better fitness center and equipment?	29%	38%	4%	29%
30	Greater selection of fitness programs and instructors?	22%	41%	4%	33%
31	Less expensive fees and costs?	13%	47%	6%	34%
32	Other _____?	9 responses			
33	How much have you likely spent for pool, fitness, and all other admission fees and charges <i>at other facilities in the past year?</i>	Mean expenditure = \$177 29% spent \$0			

Your facility improvement priorities

How would you rate the *desirability* of our renovating and/or expanding our Pool & Fitness Center for the following *enhancements in general?*

		lowest / highest						mean
	Facility improvement priorities	1	2	3	4	5	?	
34	Consolidate parking and provide a drop-off area?	22%	16%	24%	19%	9%	10%	2.74
35	Expand the lobby or waiting area and install an elevator?	31%	13%	16%	19%	12%	9%	2.65
36	Expand the concession and retail counter sales area?	40%	24%	20%	5%	4%	7%	2.02
37	Renovate the lockers, restrooms, and showers?	5%	14%	27%	25%	19%	10%	3.43
38	Add baby changing room features?	21%	15%	17%	22%	8%	17%	2.77
39	Add handicap accessible features?	6%	5%	16%	33%	32%	8%	3.87
40	Renovate and separate the swimming lanes or lap pool?	12%	7%	19%	33%	15%	14%	3.37
41	Renovate and separate the deep water or diving pool?	17%	9%	22%	27%	11%	14%	3.07
42	Add a warm water or therapy pool?	10%	1%	13%	36%	32%	8%	3.86
43	Add water slides and other leisure pool features?	25%	21%	19%	15%	9%	11%	2.57
44	Add a lazy river with walk against current conditioning and/or recreational floating feature?	29%	9%	17%	23%	13%	9%	2.80
45	Add a jacuzzi, steam, and sauna?	20%	9%	21%	26%	19%	5%	3.16
46	Add an indoor/outdoor patio and/or sunroom to the pool?	33%	11%	18%	22%	8%	8%	2.58
47	Add a larger party room located off the pool or patio area?	35%	21%	20%	14%	2%	8%	2.21
48	Renovate and separate the fitness workout or instruction room?	12%	15%	25%	21%	13%	14%	3.09
49	Add additional free form and weights to the fitness center?	21%	15%	25%	18%	10%	11%	2.79
50	Add windows in the fitness center overlooking the swim pool?	30%	18%	17%	15%	8%	12%	2.47
51	Renovate and expand the daycare to include play equipment?	25%	20%	16%	16%	8%	15%	2.55
52	Add an indoor/outdoor play area to the daycare space?	31%	19%	21%	13%	4%	12%	2.32
53	Expand and improve classroom, training, and meeting rooms?	30%	18%	19%	14%	3%	16%	2.31
54	Other _____?	34 responses						

Your use of the facility under possible improvement options

To what extent, if any, would the following possible facility improvements *increase the number of times you use* the Pool & Fitness Center *per year?*

		Increase use/year by								
	Improvement options	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+	?
55	Men and women locker facility renovations – to provide individual shower stalls, expand lockers, consolidate hallways, etc?	42%	4%	6%	6%	4%	6%	2%	20%	10%
56	Family changing rooms – with shower, changing, and locker facilities?	58%	6%	6%	2%	7%	3%	1%	13%	4%
57	Lap and competition pool upgrades – with new lining, tile, deck, and other features?	47%	3%	8%	7%	7%	6%	3%	15%	4%
58	Warm water therapy pool – with complimenting instruction and therapy programs?	33%	2%	6%	5%	5%	7%	6%	27%	9%
59	Wave pool – with zero-depth entry, toddler swimming area, showers, fountains, and wave action features?	53%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	3%	13%	7%
60	Lazy river – with walk against current conditioning and/or recreational floating features?	41%	3%	5%	6%	6%	3%	3%	22%	11%
61	Water or tube slide with multiple levels?	54%	6%	4%	8%	6%	1%	2%	14%	5%

<i>Improvement options</i>		<i>increase use/year by</i>									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+	?	
62	Steam, sauna, and Jacuzzi amenities?	44%	2%	7%	5%	6%	1%	7%	23%	5%	
63	Indoor coffee shop, café, and food vendor services?	58%	4%	7%	6%	5%	2%	1%	12%	5%	
64	Party or special occasion room?	63%	7%	3%	7%	3%	7%	1%	6%	3%	
65	Outdoor patio or lounging area?	55%	7%	7%	8%	2%	3%	2%	11%	5%	
66	Expanded fitness equipment and group work-out area?	39%	3%	7%	11%	4%	6%	4%	21%	5%	
67	Expanded multipurpose yoga, aerobics, pilate, and dance area?	40%	3%	8%	5%	5%	6%	3%	24%	6%	
68	Improved and expanded daycare facilities?	61%	7%	5%	5%	1%	3%	1%	7%	10%	
69	Other improvements ?	63 responses									

Our master plan alternatives

We have developed 3 basic options for the renovation and expansion of the existing Pool & Fitness Center.

- **Option 1** - basically renovates and reconfigures existing space to improve the building layout and efficiency.
- **Option 2** - upgrades the facility as in option 1, and adds a building addition to the east on existing property to provide for a warm therapy pool.
- **Option 3a and 3b** - upgrade the facility as in Options 1 and 2, and add a building addition to the south (3a) or east (3b) that provides a complete leisure pool facility with café, party room, and outdoor patio.

Each option is shown in more the attached sketches on pages 6-11 and described as follows:

Options 1-3 - proposed site plan - shown in the attached sketch on page 6, would make the following improvements under all of the building options:

- **reconfigure the lower parking lot** - and provide a drop-off turn-around lane,
- **extend the lower parking lot west** - to connect with the shared parking lot located between the pool and Methodist Church adding more handicap and general purpose parking stalls,
- **fill-in and extend the existing shared parking lot** - to provide more parking stalls, and
- **develop an additional parking lot south of the existing church parking lot** - to provide more shared parking stalls.

Option 1 - Ground floor - shown in the attached sketch on page 7, would make the following improvements to the existing building:

- **expand the building lobby** - to provide a new reception and sales counter, new stairs and elevator to the upper floor, and waiting space in view of the new drop-off and pick-up lane,
- **expand the daycare space** - as part of the building and/or as a sunroom addition and create changing room, restroom, and other supporting features under the current stairway,
- **renovate the women's locker room** - to create a central access hallway, expand lockers, and install individual shower stalls,
- **renovate the men's locker room** - to create a central access hallway, move the restrooms and sinks next to the new hallway, expand lockers, and install individual shower stalls,
- **create family changing rooms** - by removing the existing reception counter and staff offices to install showers, changing benches, and hallway lockers,
- **construct new staff lockers and offices** - under the spectator stands to provide direct access to and visibility of the pool area, and
- **renovate the existing lap and competition pool** - including mechanical equipment, tile, and deck surfaces.

Option 1 - Upper floor - shown in the attached sketch on page 8, would make the following improvements to the existing building:

- **create a central hallway** - from the upper floor entry from the shared parking lot past the spectator seating and restrooms to new stairs and elevator to the ground floor reception desk,

- **construct new staff offices** – in the upper floor space provided by the expansion of the building lobby on the ground floor,
- **consolidate and expand the exercise room** – to include additional aerobics, free weight equipment and a group exercise area and install windows with views of the pool below, and
- **consolidate and expand the multipurpose area** – to allow aerobic, karate, dance, and other classes and meeting activities.

Option 2 – shown in the attached sketch on page 9, would do everything listed in option 1 above plus expand the building east and install:

- **warm therapy pool** – with handicap entries and lifts.

Option 3a – shown in the attached sketches on page 10, would do everything listed in options 1 and 2 above plus expand the building south and install:

- **jacuzzi** – of a depth and seating to accommodate family members with views and access to the other pool activity areas,
- **wave pool** – with a zero-depth entry, wading/training pool for toddlers, and overhead fountains and showers,
- **lazy river** – or water current pool that can be used for water aerobics by walking against the current and/or as a river floating recreational feature,
- **water slide** – with 2-story, figure 8 tubes exiting into the chute next to the lazy river feature,
- **steam and sauna rooms** – next to the new staff lockers and poolside offices,
- **family rest and changing rooms** – on the pool deck next to the jacuzzi,
- **food concessions** – in a poolside café with vending and coffee machines, tables and lounge chairs on the pool deck overlooking the leisure pool elements,
- **party room** – with family rest and changing rooms, catering facilities, and other party room furnishings overlooking the leisure pool activity areas, and
- **outdoor patio** – that can be opened up completely to the leisure pool activity areas during favorable weather.

Option 3b – shown in the attached sketch on page 11, would do everything listed in option 1-3a except that the building would be expanded east rather than south as shown in Option 3a.

How would you rate the **desirability in general** of our renovating and/or expanding our Pool & Fitness Center **under each option?**

		lowest / highest						mean
		1	2	3	4	5	?	
70	<u>Option 1</u> – basically renovate and reconfigure existing space to improve the building layout and efficiency?	23%	9%	21%	13%	24%	9%	3.07
71	<u>Option 2</u> – upgrade the facility as in option 1, and add a building addition to the east to provide for a warm therapy pool?	13%	6%	27%	21%	25%	7%	3.42
72	<u>Option 3a or 3b</u> – upgrade the facility as in Options 1 and 2, and add a building addition to the south or east that provides a leisure pool facility with café, party room, and outdoor patio?	43%	10%	8%	11%	23%	5%	2.59

If you were to choose from among the options, which option would you select?

		Option			
		1	2	3a/3b	?
73	<u>Your first choice</u> – the option you would most like us to choose?	24%	32%	32%	12%
74	<u>Your last choice</u> – the option you would least like us to choose?	31%	9%	49%	11%

How important were the following factors in your rating of the options?

		lowest / highest						mean
		1	2	3	4	5	?	
75	<u>Cost</u> – concern that you will pay more than you will benefit from the improvements?	22%	18%	19%	14%	23%	4%	2.98
76	<u>Use</u> – concern that you will not effectively use the facility improvements shown in the more expansive options?	20%	19%	18%	15%	25%	3%	3.06
77	<u>Competition</u> – concern that facility improvement options may also be duplicated by other organizations?	41%	22%	10%	9%	12%	6%	2.24

Factors		lowest / highest 1 2 3 4 5 ?						mean
78	Embellishments – concern that the facility improvements will be more extravagant than absolutely necessary?	14%	20%	19%	18%	27%	2%	3.24
79	Lost opportunity – concern that if the facility is not improved to be functional and competitive that the facility and program will decline, eventually close, and be lost to the community?	12%	8%	20%	18%	39%	3%	3.66

Your priorities for future Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center programs

Assuming your preferences are realized about the pool master plan options, what programs would you most like us to offer in the future facility?

Swimming programs		lowest / highest 1 2 3 4 5 ?						mean
80	Beginning swimming classes – lessons for all ages?	9%	3%	17%	21%	47%	3%	3.97
81	Advanced swimming classes – life saving, CPR, endurance, competition, and other specialties for all ages?	5%	2%	21%	34%	35%	3%	3.95
82	Specialty swimming classes – diving, scuba diving and kayaking?	14%	9%	33%	24%	16%	4%	3.20
83	Swimming conditioning – scheduled pool use for lap swimming and other endurance and conditioning?	8%	7%	13%	36%	33%	3%	3.81
84	Swimming aerobics – for pregnancies, arthritis, pilate, and yoga?	5%	2%	18%	34%	38%	3%	4.01
85	Warm water therapy – for injuries and disabled swimmers?	6%	6%	15%	27%	44%	2%	3.99
86	Swimming competitions – Thunderbirds, Seahawks, and Special Olympics?	15%	10%	20%	22%	30%	3%	3.43

Fitness programs		lowest / highest 1 2 3 4 5 ?						mean
87	Group aerobic classes – pilate, yoga, dance, bicycle for all ages?	10%	13%	20%	27%	24%	6%	3.45
88	Personal trainers – available for instruction on conditioning equipment or free weights for fitness and physical therapy?	12%	18%	27%	21%	14%	8%	3.08

Other programs		lowest / highest 1 2 3 4 5 ?						mean
89	Health conditioning classes – on nutrition, food preparation, CPR, and related conditioning for all ages?	19%	15%	29%	18%	13%	6%	2.90

Supporting services		lowest / highest 1 2 3 4 5 ?						mean
90	Daycare – for infants and toddlers?	24%	17%	18%	20%	12%	9%	2.77

Our financing options for renovation, acquisition, and development

Subject to voter approval, the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Board could propose **a property tax levy or general obligation bond** to finance the **renovation, acquisition, and development** of the Pool & Fitness Center improvements.

		Amount per year	
91	How much would your household be willing to pay on an annual basis to finance the renovation, acquisition, and development of all pool and fitness center facility improvements?	7%	\$0
		13%	\$35
		17%	\$45
		25%	\$55
		3%	\$65
		30%	\$75
		Mean = \$53	
		5% don't know	

Your household characteristics?

92	Where do you live?	36%	East Anacortes			
		41%	West Anacortes			
		16%	Other area on Fidalgo Island			
		7%	refused			
93	How long have you used the Pool & Fitness?	0-1	2-5	6-10	11-15	16+ years
		17%	22%	22%	13%	24%
						refused
						2%

94	What age group are you in?	>18	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
		0%	0%	4%	19%	31%	46%
		Mean 60 years					

Comments?

95	<i>Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed master plan, financing strategy, or this survey?</i>
	49 responses

Verbatim comments

Question 32.1 *How many times in the past 12 months have members of your household used the following other swimming pool and fitness facilities in the local area? If you use other facilities, what are the reasons why? Other responses.*

- Attend Curves, like this one because just women, feels more comfortable.
- Child care number one reason and 5:30 am opening for swim, and getting to work.
- Go to other fitness programs--Curves and Fidalgo Physical Therapy
- Love the pool.
- More convenient better facility.
- None.
- Tai chi.
- Use hospital facility recommended by doctor.
- Water temperature.

Question 54.1 *How would you rate the desirability of our renovating and/or expanding our Pool & Fitness Center for the following enhancements in general? Other responses.*

- Arthritis.
- Better wheelchair, like the moving chair into the water.
- Children's pool suitable for swimming lessons.
- Don't know.
- Having a larger pool with a shallow area just for the children's pool.
- Kids' swimming pool.
- More sauna steam room,
- Need more lap lanes.
- No comment. (10)
- None. (9)
- Personnel could be nicer to public.
- Pool temperature.
- Satisfactory.
- Senior center.
- They need better swimming instruction for young children cleaner locker rooms.
- Toddler pool--divide pool--shallow pool for beginning swimmers and small children.
- Viewing seating, waiting area for parents large and to be able to view the pool waiting area for parents.
- Warm the water in main pool.

Question 69.1 *To what extent, if any would the following possible facility improvements increase the number of times, you use the Pool & Fitness Center per year? Other responses?*

- No comment.
- None.
- Reception area needs to be larger, needs different seating than plastic chairs, not enough chairs. Drop off-area and larger parking.
- Refused. (2)
- Would like a wading pool and therapy and good maintenance.

Question 95 *Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed master plan, financing strategy or this survey?*

- Very thorough survey.
- Option 2 would be more desirable to me when we knew more people would take more advantage of the classes. Option 3 is pie in the sky at this point.
- No comment.
- Duplication of community for property taxes exorbitant.
- The existing woman's locker room has no privacy and separate showers are a must. Community has great arthritis pool with warm water and space for therapeutic work
- Just have more recreational available mainly play area segregated from lap swimming.
- Your proposal was well thought out. My concern is just what does the renovation do to current activities. Will they be curbed or will the facility be closed for any length of time?
- Chlorine at the facility is so strong we do not go often. Is there another way to clean the water and still make it safe for everyone to use.
- The pool is satisfactory. Only upgrade would improve function and accessibility.
- In the beginning the pool was suppose to pay for itself but it never did. What ever they do, keep taxes low if possible.
- There is a children's pool where lessons can be given. Currently use tables to go into pool and these are inconvenient and dangerous. The warm therapy pool could be converted to a children's pool. I would be more in favor of Options 2 or 3. Also, they should think about opening the pool on Saturday and Sunday for children especially in the winter.
- Very important that we keep the pool running and clean.
- What we pay in taxes---is the hospital going to have its own pool. Will the Fidalgo Therapy Pool be open to all physical therapy providers? Does the Island Hospital Therapy Center use the Fidalgo Pool for water therapy. We pay for Silver Sneakers and some people don't think Group Health is paying for that, but it is..
- Poorly designed server.
- I feel physically responsible.
- Freshen salt water everywhere around. Every child should learn how to swim.
- I think it will be wonderful to expand the pool with a whole new area fun for the kids. I know we would use the pool a lot more if Plan 3 were implemented. I have been very disappointed in the quality of group swimming lessons for young children and the cleanliness of the locker rooms. Children swimming groups start out small and then end up seven or eight kids in them. If group lesson had better instructor, I would have I my child in the swimming lessons year around.
- Current fitness pool--poor limited equipment. Curves competes because of superior machines and program. Next no current opportunity for personalized health with program or machine. We like the idea of indoor/outdoor patio way to get away from breathing chlorine vapor.
- I know the cost would be high but nothing to do in this town for 8-16 year olds in the winter months except for pool. The centers are everywhere in Europe 1979 when I lived there
- I think they are daydreaming. They're asking for way too much for the amount that the pool is used now, and for what I see in the future.
- There has got to be a happy medium between doing nothing and going all out and making a huge program. We need to figure out how to best use the facility for the entire population.
- Hopefully we will start soon.
- Try to be conservative and practical. Finances are important. I think we should contact those people who can afford to contribute more money and reach out to business or companies who may experience positive results by supporting the pool. I think it is important. Pool benefits young people and who use it for recreation and competition for all ages and benefits to health

for all ages. I emphasize doing this process and in steps. Also it is important to study before building is beyond repair. Whole area benefits not just Anacortes.

- It sounds expensive. I wonder if community can support it. I would hope the use rate would remain low for children.
- Kids swimming area.
- Do care giving. Senior complaints--you hear walk areas are slippery and they fall and locker changing area is too public. Kids are always looking at the handicap people and overweight people. Therapy room would be great.
- Question 50--they should have adult swimming lessons more swimming time for lap swimming.
- I do not think community should be ask or expected to pay for luxurious entertainment complex. Should continue to do what it already does which is efficient and wide range of meeting minimal care. Affordable care it is essential to the community. It does not have to perfect.
- Boards games and card games to check out from the desk for returnable and or have outdoor games available for rent.
- Time for upgrades and renovation. Survey is a good idea. I hope planners move forward according to the survey results.
- None in the rehab area should be there other than the instructors and the people in rehab.
- Reason I stopped going I like lap swimming. I work and the hours were not convenient for amount of people doing lap swim. People become possessive of lanes.
- The group should carefully consider marketing the audience. Pool and fitness centers are not used by young adults. That is because summer lake facilities and there are two fitness centers better equipped. Water slip and river take too much use. Expand the use and centers need more equipment.
- Appreciate the pool.
- Expanding health and fitness and wellness activities like exercise and CPR. I am a doctor. Liked the idea of a warm pool. Consider timing so they will be successful.
- Keep emphasis on swimming and other water activities not available elsewhere in the community. Don't duplicate fitness activities available elsewhere. Find your place as Fidalgo Pool and develop that, let the other two facilities do non-water activities.
- All though 3A and 3B is extravagant for a city pool, this is the only pool in Anacortes. I cannot see any individual corporation building one, recently in Portland I visited a facility like 3A and 3B; it was wonderful.
- Facility is important to the community.
- If you can put more lap lanes.
- Basically a pool and fitness center not fancy.
- The people in city limits paying taxes should receive a rebate and priority in classes.
- They lower the temperature of the pool and it is too cold for therapy. Put in a wringer extractor to dry trunks so I don't have to carry them home wet.
- Mainly true handicap accessibility.
- Are the members of the board aware of the fact that the Indians are putting in a new water slide by the casino that will not involve an increase in our tax dollars. Also I feel that we should not use public tax dollars to go into competition with private enterprise. Forget upgrading your health club facilities. There are enough health clubs in the area that do not use tax dollars to go into business. You recently closed your child care facility because it was not being used so why expand it. Concentrate on the pool, hot pool important especially for the seniors and physical therapy. Locker rooms are adequate for the people using the pool. Use the pool three to four times a week.
- Love the pool and they do a beautiful job.

- Sandy beach nature area effect.
- Basically do not want the improvements coming out of my pocket.
- Want to know of the process of where the money is being spent.
- Pool important asset that would need to be maintained in Anacortes--pool the most important priority.

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*This is your chance to let us know your opinions and priorities.
Please review the enclosed materials and complete the telephone survey to
indicate your priorities about the future development of the Fidalgo Pool &
Fitness Center facility. Help us create a long-range plan for the pool.*

July 2006

Dear Survey Participant

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your opinions will help the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Board select a final plan and financing strategy that reflects the desires of the Pool & Fitness District residents.

The Pool & Fitness Center Board is currently considering 3 different master plan alternatives that depending on public support, could include a variety of options from renovating the existing facility only - to renovating and expanding the facility in various ways to include the possible addition of a warm therapy pool, wave pool, water slide, Jacuzzi, steam and sauna, expanded exercise, daycare, and multipurpose meeting spaces, among other options.

Survey - we enclose this copy of the telephone survey along with graphics depicting the major alternative proposals of the draft master plan and outlining some financing cost options. Please review the survey questions and the graphic materials identifying the alternatives that correspond to the question numbers.

Survey telephone call - the survey team will call to determine your survey responses in about 1 week. In the meantime, please mark this copy to indicate your response to each question. **You will greatly assist the telephone survey team, and shorten the length of the phone call, if you have completed the answers and can read your responses to the survey caller.**

To obtain the survey accuracy desired by the Board, telephone surveys must be completed for 100 registered district voters. Therefore, we need your response if the survey is to be an accurate reflection of Pool & Fitness Center district resident opinions. We will call the persons participating in the survey until we have completed 100 responses. Consequently, please be prepared so that you may be included within the final sample.

Note - please do not mail your survey - this will slow the response time and could also jeopardize survey reliability.

Please contact Lee Mosher, Director at 360-293-0673 if you have any questions about the master plan or this survey.

Sincerely,

FIDALGO POOL & FITNESS CENTER BOARD

Survey number (#1-4)_____

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Master Plan Survey

Please circle your response to the following questions and **be ready to read your answers to each question when the telephone survey person calls.** Your participation will be important in our efforts to create an effective long-range master plan and financing strategy.

Your current use of the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center use

How many times in the past 12 months have members of your household used the following features of our Pool & Fitness Center?

Facility features		Times per year			
5	Pool and lockers – recreational swims, lessons, and meets?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
6	Fitness equipment – personal workout on equipment/weights?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
7	Fitness center – exercise classes and group workouts?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
8	Daycare – childcare during swims or workouts?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
9	Meeting room – parties, meetings, or other gatherings?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
10	How much have you likely spent for pool, fitness, and all other admission fees and charges <u>at our facility in the past year?</u>	\$_____			

How would you rate the following **existing conditions of our pool and fitness center** on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest quality possible?

Facility		lowest / highest				
11	Pool – layout, capacity, water temperature, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
12	Locker rooms – layout, shower configuration, restrooms, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
13	Fitness center – layout, equipment, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
14	Daycare – layout, location, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
15	Lobby and reception counter – layout, location, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
16	Parking – layout, number of stalls, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
Programs		lowest / highest				
17	Swimming programs – type, number, instruction, schedule, etc?	1	2	3	4	5
18	Fitness programs – type, number, instruction, schedule, etc?	1	2	3	4	5

Your current use of other facilities

How many times in the past 12 months have members of your household used the following other swimming pool and fitness facilities in the local area?

Facilities		times per year			
19	John Vanderzicht Memorial Pool in Oak Harbor?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
20	YMCA Pool & Facility in Mount Vernon?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
21	Riverside Pool & Fitness in Mount Vernon?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
22	Thrive (formerly Watersedge) Athletic Club in Anacortes?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
23	Bayside Athletic Club in Anacortes?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
24	24 Hour Fitness in Mount Vernon?	0	1-6	7-12	12+
25	Anacortes Boys & Girls Club?	0	1-6	7-12	12+

If you use other facilities, what are the reasons why?

26	More convenient location?	yes	no	maybe
27	Larger or better pool and locker arrangement?	yes	no	maybe
28	Greater selection of swimming programs and instructors?	yes	no	maybe
29	Larger or better fitness center and equipment?	yes	no	maybe
30	Greater selection of fitness programs and instructors?	yes	no	maybe
31	Less expensive fees and costs?	yes	no	maybe
32	Other _____?	yes	no	maybe
33	How much have you likely spent for pool, fitness, and all other admission fees and charges <u>at other facilities in the past year?</u>	\$_____		

Your facility improvement priorities

How would you rate the **desirability** of our renovating and/or expanding our Pool & Fitness Center for the following **enhancements in general?**

Facility improvement priorities		<i>lowest / highest</i>				
34	Consolidate parking and provide a drop-off area?	1	2	3	4	5
35	Expand the lobby or waiting area and install an elevator?	1	2	3	4	5
36	Expand the concession and retail counter sales area?	1	2	3	4	5
37	Renovate the lockers, restrooms, and showers?	1	2	3	4	5
38	Add baby changing room features?	1	2	3	4	5
39	Add handicap accessible features?	1	2	3	4	5
40	Renovate and separate the swimming lanes or lap pool?	1	2	3	4	5
41	Renovate and separate the deep water or diving pool?	1	2	3	4	5
42	Add a warm water or therapy pool?	1	2	3	4	5
43	Add water slides and other leisure pool features?	1	2	3	4	5
44	Add a lazy river with walk against current conditioning and/or recreational floating feature?	1	2	3	4	5
45	Add a jacuzzi, steam, and sauna?	1	2	3	4	5
46	Add an indoor/outdoor patio and/or sunroom to the pool?	1	2	3	4	5
47	Add a larger party room located off the pool or patio area?	1	2	3	4	5
48	Renovate and separate the fitness workout or instruction room?	1	2	3	4	5
49	Add additional free form and weights to the fitness center?	1	2	3	4	5
50	Add windows in the fitness center overlooking the swim pool?	1	2	3	4	5
51	Renovate and expand the daycare to include play equipment?	1	2	3	4	5
52	Add an indoor/outdoor play area to the daycare space?	1	2	3	4	5
53	Expand and improve classroom, training, and meeting rooms?	1	2	3	4	5
54	Other _____?	1	2	3	4	5

Your use of the facility under possible improvement options

To what extent, if any, would the following possible facility improvements **increase the number of times you use** the Pool & Fitness Center **per year**?

Improvement options		<i>increase use/year by</i>							
55	Men and women locker facility renovations – to provide individual shower stalls, expand lockers, consolidate hallways, etc?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
56	Family changing rooms – with shower, changing, and locker facilities?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
57	Lap and competition pool upgrades – with new lining, tile, deck, and other features?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
58	Warm water therapy pool – with complimenting instruction and therapy programs?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
59	Wave pool – with zero-depth entry, toddler swimming area, showers, fountains, and wave action features?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
60	Lazy river – with walk against current conditioning and/or recreational floating features?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
61	Water or tube slide with multiple levels?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
62	Steam, sauna, and Jacuzzi amenities?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
63	Indoor coffee shop, café, and food vendor services?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
64	Party or special occasion room?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
65	Outdoor patio or lounging area?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
66	Expanded fitness equipment and group work-out area?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
67	Expanded multipurpose yoga, aerobics, pilate, and dance area?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
68	Improved and expanded daycare facilities?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
69	Other improvements _____?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+

Our master plan alternatives

We have developed 3 basic options for the renovation and expansion of the existing Pool & Fitness Center.

- **Option 1** - basically renovates and reconfigures existing space to improve the building layout and efficiency.

- **Option 2** – upgrades the facility as in option 1, and adds a building addition to the east on existing property to provide for a warm therapy pool.
- **Option 3a and 3b** – upgrade the facility as in Options 1 and 2, and add a building addition to the south (3a) or east (3b) that provides a complete leisure pool facility with café, party room, and outdoor patio.

Each option is shown in more the attached sketches on pages 6-11 and described as follows:

Options 1-3 - proposed site plan – shown in the attached sketch on page 6, would make the following improvements under all of the building options:

- **reconfigure the lower parking lot** - and provide a drop-off turn-around lane,
- **extend the lower parking lot west** - to connect with the shared parking lot located between the pool and Methodist Church adding more handicap and general purpose parking stalls,
- **fill-in and extend the existing shared parking lot** - to provide more parking stalls, and
- **develop an additional parking lot south of the existing church parking lot** - to provide more shared parking stalls.

Option 1 - Ground floor – shown in the attached sketch on page 7, would make the following improvements to the existing building:

- **expand the building lobby** - to provide a new reception and sales counter, new stairs and elevator to the upper floor, and waiting space in view of the new drop-off and pick-up lane,
- **expand the daycare space** - as part of the building and/or as a sunroom addition and create changing room, restroom, and other supporting features under the current stairway,
- **renovate the women's locker room** – to create a central access hallway, expand lockers, and install individual shower stalls,
- **renovate the men's locker room** – to create a central access hallway, move the restrooms and sinks next to the new hallway, expand lockers, and install individual shower stalls,
- **create family changing rooms** – by removing the existing reception counter and staff offices to install showers, changing benches, and hallway lockers,
- **construct new staff lockers and offices** – under the spectator stands to provide direct access to and visibility of the pool area, and
- **renovate the existing lap and competition pool** – including mechanical equipment, tile, and deck surfaces.

Option 1 - Upper floor – shown in the attached sketch on page 8, would make the following improvements to the existing building:

- **create a central hallway** - from the upper floor entry from the shared parking lot past the spectator seating and restrooms to new stairs and elevator to the ground floor reception desk,
- **construct new staff offices** – in the upper floor space provided by the expansion of the building lobby on the ground floor,
- **consolidate and expand the exercise room** - to include additional aerobics, free weight equipment and a group exercise area and install windows with views of the pool below, and
- **consolidate and expand the multipurpose area** – to allow aerobic, karate, dance, and other classes and meeting activities.

Option 2 – shown in the attached sketch on page 9, would do everything listed in option 1 above plus expand the building east and install:

- **warm therapy pool** – with handicap entries and lifts.

Option 3a – shown in the attached sketches on page 10, would do everything listed in options 1 and 2 above plus expand the building south and install:

- **jacuzzi** – of a depth and seating to accommodate family members with views and access to the other pool activity areas,
- **wave pool** – with a zero-depth entry, wading/training pool for toddlers, and overhead fountains and showers,
- **lazy river** – or water current pool that can be used for water aerobics by walking against the current and/or as a river floating recreational feature,

- **water slide** - with 2-story, figure 8 tubes exiting into the chute next to the lazy river feature,
- **steam and sauna rooms** - next to the new staff lockers and poolside offices,
- **family rest and changing rooms** - on the pool deck next to the jacuzzi,
- **food concessions** - in a poolside café with vending and coffee machines, tables and lounge chairs on the pool deck overlooking the leisure pool elements,
- **party room** - with family rest and changing rooms, catering facilities, and other party room furnishings overlooking the leisure pool activity areas, and
- **outdoor patio** - that can be opened up completely to the leisure pool activity areas during favorable weather.

Option 3b - shown in the attached sketch on page 11, would do everything listed in option 1-3a except that the building would be expanded east rather than south as shown in Option 3a.

How would you rate **the desirability in general** of our renovating and/or expanding our Pool & Fitness Center **under each option?**

		lowest / highest				
70	<u>Option 1</u> - basically renovate and reconfigure existing space to improve the building layout and efficiency?	1	2	3	4	5
71	<u>Option 2</u> - upgrade the facility as in option 1, and add a building addition to the east to provide for a warm therapy pool?	1	2	3	4	5
72	<u>Option 3a or 3b</u> - upgrade the facility as in Options 1 and 2, and add a building addition to the south or east that provides a leisure pool facility with café, party room, and outdoor patio?	1	2	3	4	5

If you were to choose from among the options, which option would you select?

		Option		
73	<u>Your first choice</u> - the option you would most like us to choose?	1	2	3a/3b
74	<u>Your last choice</u> - the option you would least like us to choose?	1	2	3a/3b

How important were the following factors in your rating of the options?

	<u>Factors</u>	lowest / highest				
75	<u>Cost</u> - concern that you will pay more than you will benefit from the improvements?	1	2	3	4	5
76	<u>Use</u> - concern that you will not effectively use the facility improvements shown in the more expansive options?	1	2	3	4	5
77	<u>Competition</u> - concern that facility improvement options may also be duplicated by other organizations?	1	2	3	4	5
78	<u>Embellishments</u> - concern that the facility improvements will be more extravagant than absolutely necessary?	1	2	3	4	5
79	<u>Lost opportunity</u> - concern that <u>if the facility is not improved</u> to be functional and competitive that the facility and program will decline, eventually close, and be lost to the community?	1	2	3	4	5

Your priorities for future Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center programs

Assuming your preferences are realized about the pool master plan options, what programs would you most like us to offer in the future facility?

	<u>Swimming programs</u>	lowest / highest				
80	Beginning swimming classes - lessons for all ages?	1	2	3	4	5
81	Advanced swimming classes - life saving, CPR, endurance, competition, and other specialties for all ages?	1	2	3	4	5
82	Specialty swimming classes - diving, scuba diving and kayaking?	1	2	3	4	5
83	Swimming conditioning - scheduled pool use for lap swimming and other endurance and conditioning?	1	2	3	4	5
84	Swimming aerobics - for pregnancies, arthritis, pilate, and yoga?	1	2	3	4	5
85	Warm water therapy - for injuries and disabled swimmers?	1	2	3	4	5
86	Swimming competitions - Thunderbirds, Seahawks, and Special Olympics?	1	2	3	4	5

Fitness programs

		<i>lowest / highest</i>				
87	Group aerobic classes – pilate, yoga, dance, bicycle for all ages?	1	2	3	4	5
88	Personal trainers – available for instruction on conditioning equipment or free weights for fitness and physical therapy?	1	2	3	4	5

Other programs

		<i>lowest / highest</i>				
89	Health conditioning classes – on nutrition, food preparation, CPR, and related conditioning for all ages?	1	2	3	4	5

Supporting services

		<i>lowest / highest</i>				
90	Daycare – for infants and toddlers?	1	2	3	4	5

Our financing options for renovation, acquisition, and development

*Subject to voter approval, the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Board could propose **a property tax levy or general obligation bond** to finance the **renovation, acquisition, and development** of the Pool & Fitness Center improvements.*

		<i>Amount per year</i>		
91	How much would your household be willing to <u>pay on an annual basis</u> to finance the renovation, acquisition, and development of all pool and fitness center facility improvements?	\$0	\$35	\$45
		\$55	\$65	\$75

Your household characteristics?

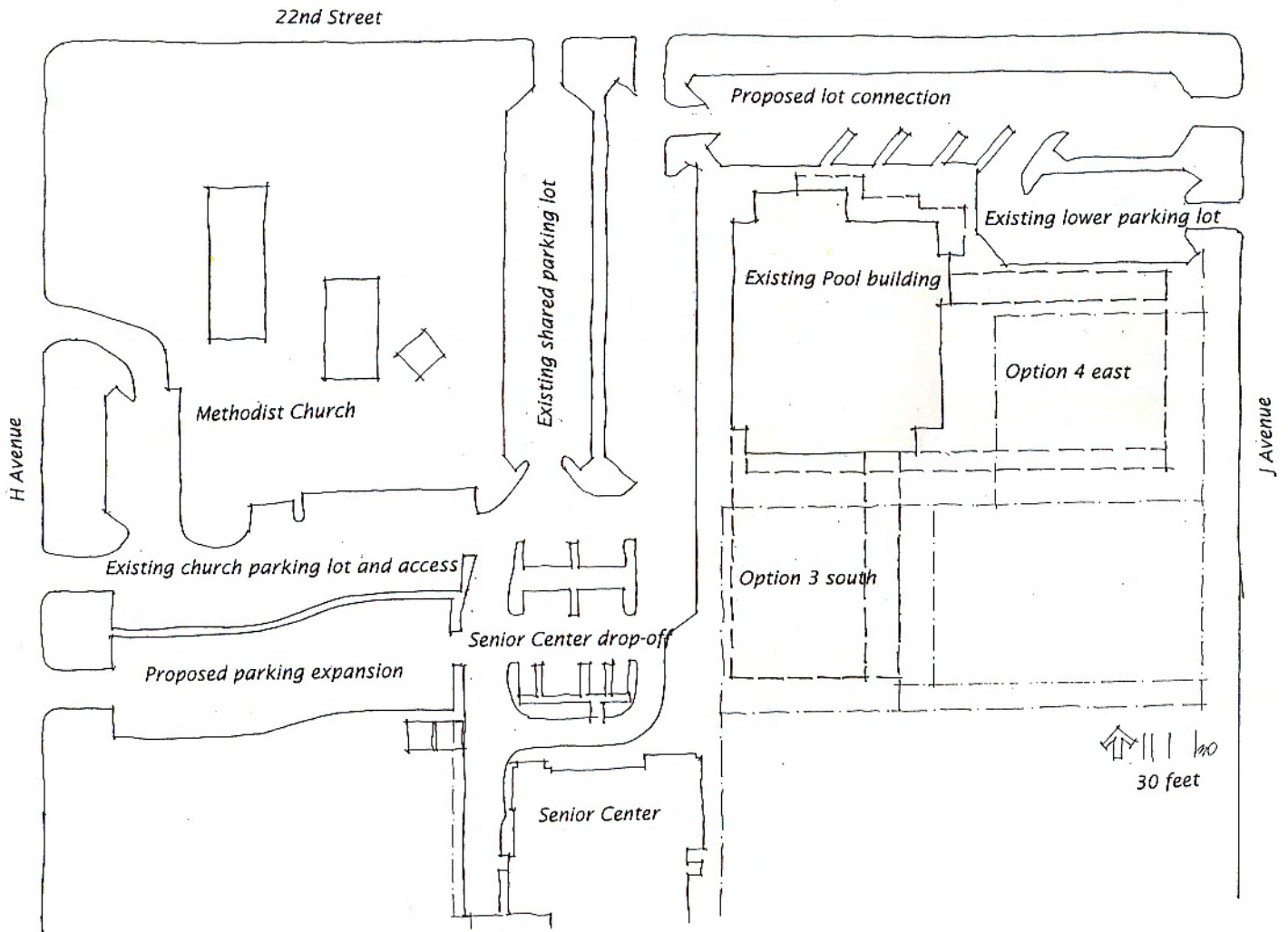
92	Where do you live?	<input type="checkbox"/> East Anacortes <input type="checkbox"/> West Anacortes <input type="checkbox"/> Other area on Fidalgo Island				
93	How long have you used the Pool & Fitness?	0-1	2-5	6-10	11-15	16+ years
94	What age group are you in?	>18	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64 65+

Comments?

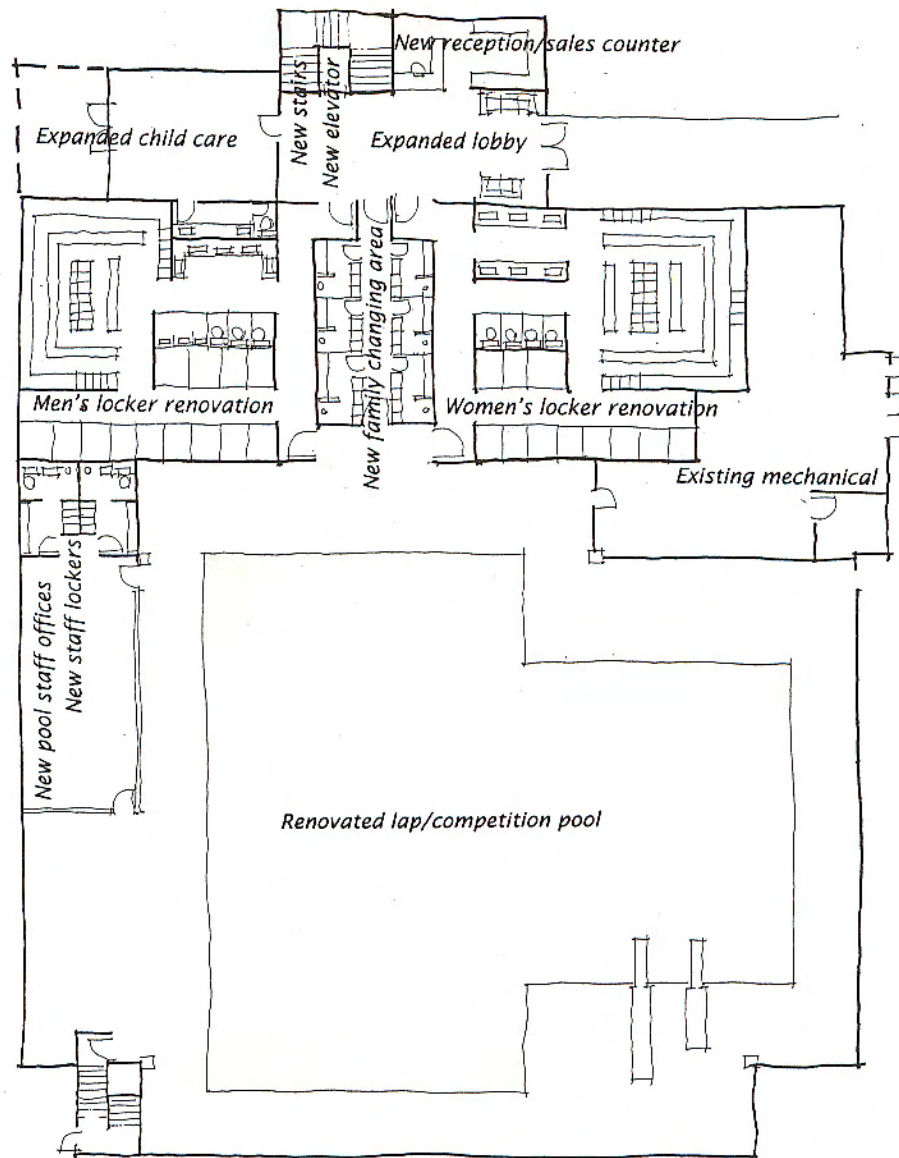
95	<i>Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed master plan, financing strategy, or this survey?</i>				

Please refer any questions about this survey or the planning process to Lee Mosher, Director, Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603-22nd Street, Anacortes, Washington 98221. Telephone 360-293-0673, Fax 360-299-2953

Site plan - all options

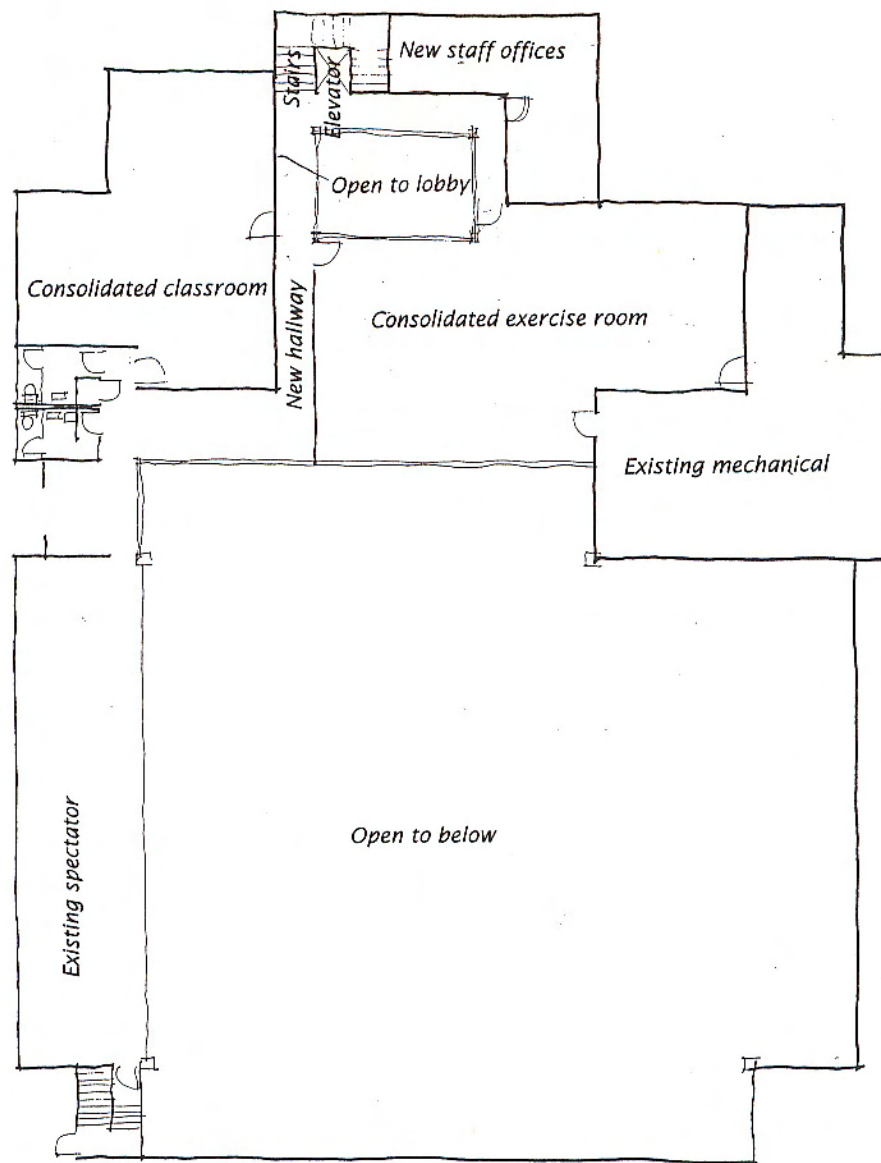


Ground floor – Option 1



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1/4"

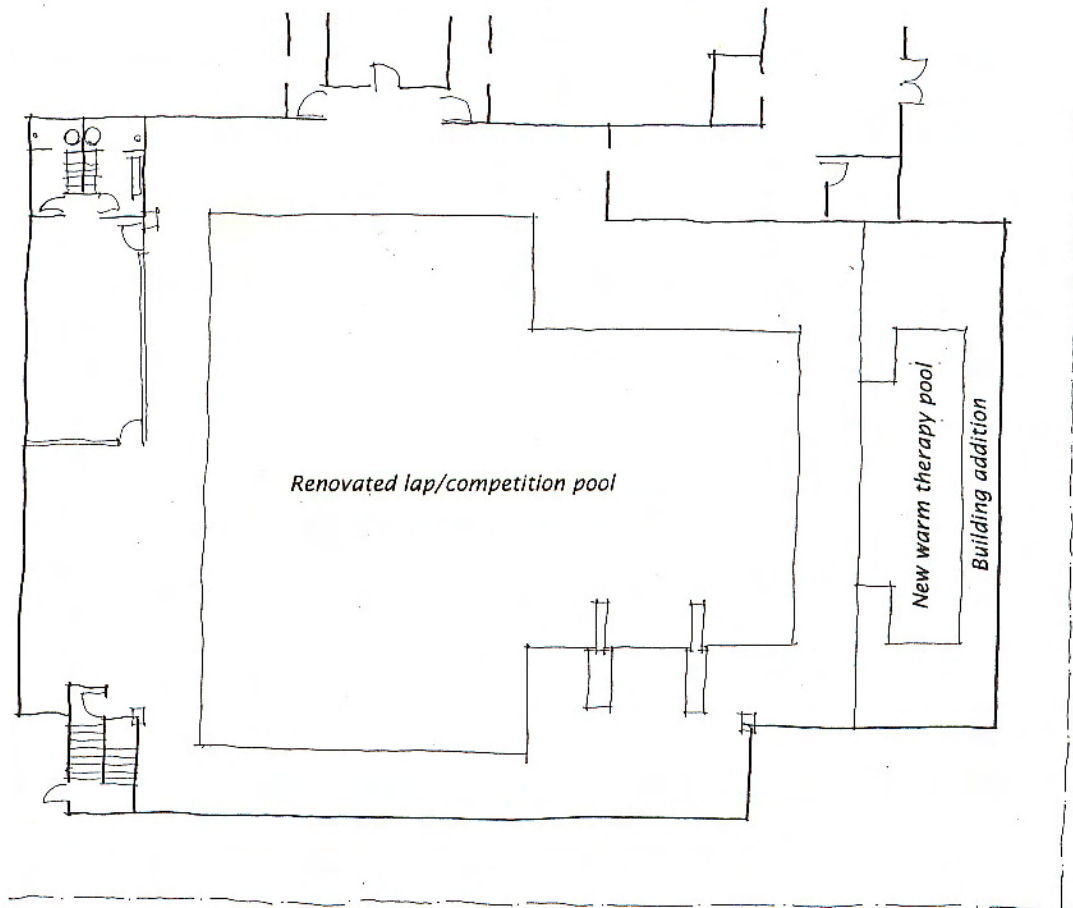
Upper floor - Option 1-3a/b



4 feet
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Ground floor - Option 2

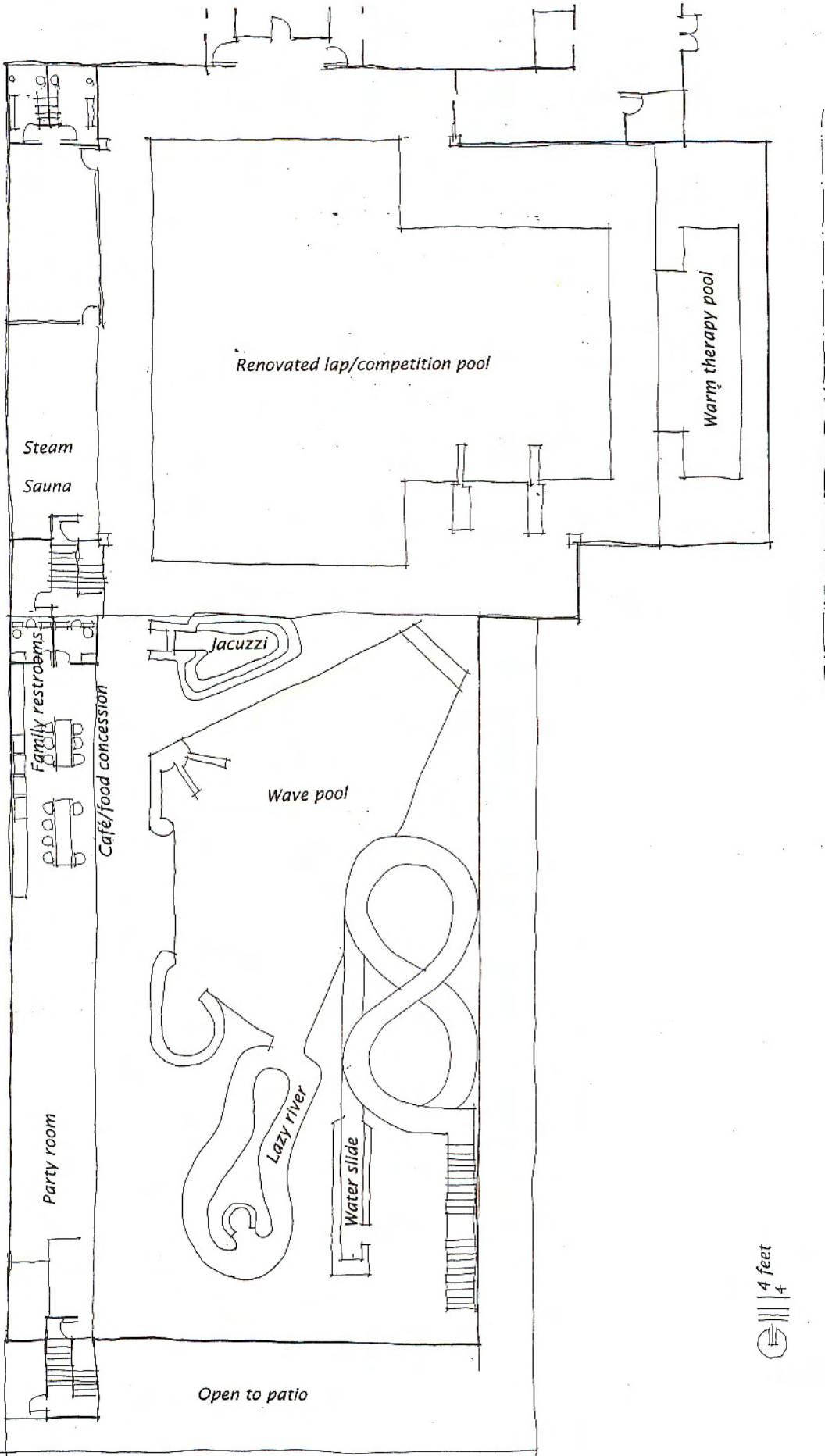
Same as base plan Option 1



4 feet

Ground floor - Option 3a

Same as base plan Option 1



4 feet

Ground floor - Option 3b

