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MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Long Range Planning (Formerly MCIP) Workshop
Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center
Thursday, May 12, 2016, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
The Public was invited.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Committee Members Present: Commissioner Jeremy McNett, Executive Director Marilyn Stadler, Maintenance Manager John Little, Sandy Hatfield, Christine Mathes, Commissioner David Way

Public: Marcia Books, Joan McGee, Sue and Mia McCollum, Tom Conroy, Susan Lienesch, Heljda Saas

SURVEY RESULTS

Christine Mathes welcomed the public and committee members to the workshop. She had attendees introduce themselves before explaining the survey process. The survey was conducted in the 31 day period from Monday, February 8, 2016 to Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Seven hundred and fifteen individuals responded. Executive Director Marilyn Stadler presented the survey results from the highest percentage of Extremely Important and Very Important to the lowest. Some of the major concerns of responders include updating current systems such as the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning unit, making the facility American with Disabilities Act compliant, renovating the locker rooms, adding warmer pools, and having family/privacy changing rooms.

There is a table in the lobby that displays the entire survey results, including the comments section of the survey; clarifications on some comment misinformation; information on what tax payers fund in the levy, how the fitness center bond/loan is paid by user fees and not by tax dollars, the success of the current use of the facility over the last several years, how Fidalgo Pool impacts local businesses, who uses the pool, and visits in program categories per year.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

- Joan McGee indicated that she is a lap swimmer and that the current pool temperature is too warm for competitive swimmers and active aerobics participants. She also stated that future pool upgrades must meet community needs and that all ADA requirements, water system upgrades and other current maintenance issues are in the plan.
- Sue McCollum stated that the pool needs to have more natural lighting and additions similar to a pool facility in Bavaria, Germany. She shared information with the Committee that appears at the end of the minutes.

- Heljda Saas discussed her concerns about meeting the pool needs of elderly patrons, such as her parents. The current pool does not have handrails all around the sides of the pool. She is concerned for their safety.
- Tom Conroy expressed that the District and Committee must have more public input on the long range plan. Christine Mathes explained what outreach the Committee has completed so far. The Committee plans to continue encouraging public involvement as they move forward.

FACILITY TOUR

- Maintenance Manager John toured interested participants around the facility.

POOL PASSES FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- After participants made comments, they were given a family pool pass to use the facility on us within two weeks of the workshop. It was explained that the committee would like to gain further information on what the facility needs by their first hand use.

ADJOURN

The workshop of the Pool's Long Range Planning Committee was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.