

**MINUTES**  
**AQUATICS BOARD**  
**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**  
**City & Borough of Juneau – Zoom Conference**

Statement of Philosophy:  
*Create Community through People, Pools and Effective Swim Programs*

- A. **Meeting Convened at 5:02pm** by Chair Muldoon.
- B. **Members - Present:** Kristin Bartlett, Don Beard, Scott Griffith, Molly McCormick, Will Muldoon, Lena Merrell, Tom Rutecki, Pat Watt. **Absent:** Tracy Morrison  
**Ex Officio:** George Schaaf, Parks & Rec Director  
**Liaison Present:** Carole Triem – CBJ Assembly  
**CBJ Staff Present:** Kollin Monahan, Aquatics Manager, Sarah Landen, Admin Assistant  
**Other:** None
- C. **Agenda Changes** – None.
- D. **Approval of Minutes** –of the April 27 meeting were approved.
- E. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** - None
- F. **Staff Report**
- Details are provided in the attachment
  - Attendance continues picking up as Covid restrictions are relaxed. Total attendance is about 80% of pre-pandemic levels. We are gaining new swimmers each month, and have had a few days close to capacity.
  - The summer camp model used last year for swim lessons continues to work well and having registration solely online is making things much easier for parents and staff. The new CivicRec software is working well. The first round of lessons had 72 kids, and all participants achieved the goal of being ready for the next level by the end of their lessons. We are seeing more younger kids, and the feedback from parents is very positive. In the fall, we will likely return to the old lesson model, since it won't be feasible to close the pool to other users during lesson times.
  - Starting July 6 all usual pool amenities will be available, including slides, hot tub, and saunas. Staffing is a challenge, but it's tight everywhere.
  - Lifeguard training classes continue and are being well received. All participants are signing up to work at the pools which helps the staffing situation – although many of these are college students who will be returning to school in the fall.
  - Renting pool space will resume in August, assuming we have enough staff.
  - Since many of our swimmers are under the age they can get vaccinated, parents seem to be managing their Covid comfort level according how crowded things are.
- G. **Old Business:** None
- H. **New Business**
- **Board Member Terms.** Mr. Beard and Ms. Watt's terms on the Board end this month. Ms. Watt has completed 7 years on the Board, having been appointed at its initial inception, and is not going to reapply. Mr. Beard has not decided yet.
  - **CIP Update.** The Assembly continues to support the renovation of the Augustus Brown Pool so that project is now back for completion. Ms. Triem noted that the Assembly appreciated the

Board's work and support for Aquatics. The roof replacement at Augustus Brown is close to completion, with the interior work complete and the exterior expected to be done in 3-4 weeks. It is likely that the major pool renovation work could begin in January, 2022. At that point, the AB pool will be closed for 6-9 months. The deck around the pool at Dimond Park is scheduled for replacement to eliminate slip hazards and discoloration. Life Floor products have been selected and it is planned to choose color combination of tiles to brighten up the natatorium. That project will be done in late fall before the August Brown pool closes.

**I. Standing Agenda Items**

- **Commercial Use of Aquatics Facilities.**

- The Department of Law review of the regulations resulted in one substantive change (substituting the Aquatics Manager for the Director of Parks and Recreation throughout) and another clarifying change to ensure that permittees must comply with all pool standing operating procedures. Consequently, the draft regulations have not yet been issued for public comment.
- Ms. McCormick wondered about the necessity of doing this now, and whether the Assembly might amend the regulations so that private teachers did not to have background checks or liability insurance. Mr. Schaaf explained that as far as Aquatics regulations go, the Assembly can only approve or reject them, since these regulations are in the Board's purview. The underlying Assembly regulation, however, applies to commercial use of any and all CBJ facilities. Ms. McCormick also asked whether Glacier Swim Club had to have a permit. Mr. Griffith explained that the Club uses the pool under a negotiated contract with relevant terms and conditions. Ms. McCormick feared that the permit process would make it hard for young people to become swim teachers. Mr. Schaaf explained that the regulations set the big picture, and the details including fees will be set by the Board in policy. The CBJ Risk Management staff have identified an affordable liability insurance option, and background checks are required when working with children.
- Ms. Watt moved that staff be instructed to move forward with the public comment process pursuant to CBJ 01.60. There was no objection. Upon completion of public proceedings, the Aquatics Board would then consider and adopt the regulation. Regulations adopted by the Aquatics Board are then subject to review by the Assembly.

- **Subcommittee Reports.** None.

**J. Board Comments** – Ms. Merrell offered kudos to Chris, a long-time lifeguard at Augustus Brown, for all the help he provided her daughter in learning to swim and keeping her face in the water.

**K. Adjournment** – Ms. Triem noted that the Assembly is now meeting face-to-face. Mr. Muldoon polled the Board as to its preference. The next meeting will be in person. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

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Meeting Follow-ups:

Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Monahan to proceed expeditiously with the 21-day public comment period.

Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Monahan – bring back next draft of commercial use policy document and draft permit fee schedule for discussion at July 27 meeting

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, July 27, 5:00pm, in person at Dimond Park Aquatics Center.