

Proposed Aquatic Center Listening Sessions Summary Report

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Summary:

Recently, two community listening sessions were hosted, on November 16, 2022 and February 1, 2023. Both meetings had a mix of in-person and online attendees, with overall attendance of 25 persons per meeting. Few individuals attended both meetings.

The purpose of these community listening sessions was to gather feedback on prior Si View aquatic center proposals: what was missed, what should be considered in the future, and how communications could be improved, same questions as was asked of the community in an online survey in December 2022.

The meetings included a brief presentation that outlined project background, the proposed aquatic center design details to-date, and next steps in the process.

The overwhelming majority of participants were supportive of the project overall and would like to see a similar proposal in the future. The feedback on prior proposals consisted of clarifying information in several areas, including, the reasoning behind building the recreation pool before a competition pool, project funding plan and cost to taxpayers, examples of how recreation pool zones would increase programming space compared to current pool, considerations how the new center would fit in the existing neighborhood, and requests for seeking alternate funding sources to help balance project costs, as well as prioritizing District resident access.

In regard to prior proposal and the specific amenities, the feedback received confirmed that the proposal is still in-line with what the community is looking for. Attendees stated the need for providing detailed descriptions and images where possible to demonstrate how the new facility would serve the community needs. For example, providing an overlay of the new facility in comparison to current pool size, showing an example of a daily schedule of activities at the new center, providing more details of the status of the aging infrastructure of current pool, and clarifying the purpose of amenities (i.e. terms such as lazy river and beach entry pool) all would be helpful to residents.

Regarding communication about the project, a better breakdown of project costs and the funding plan would be helpful as this is an area of concern for some residents. Additionally, using the publicly available taxpayer transparency tool will eliminate many questions as that is based on individual tax parcels. Overall communication tools used today, are all tools that attendees are using to seek project information. Providing more visibility such as large posters to announce meetings and updates would be helpful.

Some immediate steps have already been taken with updates to the project webpage commonly asked questions section <https://www.siviewpark.org/newpool.phtml>. Additional information will be posted as needed.

Residents are encouraged to direct any project related questions to staff, by calling 425-831-1900 or emailing info@siviewpark.org.