

meeting minutes



MEETING #: 1- SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
MEETING DATE: January 23 and 24, 2017
PROJECT: Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Study
PRESENT: As Noted Below
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INTRODUCTION

The following are meeting notes from programming meetings held with special interest groups that use the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center. The purpose of the meetings was to hear each group's needs and recommendations.

The attendees include people that were invited and or dropped in to participate. Some of those listed may not have attended.

Marilyn organized the meetings. The times, places and contact info has been left for future reference. She also provided a list of issues for discussion that framed the interviews. In some cases, the way the conversations occurred resulted in adding other topics, as noted.

ANACORTES CITY LEADERS - Monday, January 23, 2017, 2:00-3:00 pm at the Mayor's office, Anacortes City Hall, 904 6th St & Q Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-1918

Attendees:

1. Laurie Gere (Mayor)
2. Don Measamer (Director of Planning, Community & Economic Development)
3. Gary Robinson (Director of Parks & Recreation)
4. Libby Grage (Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Long Range Planning Committee and City Planning Manager)
5. Bonnie Bowers (Chief of Police)
6. Brad Adams (Councilman) – Possibly attending, hasn't been confirmed
7. Richard Curtis (Fire Chief)

Issues and Discussion

1. Community Center (CCTR) potentially across the street

- Future. Boys and Girls Club currently in lower level of city hall, big impetus for new CCTR. 25,000 – 30,000 sf needed
 - Others will want access, for example Kiwanis Club.
 - Good location across from FPFC, near schools. The area is “central.”
 - Indoor open space needed, to replace former armory
2. Duplication of programming and services
 - Don’t duplicate, rather provide complementary services with Pool, Fitness, Schools and Senior Ctr
 3. Program relationships to future community center
 - See other issues
 4. Going after same funding opportunities
 - Didn’t seem to be an issue
 5. Many residents believe that Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center is City owned
 - Not discussed but understood
 6. Program and design – hopes, dreams, fears
 - Facilities – Pool, Fitness, future Community center, Senior Center, Schools – A Community Campus
 - Bainbridge Island Pool a good example: lap pool plus recreation/leisure pool plus therapy pool
 - Program Needs
 - Pool opens at 5am
 - Elevator needed
 - ADA access from Senior Center to FPFC – issue with sidewalk grading
 - AV upgrades – for programs and safety (how to make quick calls from one area to another)
 - Multi-generational – continue to serve kids, seniors and everyone in-between
 7. Budget and funding ideas and concerns
 - FPFC could pursue a revenue bond
 - CCTR may be city-owned
 8. Competing public needs
 - Not an issue if facilities are programmed for complimentary use
 9. Sewer line easement
 10. Shared parking, parking requirements
 - Parking is an issue especially when there are meets – 9 teams compete and there are girls and boys invitational meets 4x per year (2 for boys, 2 for girls)
 - February 10th and 11th meet coming up.
 11. Increased taxes
 - Not discussed, but understand the concern
 12. No fire alarm or sprinkler systems
 - Understand
 13. Other
 - FPFC survey was non-scientific but provides a reading of the community
 - Lots of seniors in area. In 10 years, Senior Center will be inadequate, will need to grow, may eventually become city operated.
 - Fitness Center brings in younger adults. Center not interested in competing with businesses and doesn’t seem to be.
 - Not a lot of policing issues – people staying after hours, some locker room theft, etc.

- Everyone knew of complaints and difference of opinions about pool water temperature.

End, This Meeting

FIDALGO POOL & FITNESS CENTER EMPLOYEES - Monday, January 23, 2017, 3:30-4:30 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

- Megan Zielinski (Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor)
- Kyle Ciminski (Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor)
- Kirstin Fors (Group Aquatic Instructor)
- Elke Macartney (Group Fitness Instructor)
- Amanda Gregg (Group Fitness Instructor)
- Sue Mehler (Group Aquatic Instructor)
- Rachel Omdal (Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor)
- Lori Johnson (Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor, Group Aquatic Instructor, Cashier)
- Marta Hood (Cashier)
- Melissa Reynolds (Cashier)
- Trevor Johnson (Lifeguard)
- Hiliary Anderson (Lifeguard, Cashier)
- Conrad DeGrott (Lifeguard)
- Taylor Webb (Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor, Cashier)
- Jenny Hall (Cashier)
- Kristine Murray (Group Fitness Instructor)

Issues and Discussion

1. Not enough hours of work
 - Staff wear many hats at FPFC and some have other jobs to make ends meet
 - Salaries seem low
2. Not enough help at front desk during peak hours
 - Lots of people come in and just go into the locker rooms without checking in. Some missed revenue and lack of accurate tracking of facility use.
3. Lack of communication with each other about program offerings and changes
 - The idea of a cashier and lifeguard liaisons with management was mentioned as way to improve communications
4. Inadequate staff locker room space and storage
 - More women than men, but women's staff are is smaller
5. Pool too cool for elderly, disabled and small children
 - Confirmed many times – senior aerobics, kids with blue lips, PT therapists and doctors sending people away.
 - Staff thought there would be more demand for a therapy pool than a recreation pool
6. Pool too warm for competitive swimmers and athletes
 - Understood
7. Fight for program group exercise and pool space
 - 30 for senior aerobics in winter; 50 in summer
8. No family changing rooms – using staff locker rooms
 - Discussed and understood

- Related – biggest complaint is about the locker rooms in general.
- 9. Not Americans with Disabilities compliant
 - Discussed, for aspects of the building's design – locker rooms, pools, no elevator. No ADA compliant restrooms upstairs. Ramp into pool? (Oak Harbor has good ADA access to pool).
- 10. Front desk location poor – fitness center patrons do not always report to front desk, some clients go to group fitness classes upstairs without checking in.
 - Buzzer system doesn't well when busy. Card key would work better. Could provide for 24 hours access to FC.
 - Can't see doors to locker rooms from desk
 - Centrally locate desk to manage Fitness and Pool access
- 11. Computer access slow and unpredictable
 - Not a design issue, but is a management one
- 12. Need bigger fitness center and more equipment
 - Would serve more people and families, which would generate more fees
 - Thrive has more classes, child watch, equipment
 - If larger, could have attract more people from the club that closed.
 - More cardio and free-weights
- 13. Another group exercise room – Thunderbird Aquatic Club uses room right after work and classroom space is needed for public.
 - The discussion was around needing more spaces for exercise and classes, and longer hours
- 14. Fitness Center and Group Exercise Room closed during swim meets
 - Came up often. Teams have control of entire facility during meets. Seemed like it might be easy to fix?
- 15. Other
 - Sell healthier food rather than candy. What is sold is expensive – “movie theater prices.” Get the apples back.
 - Better PR needed. Advertise. Improve webpage (rates and hours wrong, pictures not from FPFC). Be proactive with the large influx of people (20,000 over next 10 years?) expected because of stationing of military planes moving from Hawaii.
 - FP slide is boring
 - Snohomish Aquatic Center has had no impact on FPFC use
 - Oak Harbor – 25 m pool, sauna, hot tub, 25 min away, poorly managed
 - 8 lanes would be better than the current 6 lanes
 - Balcony for spectators too tight, bad sight lines

End, This Meeting

FIDALGO POOL & FITNESS CENTER COMMISSIONERS, LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MANAGERS -
 Monday, January 23, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

1. Andrew Olson (Commissioner about 17 years) - Hasn't confirmed
2. Pam Andrew (Commissioner about 12 years)
3. David Way (Commissioner about 2 years)
4. Mel Larson (New Commissioner)
5. Christine Mathes (Co-Chair Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), Friends of Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center & Thunderbird Aquatic Club (TAC) Board Officer

6. Keith Rubin (Long Range Planning Committee) - Hasn't confirmed
7. Sandy Hatfield (Long Range Planning Committee)
8. Mick Donahue (Long Range Planning Committee) - Hasn't confirmed
9. David Lervik (Long Range Planning Committee) - Hasn't confirmed
10. Marilyn Stadler (Executive Director)
11. Cheryl Thomas (Business Manager)
12. Jason Hunter (Youth Aquatics Manager, TAC Head Coach)
13. Carla Bigelow (Aquatic & Fitness Manager)
14. John Little (Maintenance Manager)
15. Jillian Dees (Assistant Aquatic & Fitness Manager)
16. Calvin Milbach (Assistant Age and Masters Coach)
17. (Jeremy McNett – Commissioner about 5 years cannot attend)
18. Libby Grage (Long Range Planning Committee and City Planning Manager will be attending City Leaders' Meeting)

Issues and Discussion

1. Building is over 40 years' old
 - Add windows or skylights at natatorium – daylight, energy benefits, feels better
2. Systems are archaic and energy hogs -need adequate mechanical systems, that are cost and energy efficient
 - Understood
 - Whatever equipment is eventually specified should be able to be maintained locally
3. Family/Private changing rooms with toilet
 - Needed, gender neutral provides flexibility in use
4. Better staff room and locker room areas
 - Too small
5. Updated public locker rooms
 - More grab bars, even beyond ADA, keep people safe
 - ADA accessible
 - Warmer room, warmer showers
 - Suit spinners
 - Better locker system – currently pay \$.25 to use
6. Warm water pool – zero entry, resistant water track (Lazy River) and lap lanes
 - Discussed
7. Separate Physical Therapy Pool
 - PT's won't recommend pool patients, water too cold
8. Warmer showers
 - See above
9. Patrons bypass front desk and enter upstairs classroom without paying
 - In addition to missing income, also misses important data collection
10. Security issues with people sneaking into facility without being noticed
 - Staff doesn't have views of upper level
11. ADA Compliance Issues
 - See above for locker room issues
12. Programming and cost efficiencies keep tax-payer support needs low
 - Not discussed
13. Cohesive exterior design

- FP and FC look different, tie them together, don't make a third architectural style
- 14. Accommodate more program needs, especially programs for teens
 - 25 yard pool for high school teams, most lap swimmers prefer the 25m
 - Another thought was adding more lanes rather than accommodating 25 m, Possible benefit from moveable bulkheads
 - 86 degrees too hot for fitness uses in pool
 - Need more family time, limited because of swim team use
 - Maybe 2 sets of locker rooms, 1 for existing pool, another for new pools
- 15. Inadequate and private working space for managers
 - Work areas should be centralized
- 16. Other
 - New Y in Mt. Vernon has aquatics but may not support competition use
 - Need better storage, deck is cluttered, equipment is scattered.
 - Timing / announcing booth needed, currently under slide
 - Spectator seating crowded, hot, sightlines not good. Spectators could be on deck but need separation from swimmers.
 - Acoustics bad, need improved AV, need laundry room
 - Revenue: vending (apples mentioned), on-site café (pizza, soda, etc), apple vending, more multi-purpose rooms (parties, board room, training, classes, exercise/fitness classes), offices that PT's might lease.
 - Parking inadequate, discussed the need for coordinating schedules which seems to be happening. Need drop-off / pick-up area for parents and kids.
 - Lifeguard discomfort with crosswinds
 - Precedents: financial info sim facilitates, pool design options, splash parks?

End, This Meeting

SILVERSNEAKERS®, SILVER&FIT®, AT YOUR BEST®, OPTUM ADVANTAGE, COMBO, GROUP FITNESS, AND FITNESS CENTER PATRONS - Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 9:45-10:45 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

1. Harris Allen
2. Myra McEwen
3. Gay Woods
4. Philip Bealer
5. Alberta Finley
6. Lee Carlson,
7. Joe Sladich
8. Anita Mayer
9. Deanna Murray
10. Bill Halverson
11. Donna Halverson
12. Brooks Middleton
13. Joseph Caulfield
14. Vern Eglit

15. Sydney Hole
16. Stephanie Metzger
17. Meg Murning
18. Marcia Short
19. Margaret Studor
20. Sally Turner
21. Sherry Johnson

Issues and Discussion

The #1 – 11 issues were listed for the interview but the real discussion followed with item 11.

1. SilverSneakers®, Silver&Fit®, At Your Best®, and Optum Advantage patrons - Health plans around the country offer this to people who are eligible for Medicare or to group retirees. The patrons' fees for Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center are paid by their insurance carriers.
2. Combo patrons have passes or punches to use the fitness center, pool and group exercise room for classes.
3. Group fitness patrons attend exercise classes in the room upstairs
4. Fitness Center patrons use the fitness equipment room
5. Need to be open longer on the weekends
6. Exterior design
7. ADA Compliant
8. Adequate fitness instructor substitute coverage
9. Upstairs Group Exercise Room needs climate control
10. Lack of privacy in the Locker Rooms
11. TVs and music in Fitness Center
12. Site: great location, in adequate parking, needs better outdoor lighting, currently getting lots of use by high school students (hs is under construction, lacks enough parking)
13. Lobby: The like that it can be used for different functions, should have coffee and be welcoming, needs an elevator and public restrooms (not just the locker rooms).
14. Locker rooms: Need family changing, new shower towers (used more often than private shower cubicles), access to restrooms from pool area, better positioned benches with hooks, separate dry and wet changing area (issue of not being able to have dry shoes and socks if you want to use the fitness center or exercise room – floor is slippery)
15. Sauna or Jacuzzi would be helpful.
16. Exercise Room: need windows in doors or next to doors at both door locations (1 doesn't have these), AC needed, needs better AV (here and in pool), hooks for wet coats and bags, bigger room or another one, good if there was a nearby dressing room.
17. Fitness Center: add a camera (security and what if someone needs help), lacks adequate fresh air with ductless AC system (can open windows), add carpet or some other materials to help with acoustics and sound attenuation, wifi doesn't work, area store and use moveable mats for sit ups and stretching, provide handsanitizer.
18. Pools
 - Therapy Pool: 90 – 92 degrees, for PT, with grab bars
 - Hot Water Therapy Pool: 103 degrees, with jets
 - Warm Water Pool: multi-generational, shallow water, lazy river, barriers to separate different areas of the pool
 - No discussion about competitions
 - Frustration with weekend hours, would like more hours, would get used

- Not enough area around the slide
- 19. District Boundaries: much larger than Anacortes, make sure the planning and design accommodates anticipated growth in numbers and growing senior population, prioritize in-district users over out-of-district.
- 20. Other: High school teams contribute money, desire to see more Anacortes kids coming to FPFC for lessons, provide space for families to eat during meets, in sun-belt – consider solar water or PV

END, THIS MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS - Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 11:00-12:00 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

- Erik Titus (Athletic Director for Anacortes High School. Leslie Mix is the school's coach, she didn't attend this interview)
- (Jerry Gardner - Athletic Director for the Burlington & Sedro-Woolley High Schools is unable to attend. His concern about hours of practice has been added to the list above.)

Issues and Discussion

Items #1 – 11 issues were listed for the interview but the real discussion followed with item #6.

1. Burlington & Sedro-Woolley High Schools hours at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center are late in the evening on school nights - The biggest thing they would like to see is earlier access to a pool in the future so our student athletes are not traveling the long distance late at night.
2. Anacortes High School logos are painted on the walls, and the other High Schools' are not – (may state “feel like a stepchild even though Fidalgo Pool is their home pool now”)
3. Inadequate viewing space for meets
4. Pool temperature is too warm for practice and swim meets
5. Inadequate locker and equipment storage
6. Parking: feeling is that it is adequate, hasn't heard complaints by teams; busses park on street, works well; issue with high school students using site is temporary, caused by construction of new school
7. Meets and School Calendar
 - 3 high schools have regular use for practice and meets – Anacortes, Sedro Wooley, Burlington Edison
 - 8 conference schools for girls, 7 for boys
 - 2 conference meets and 2 district meets / yr – 1 girls, 1 boys
 - District meets handle 11 to 14 teams, average 15-25 per squad, with +/- 500 people on site, 200 – 250 on the deck
 - Practice and meets use heaviest mid-August – mid-February.
8. Facility design and program issues
 - Deck space too tight. More space needed behind starting blocks. Too tight on the 25 yd side.
 - Locker rooms too small
 - Would be good if Anacortes squads had own room or some way to secure possessions
 - Lobby doesn't function well for district meets but does for conference meets. Fees collected and T-shirts sold in Lobby, reasons the FC can't be used during meets.

- More lanes could help with scheduling issues with teams (HS's and TAC)
 - The 25 yd / 25 m provisions are awesome. It's unique and is why this pool get so much use.
 - Spectator seating too small, too hot, can't see lanes 1 and 2. If spectator seating was on deck, would need to be separated from swimmers.
 - Dryland training area would be used by Anacortes HS and Thunderbird Aquatic Club
 - Space to hang banners of all 3 high school squads would show that facility recognize them
 - Pool temp too hot
 - Natural light would be a plus, if glare is controlled
 - Announcer space under slide is too tight
 - Fitness Center could be used during meets if there was clearer separation of pool from fitness.
 - Storage on deck is a hassle. Stuff gets moved to girls locker room for boy's meets and visa versa for girl's meets.
9. Daily Schedule.
- Anacortes HS has 4 lanes 2 days per week (TAC has other two lanes during this time) and 6 lanes 3 days per week
 - Two other HS teams practice later in the day which means swimmers are doing homework and travelling back and forth later in the day/evening.
 - Better hours would help with the daily scheduling
10. Mechanical issues
- Room too hot in fall
 - Air quality is good
11. Financials.
- Fees paid for meets
 - Fees paid for HS team use. Anacortes pays more than other high schools so gets more time.
12. Construction of Pool(s). Might be possible for teams to arrange temporary use of Oak Harbor pool during improvements to FPFC

End, This Meeting

FACILITY RENTERS, SPECIAL EVENT AND PROGRAM USERS- Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1:30 -2:30 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

1. Sheryl Kylo – Island Hospital Physical Therapist
2. Ilima Shaw – Island Hospital Director of Rehabilitation Services
3. Kelley Scarzafava – Anacortes Diving - Scuba
4. Bob Scarzafava - Anacortes Diving - Scuba
5. Bret Haggerty – “Hole” in the Wall” – Kayaking
6. Sally Hill – Anacortes Senior Activity Center
7. Elaina Meyer – Christ the King Church (rent the pool for church parties)
8. Stephanie Hamilton – Anacortes Chamber of Commerce
9. Taylor Bannister – Boys and Girls Club

10. Pinky Walker – Special Olympics
11. Jack Kennedy – Anacortes Fire Department
12. Malcolm McPhee – Sherman Physical Therapy
13. Lori Johnson
14. Nancy Halton
15. Representative from Economic Development Association of Skagit County

Issues and Discussion

1. Warm water pools for Physical Therapy
2. Storage
3. Private changing rooms
4. Concerns of current pool surface
5. Adequate lighting needed
6. Improved schedule communications
7. More programs for special needs patrons
8. Special events good for local economy - hotels and restaurant benefit when. FPFC has special events. For example, FPFC had 249 swimmers who swam at the last January 2017 swim meet and stayed in Anacortes over night. One team from Woodinville stayed at Marina Inn and had team dinner at Pizza factory.
9. Physical Therapy
 - Currently use facility 3 hrs, 3 times a week. Could easily be double this. Current schedule is mid-day and mid-week. Other hours would make it more convenient for people who work
 - Pool(s) Water needs to be warmer. Would like a PT pool and a therapy pool. Need shallow and deeper water. Underwater treadmill desirable.
 - Scheduling issues: PT use conflicts with lessons for kids
 - Access: lift, ramp, zero beach entry would be helpful for PT and kids
 - Fitness Center: PT could use recumbent stepper and shuttle leg press
10. Scuba
 - Needs 13' pool depth. Existing combination of shallow and deep water works well for them
11. Facility Design and Planning
 - Filtration system needs to improved – bottom of pool is dirty
 - Pool was resurfaced 2 yrs ago but there has been some cracking and blistering. Hard to put lane lines in.
 - Need places to dry out equipment
 - People slipping on floor between locker room and pools.
 - Family changing needed, 2 minimum. Need to be big enough for adults to change in them.
 - Lighting. Natural light would help with feeling of space and with cleaning. Hard of seeing need higher light levels
 - Kayaks. Outdoor staging/cleaning area would be good. Large vestibule would make it easier to get kayaks in and control heat loss (it was agreed this would take a lot of space). Existing shallow area too small
12. Scheduling Issues
 - Most issues happen around meets but the info is on the web page, so not a big deal.
 - Keep the master calendar for FPFC, Snr Ctr and church up to date – would help
13. Special Olympics
 - 1 day / week, 6:30 – 7:30 pm , 8 – 70 years old currently. About 30 swimmers, from Anacortes,

- Paid for by the Special Olympics. Would be great for the swimmers if an additional day, at a reduced rate was available and maybe a reduced rate for them year round
 - Warmer, shallow water preferred. All lanes are filled.
 - Women volunteers help the swimmers
14. Other uses: synchronized swimming and life saving
15. Chamber is looking at benefits to tourism: improved pool for meets, new football and baseball field (at high school?) for tournaments, etc.

End, This Meeting

LAP SWIMMERS, MASTER SWIMMERS, WATER WALKERS, WATER GROUP EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS, OPEN SWIM USERS - Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 2:25 -3:45 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

1. Jennifer Lewis (Friends of FPFC Chair and Pool User)
2. Marcia Books (Friends of FPFC Secretary and Pool User)
3. Anne McLean (Pool User)
4. Ed Sprauer (Friends of FPFC Treasurer and Pool User)
5. Matt Castle (Master Swimmer)
6. Alice Bohnker (Water Group Exercise Participant)
7. Tom Conroy (Lap Swimmer)
8. Natalie Hood (Previous Aquatic Manager of FPFC, lap swimmer, fitness center user)
9. Phil Prudhomme (Master Swimmer)
10. David Hanson
11. Jim Robb
12. Lenore Robb
13. DeAnna Claus
14. Joanne Hanson
15. Winifred Fairfax
16. Joan Knowles
17. Bill Turner
18. Dixon Johnson
19. Rene Vance
20. Linda Everton
21. Elly Snowman
22. Sandy York
23. Joan Magee
24. Louise Brissey

Issues and Discussion

1. FPFC should only service Anacortes residents
 - The discussion focused on the FPFC district (larger than Anacortes City Limits) and the fact that the fees they pay should be less than those paid by users who live outside of the district and don't pay district taxes.
 - There was a sense that the software needs to be upgraded to make sure this works well
 - Related was improved outreach to those in the District and beyond

2. Not enough lap swimming time – High Schools, Thunderbird Aquatic Club, Rentals and Special Programming take up too much of the pool time
 - This was a significant concern given swim team use. Many wondered why the pool couldn't have more weekend open swim hours. They feel it would get good use
 - Another strategy would be to always have a couple of lanes open for lap swimmer use. This would make the schedule more predictable.
3. Pool too warm
 - There was some disagreement about this. Maybe 2 zones or, better, 2 pools
4. Not enough room for evening group aquatic classes after work
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5. Inadequate locker rooms
 - Need family changing rooms
 - More grab bars
 - ADA needs to be accommodated here and throughout
6. Warmer shower water
7. Concern over tax payers dollars
 - See item one
8. More Open Swim times
 - See item 2
9. More aquatic recreational programs and equipment
10. Other
 - People like the UV at Fidalgo, helps with air quality and control of chloramines. Stanwood Y too chlorinated.
 - Parking. More spaces and need a drop off area
 - Bike rack near building, covered
 - Consider Child Watch, like Thrive. Would help draw families.
 - Zero beach, walk-in section at pool, for seniors, those with physical challenges, and kids.
 - Hot water, Jacuzzi type of pool to relax muscles after a good workout.

End, This Meeting

THUNDERBIRD AQUATIC CLUB (TAC) AND SWIM LESSON PARENTS - Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 4:15 -5:15 pm at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, 1603 22nd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, Phone:(360) 293-0673

Attendees:

1. David Hanson (TAC Parent)
2. Christina McKee (Swim Lesson Parent)
3. Niabi Drew (TAC Parent)
4. Rob Hoxie (TAC Parent)
5. Beth Hofferth (TAC Parent)
6. Elton Erickson (TAC Parent)
7. Mariah Erken (Swim Lesson Parent)
8. Neil Raciote (Swim Lesson Parent)
9. Mark Knowls (Swim Lesson Parent)
10. Joanne Dyer (TAC Parent)

Issues and Discussion

1. Safety of small children in locker rooms. Many concerns
 - Falling, floors are slick
 - Too much activity
 - Lots of unaccompanied kids
 - Need better way to secure personal items. Stuff on benches, no one locks up their stuff, people hang out and steal. Bring your own padlock rather than money for locker and a pin.
2. Mothers taking sons in the Women's Locker Room, Fathers talking daughters in the Men's Locker Room
 - Maybe a "mom intercom" into men's locker room and visa versa for dads
 - Family changing rooms, minimum 2 up to 8
3. Adequate facilities for Swim Meets
4. Increase recreational activities for teens
5. Child Watch Program - a Child Watch Area provides a limited duration sitting service for members while they are using the Aquatic & Fitness Center
6. Design and Planning
 - Finishes need to be updated
 - Cubbies on deck may help with securing personal items.
 - Changing room needed for Fitness Center.
7. TAC
 - Separate TAC room next to coach's room
 - 82 swimmers
 - 5 meets per year – October, January, February, March, May. 500 swimmers and 500 spectators over two days at the meets.
 - More spectator seating, but not on the deck. Good to separate kids from parents (avoid "helicopter" parenting)
 - 8 lanes, 25 yds works for meets
 - Maybe warm water 25 m pool for others?
 - Existing pool is unique, well attended
 - Need storage for deck equipment
 - Adequate space for timekeeper
 - Place for parities for teens – meet with kids from other teams. More open swim time for teens.
 - Maybe seating on deck like Bainbridge Pool
 - Consider right location for scoreboards and timeclocks
 - Jacuzzi for muscles after competing
 - The existing Multi-purpose room is used for "hospitality" during meets, i.e., sales of concessions and snacks.
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8. Other
 - Advertise public meetings

End of Notes, All Meetings

Please let Stan Lokting / ARC know of any required changes to these notes by February 14th, 2017. Email address: lokting@arcaarchitects.com.