

Aquatic Master Plan Task Force

Community Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30-8:00 PM

Gus Garcia Recreation Center

1201 E Rundberg Ln, Austin, TX 78753

53 Attendees (signed-in)

Equity

- I am very opposed to creating pools with water slides and other fancy amenities at the expense of neighborhood pools
- I do not care what the national trends are. Austin needs to be livable by having pools in neighborhoods.
- Prioritizing pools on periphery of city will increase traffic and reduce accessibility of pools to all
- We can solve the tree limb problem at Little Stacy
- Please keep spaces for small children like Little Stacy
- Spend money on free pools in all areas than on weight rooms at some pools. Swimming to cool off and learning to swim and exercise are more important
- Provide safe swimming for
 - Swimming lessons
 - Exercise
 - Cooling off
- As long as we have free city pools, they provide a simple baseline of swimming opportunities. Let Schlitterbahn, etc. provide the fancy slides etc.
- Little Stacy is perfect as is, please keep it for the children.
- Little Stacy is (?) to community in South and East Austin
- Little Stacy is where children from different schools make friends
- Northwest is my neighborhood pool and I support it.

Site Suitability

- Please review the raw data for Ramsey and Reed. I don't believe the #s can be exactly identical all the way down.
- Ramsey Pool- we're marked down for accessibility- but most people walk, there is not much parking needed
- I was told the demographics looks at the per household income of residences that might use the relevant pool. I don't think it's fair to penalize neighborhoods for having income. We pay taxes too.
- When counting attendance, making clear seasonal and shorter hours vs. year-round facilities.
- Identify year-round pools

Sustainability

- Why we love Stacy: outdoor, early morning (?) high sun, min. lap 33M ok, not heavily chlorinated air (not indoor), year-round
- Need outdoor shaded year-round pools, 1 per large areas with lap availability min 33 m, 50m better
- More pools open year round that offer decent lap swimming
- Stacy being cost free helps our artists and musicians
- Pools open only 10 weeks out of 52 don't count
- Stacy built by WPA in 1936, historic pool
- Stacy only free heated pool in Austin
- Why do we have PARD employees sitting around rec centers and no children are present
- Little Stacy is a historic pool- a little oasis for tiny people- unique! We are the 3rd generation in our family to swim in and love Little Stacy
- Please save little Stacy- not every pool needs to be a McMansion
- Historic, spring-fed pools like B. Springs, Big Stacy and Deep Eddy ought to be afforded a priority.
- Drive in from onion creek to swim at Stacy 5 days a week
- Honestly I think we have a lot of fun and we just love our austin pools
- We value the diversity of our local pool- Northwest Park and the accessibility. It brings our community together.
- FUN
- Concerned for long-term commitment to providing year round lap swimming options- early morning
- Lap pool= at least 25 meters not 25 feet
- Other factors to consider for ranking, length/use of pool (lap swimming harder to find over wading), accessible year round, accessible early morning hours (6 am), accessible by bus, spring fed, historic interest
- Why do we need an indoor facility? What percentage of population will it serve? What will have to be cut to make it?
- Stacy is thermal heated
- Please add to ranking system- 1. Historic 2. Ability to be open year round 3. Non-chlorinated 4. Length (at least 30m), bus route from downtown (cultural tourist attraction)
- I've been swimming for 40 years, hope to swim 40 more. Right now I can walk to Big Stacy/Deep Eddy. Do you want me behind the wheel at age 80 and drive further away?
- Premier Indoor Aquatic Center should be lowest priority or not even considered. We currently don't need this
- I agree

Funding

- Big Stacy and Deep Eddy
 - Historic- Big Stacy built by CCC, Deep Eddy oldest in State
 - Lap lanes for la swimmers
 - A large regular group of swimmer go there very often and for many years
- Keep older swimmers healthy

- Gives kids in neighborhood a chance to learn to swim
- Draws swimmers from all socio-economic groups (no fee)
- Year round (Big Stacy is heated thermally, Deep Eddy constant temp.)
- Northwest Park- historic, diverse
- Serves variety of needs- swim teams, lessons, families, fitness, recreation
- Deep Eddy- fun, kid friendly, AWESOME!
- Mabel Davis Pool- High density of low income apartments with no other opportunities for recreation during hot summer months
- Thanks for not closing Stacy Pool. It is my therapy. The only suggestion I have is on fun pools such as tall waterslides/climbing wall, lazy river, etc is a small fee to ensure salary for lifeguards to protect the lives of our children
- Consider charging realtor fees for profits they make by advertising “near a pool and park” in areas already developed.
- Maybe a 501c3 for realtors can contribute to where they can deduct from federal taxes.
- Keep no fees for neighborhood pools
- Keep Big Stacy open
- Bond should be more substantial for aquatics (pools)
- Aquatic specific bond
- Keep Little Stacy open “think of the children.”