

SWIMMING POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting
May 28, 2008
La Vista Library
7:00 p.m.**

An open meeting of the Swimming Pool Advisory Committee took place on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Vista Library. Present were Committee Members Randy Cahill, Ian Harfield, Ryan South, Joe Juarez, Rebecca Sell, Terrilyn Quick, George Forst, and Tony Gowan. Also in attendance were staff members Brenda Gunn, Marcus Baker, Ann Birch, Joe Soucie, Brian Lukasiewicz, Scott Stopak and Craig Roy from Water's Edge Aquatic Design (WEAD).

Members of the public in attendance were Dotty DeBoer, Marlin DeBoer, Monte Jung, Lorelee Perkins, Karen Cahill, Donna Kozak, Laura Ekstrand, Diane Demarais, Steve Ryan, Ken & Lori Willenborg and Jana Buras.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Papillion Times on May 21, 2008.

City Administrator Gunn welcomed the Committee members and other residents in attendance and gave a project status report. Gunn recapped the April 9, 2008 meeting in which the citizen survey results were discussed and the conceptual plan was re-evaluated by the committee. The committee had requested that WEAD scale back the project and come back with two design options – one design with a reduced lazy river and one design without a lazy river. Gunn also advised that the City Council wanted to review a design by June 17th in order to stay on track for a potential November 2008 ballot issue. She further advised that it was the committee's charge for the evening to come to consensus on a preferred design to recommend to the City Council. Gunn said that depending on the Council's feedback, the design may come back to the committee for further refinement.

Craig Roy from Water's Edge Aquatic Design presented an overview of three layouts summarized below.

Characteristics	Layout 1A	Layout 1B	Layout 1C
Spray ground, sq. ft.	759	-	-
Wading Pool, sq. ft.	1,166	1,166	1,166
Shallow / Lap Pool, sq. ft.	7,998	6,319	7,821
Lazy River, sq. ft.	6,219 (566 ft long)	4,384 (420 ft long)	-
Plunge Pool, sq. ft.	1,000	1,073	965
Diving Pool, sq. ft.	1,307	-	-
Total Water Surface Area, sq. ft.	17,690	12,942	9,952
Patron Load	1,000 to 1,700	800 to 1,600	600 to 1,300
Estimated Operating Expense	\$381,000	\$285,000	\$229,000
Estimated Project Cost	\$8.3 to \$8.8 million	\$6 to \$6.4 million	\$4.6 to \$4.9 million

Gunn provided a handout that showed potential bond issue scenarios associated with the (3) concepts. She stated that comparisons represented the property tax impact that each scenario would have on a home valued at \$150,000 for 25 years at current interest rates.

Forst voiced his concern with Layout 1C stating that the water surface area was falling well short of the needs for a community of La Vista's size. Roy concurred stating that the general rule of thumb is one square foot of water surface area per person in a community.

At 7:38 p.m. the floor was open for public comment regarding the three conceptual layouts.

Donna Kozak informed the Committee that she was dissatisfied with the public notification process and noted her concerns about the City's debt. Kozak asked if gaining access to 84th Street would be an issue. Gunn responded that discussions have taken place with Department of Road officials and their staff does not anticipate a problem obtaining access. Kozak went on to express concerns about the proposed facility increasing traffic within the existing residential area. Kozak also asked if the existing playground and ball fields on the west end of the property would be removed if the new aquatic facility were to be built. Gunn affirmed that the playground and ball fields would likely be removed.

Dotty DeBoer expressed concern about the potential for increased traffic into the residential area. Gunn stated that a traffic impact study would be completed to identify these impacts; however, she also emphasized that 84th Street is being recommended as the primary route for accessing the property.

Laurie Perkins strongly urged that 84th Street be the primary access and that 87th Street be for emergency vehicles only. She also suggested that the open space on the west end be utilized as a playground, so the neighborhood wouldn't lose this amenity. Perkins also asked about police patrolling the proposed parking lot, security lighting and its impacts to adjoining neighbors, and security fencing. Gunn responded that all these things will be considered further if the project moves forward and the facility proceeds past conceptual design.

Monte Jung stated that adults should also have areas away from children to swim and enjoy the facility. He suggested adult swim times or added lap lanes / diving area designated for adults. Jung also requested that the minimum depth in the lap lanes be no less than four feet.

Karen Cahill expressed her interest in the new pool concepts and stated that she has heard many positive comments in the community about the project. Cahill has lived near the existing pool for 12 years and has adjusted to increased traffic during the pool's peak times. She supports the City's desire to utilize 84th Street as the primary access and agrees that lighting the facility could be done in such a way that would not cause negative impacts to the neighbors. Cahill also suggested bringing an area for diving back into the design.

With no further public comments, Gunn closed public comments and returned to committee discussion at 8:15 p.m.

After each committee member commented on the layouts presented, it was the general consensus of the committee that Layout 1B with some additional modifications should be forwarded to City Council for their review on June 17th. Discussion centered around what modifications should be made to the layout before it was forwarded. Following considerable debate, the consultants (WEAD) were directed to revise Layout B including the following revisions: integrating a diving area into the design of the lap pool; adding more twists and turns to the slides;

adding a simple foot bridge to cross the lazy river; a useable area (i.e. gazebo, shade areas, and sun deck) should be designed on the island created by the lazy river; provide more shade areas; provide a shelter to be used for private parties having group size of 20-25; provide sprays around the lazy river; revise traffic control pattern from bathhouse to pool; omit existing plunge slide and show a landscape berm on west side of site.

Gunn advised that the committee members will each receive a copy of the design forwarded to City Council. She also stated that the information would be posted online prior to the June 17th City Council meeting.

Soucie stated for the record that he was not necessarily agreeable to closing the proposed residential access or restricting it to emergency vehicles only. He suggested waiting until the traffic impact analysis was completed before deciding on a course of action regarding the access.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.