

## Special Interest Group Meetings

Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Pool Commissioners recently contracted with ARC Architects of Seattle to perform a feasibility study for design options to improve the pool facility and the surrounding property. The original facility was built in 1975 and its heating, air conditioning, ventilation, lighting and utility systems are rapidly reaching obsolescence. Additionally, the facility is not compliant with many modern building codes including ADA and fire systems.

A Long Range Planning Committee made up of appointed public and staff members was commissioned in December 2015 with the task of soliciting the community's desires and needs along with identifying necessary compliance upgrades to the facility to accommodate future growth requirements. A survey was conducted in February 2016 and public workshops were completed in March-May 2016.

The next step toward the feasibility study will be for ARC Architects and Counsilman-Hunsaker (the pool designers) to meet with specific interest groups, staff and pool patrons on Monday, January 23 & 24, 2017 to discuss Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center's current programming and what needs to improve and/or what should be added. This programming effort will form the basis of two design options, one that consider a renovation and addition of the existing facility and another that considers a new building. Interview format is also included.

1. On Monday, January 23, 2017, the following groups are being planned.
  - City Leaders - 2 pm - 3 pm
  - Cashiers, Lifeguards, Swim Lesson Instructors Aquatic and Fitness Group Exercise Instructors, including personal trainers. 3:30 - 4:30 pm
  - Long Range Planning Committee and the Board of Commissioners. Fidalgo Pool Managers, including Assistant Aquatic & Fitness Manager and Assistant Age Coach. 5 - 6 pm
  
2. On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, the following groups are planned; however, some may need to be combined. It was also stressed that some people interested in attending one a particular group may only be able to attend at different times. We will need to accommodate that situation.
  - SilverSneakers®, Silver and Fit®, At Your Best® and Optum Programs, Fitness Center, Land Group Exercise, Combo users - 9:45 - 10:45 am
  - High School Districts 11 - 12 Noon
  - Special Groups that rent and conduct special events 1:30 - 2:30 pm
  - Lap Swimmers, Masters, Water Group Exercise Users, Open Swim, Swim Youth - 2:45 - 3: 45 PM
  - Thunderbird Aquatic Club and Swim Lesson Parents. - 4:15 - 5:15 PM

If you are interested in attending one of these meeting, have questions or would like to comment, please contact Marilyn Stadler, Executive Director at [mstadler@fidalgopool.com](mailto:mstadler@fidalgopool.com) or by phone 360-293-0673.

**FIDALGO POOL AND FITNESS CENTER  
PROGRAM INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**ARC AND COUNSILMAN-HUNSAKER  
January 11, 2017**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 INTERVIEWS**

**Cashiers, Lifeguards, Swim Lesson Instructors, Aquatic and Fitness Group Exercise Instructors, Personal Trainers, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

1. Cashiers
  - a. Number of stations
  - b. Security issues
  - c. Future needs
2. Swim Lesson Instructors
  - a. Lesson types
  - b. Class sizes
  - c. Aquatic facility needs
  - d. Issues with current pool layout / support spaces
  - e. Common concerns/complaints heard
3. Aquatic and Fitness Group Exercise Instructors
  - a. Types of Instruction
  - b. Class sizes
  - c. Aquatic facility needs
  - d. Issues with current pool layout / support spaces
  - e. Common concerns/complaints heard
4. Personal Trainers
  - a. How many
  - b. Aquatic Facility needs
5. Shared
  - a. Classroom needs
  - b. Locker rooms design issues
  - c. Other

**Long Range Planning Committee and the Board of Commissioners, Fidalgo Pool Managers (including Assistant Aquatic & Fitness Manager and Assistant Age Coach), 5 – 6 pm**

1. Program and design – hopes, dreams, fears
  - a. Aquatic
  - b. Fitness
  - c. Other
2. Service to patrons
3. Perceptions of Renovation Option versus New Option
4. Possibility of phased project
5. Aspects of other facilities that you would like to see incorporated
6. Site issues – access, views, senior center, church
7. Other

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 INTERVIEWS**

### **SilverSneakers®, Silver and Fit®, At Your Best® and Optum Programs, Fitness Center, Land Group Exercise, Combo users - 9:45 - 10:45 am**

1. Aquatic needs
2. Non-aquatic needs
3. Classroom needs
4. Fitness Center
5. Other exercise spaces
6. Other

### **High School Districts 11 – 12 Noon**

1. Swimmer / team needs
2. Coaching needs
3. Spectator needs
4. Special pool design issues
5. Desire to host swim meets (districts, regionals, statewide)
6. Storage requirements
7. Classroom spaces
8. Other

### **Physical Therapy, Anacortes Kayak Tours, Chamber of Commerce, Senior Activity Center, Scuba, Special Olympics, Fire Departments, Economic and Develop Association of Skagit County - 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

1. How each group uses the facility
2. Storage requirements
3. Classroom requirements
4. Other types of meeting rooms
5. Fitness center requirements
6. Other

### **Lap Swimmers, Masters, Water Group Exercise Users, Open Swim, Swim Youth - 2:45 - 3:45 PM**

1. How each group uses the facility
2. Schedule issues
3. Aquatic needs
4. Non-aquatic needs
5. Special locker room needs or issues
6. Fitness Center and other exercise or warm-up needs
7. Other

### **Thunderbird Aquatic Club and Swim Lesson Parents. - 4:15 - 5:15 PM**

1. Scheduling needs of TAC
2. Storage needs of TAC
3. Aquatic design needs for TAC
4. Desire to host swim meets (zones, sectionals, invitationals, long course vs short course)
5. Waiting and viewing needs of swim lesson parents
6. Fitness center requirements, for TAC and parents
7. Other