



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, May 18, 2015
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Members Present: Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Sue Medbery, Suzanne Petersen (honorary)
City Staff Present: Gary Bannon, Councilor John O'Connor

Meeting began at 7:02.

Approval of Agenda:

Pat made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Christophe seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2015:

Christophe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pat seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- Pool operations are going well overall.
- Siemens has determined that needed upgrades and system technological tie-ins for the dehumidifier will cost \$28,000. Without this work, the dehumidifier and heating systems run constantly and are difficult to adjust. Siemens will be working with the Johnson system installers to integrate the two systems. Work needs to begin as soon as possible to avoid major disruptions to the facility's air quality.
- The outdoor pool will be open for team practices beginning on May 19.

Mick (as read by Gary):

- The outdoor pool will open June 15 for limited public access. Full summer access will begin on June 22.
- Changes to the indoor pool schedule to separate times when adults use locker rooms and when children use the locker rooms were well received.
- Summer staff members are still being interviewed and hired. The pool of qualified applicants is limited. Most new hires are alumni of Dover's water safety program. WSI-certified applicants are especially needed to serve as both guards and instructors. (Dover's pay scale for lifeguards is in the upper third of regional pools.)
- (Private lessons are available on an as-needed basis and as pool time and staff support are available.)



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Long-Range Planning (as written by Tim Paiva and read by Gary):

- Site surveying indicates that Maglaras Park can accommodate the proposed Jenny Thompson Aquatic Center and supporting infrastructure.
- Tim will present architectural drawings, floor plans, and the project's financial time-line to the city council on June 3 and will lead a public question and answer session on June 8. Tim has already presented the basics to some of the city's key leaders.

Discussion about the JTAC: Many questions need to be addressed and more will come as answers become known.

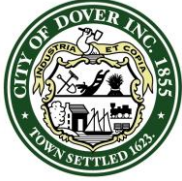
- Officially, the only commitment made by the city so far is permission for the JTAC exploratory group to do test borings at Maglaras Park and to investigate the possibility of constructing a facility there.
- The city's proposed role in the JTAC so far includes lease of the property and a city representative on the JTAC board of directors. It is unclear what other requests might be made.
- The city's financial role has not been determined yet. Speculations include transferring current financial supplements for public pools to the JTAC to ensure affordable public access.
- What arrangements might be made for patrons when the facility is unavailable during multi-day competitions?
- The JTAC's presence will almost certainly affect the operations of the public pools and will force a decision about closure. One impact to be considered would be if the outdoor pool is forced to close, the city will need to give an estimated \$400,000 back to the Land and Water Conservation Fund or find a new but similar public use for the current Jenny Thompson Pool site. If the outdoor pool remains open, priority use will be for summer youth recreation groups. The indoor pool will probably be converted to some other recreational use. It was built with private funding and none will need to be returned to the federal or state government.
- The ramifications of a private-public partnership are unknown. As part of a lease, would the city have to assume costs for liability, facility upkeep, parking lot maintenance, etc.?
- If the JTAC opens and cannot succeed financially, who will be responsible for the facility and its associated costs? What is the closure clause of the business plan?

Budget:

The city council adopted the budget; all pool related line items were accepted as presented.

Lighting Upgrade at the Indoor Pool:

The city council has approved the plan to upgrade lighting at the ice arena. Approval for the indoor pool is pending, with luck by the end of June. The actual work would be performed in August during the normal summer maintenance closure. The upgrade to LED lighting will be funded by Eversource and payback will be obtained by them through future cost-savings. Pay-back is projected to take 5 years.



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Summer Program:

- Mick is trying to maximize swim lessons.
- Four meets are scheduled for the outdoor pool.

Henry Law Park:

The final design to include the gundalow and a natural playground will be done in July with bids going out in August. Work will begin in the fall and should finish by spring of 2016.

Other:

- Follow-up question about youth swimmers being harassed last fall by other youth in the park ... no further incidents reported.
- Thanks were expressed for the clean-up of the non-skid ramp mat. Much better!

Adjournment:

Christophe made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen