



Parks and Recreation Board

Land, Facilities and Programming Subcommittee

Aquatic Facility Assessment

City of Austin

Parks and Recreation Department



Goals and Objectives



- Implement a comprehensive evaluation of existing aquatic facilities along with recommendations for future opportunities
- Analyze, evaluate and recommend for renovation, redevelopment and/or replacement with new facilities on existing or alternative sites
- Develop and implement a public facilitation process for stakeholder input. Information to be utilized to generate public interest, support funding and design efforts for improvements to existing and future facilities



Process -



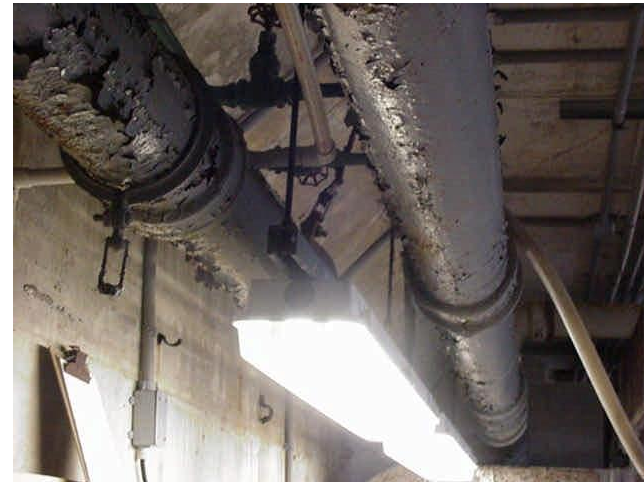
- RFQ Solicitation through CMD –
 - Brandsetter Carrol Inc. Aquatic Assessment Consultant selected
 - Notice to Proceed Issued January 16, 2013
- Public Engagement Process begins –
 - 8 stakeholder meetings held throughout City of Austin
 - Two (2) open house style meetings
 - On-line surveys – 1900 participants
 - On-site surveys – 603 collected
 - Random Statistical Survey (Leisure Vision) – 500 participants
 - Telephone Town Hall Meeting - 6000 + participants
- Aquatic Assessment Strategic Plan Development
 - Draft submitted October 3, 2014 for review and approval by Aquatic Division and PARD



Assessment Scope



- The assessment reviewed the following pool facility elements:
 - Architecture – Bathhouses, restrooms, pump rooms
 - Site – ADA accessibility, parking, access, fencing
 - Pool – decks, equipment, circulation system, chemical system
 - MEP – condition of mechanical, electrical and plumbing hardware
 - Programming – Pool inventory, demographics, needs, budget, revenue, cultural and historic overview





Assessment Findings -

■ Major Issues and Conditions Observed

- ❑ Ave. age of pools is 54 years – national standard for functional use is 25 years.
- ❑ Pool walls failing
- ❑ Pool coping and tiles missing
- ❑ Major deck cracking
- ❑ Pump room mechanical conditions deteriorating and in some cases failing
- ❑ MEP components inadequate, rusting or non code compliant
- ❑ Deteriorated restroom facilities
- ❑ Poor or non compliant ADA access site conditions

■ Critical Pools –

Northwest – 58 years old

Civitan – 50 years old

Givens – 62 years old

Gillis – 60 years old

Govalle – 60 years old

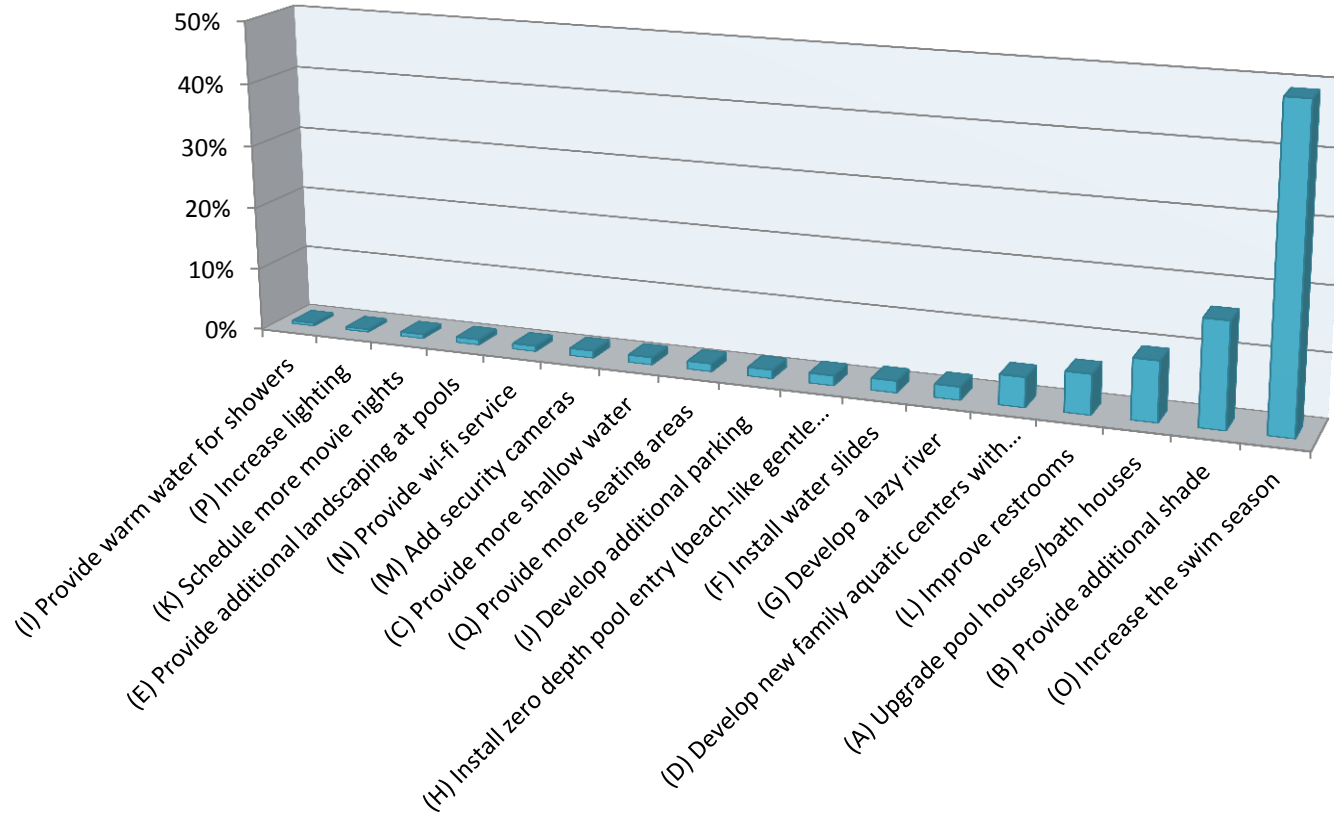
Montopolis – 38 years old

Shipe – 80 years old





Public Input Findings



Re-accuring Themes:

- Increase swim season
- Provide additional shade
- Improve restrooms
- Upgrade pool houses/bath houses



Assessment Recommendations



- Address Critical Pools –
 - Adhere to Aquatic Level of Service to address the Pool, MEP, Bathhouse and Site Features (PMBS) at each facility.
- Address Public Engagement Input –
 - Extend swim season
 - Increase year-round and or nine-month swimming pool facilities
 - Add or repair shade structures
 - Renovate bathhouses \ restrooms
 - Plan for new pools in underserved areas of the City
 - Development standardization of equipment
 - Extend functional life of pools (10-20) years
 - Maintain 50 meter length pools
 - Prioritize facilities to remain in service other those scheduled for renovation or replacement.
 - Develop a long range Aquatic Division Master Plan for Aquatic facility improvements



Next Steps



- Presentation of the Aquatic Facility Assessment to the Parks and Recreation Board on October 28, 2014
- Staff will request a recommendation to City Council:
 - To support the assessment findings as a planning foundation for the Aquatic Division Master Plan
 - To request the establishment of A Technical Advisory Group
 - To request the establishment of an Aquatic Task Force derived from each new Council District with one representative

