

MINUTES
AQUATICS BOARD
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
City & Borough of Juneau – Zoom Conference

Statement of Philosophy:

Create Community through People, Pools and Effective Swim Programs

- A. Meeting Convened at 5:03pm** by Chair Muldoon.
- B. Members Present:** Don Beard, Corry Isabel, Lena Merrell, Tracy Morrison, Tom Rutecki, Pat Watt
Members Absent: Kristin Bartlett, Molly McCormick,
Ex Officio: George Schaaf, Parks & Rec Director
Liaison Absent: Carole Triem – CBJ Assembly
CBJ Staff Present: Kollin Monahan, Aquatics Manager
- C. Agenda Changes** – None.
- D. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the May 19 meeting were approved.
- E. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** – None
- F. Staff Operations Report – See attachment**
- The Dimond Park Pool continues operating in Phase III of reopening, with a maximum capacity of up to 71 patrons at any one time. Staff reviewed the additional amenities available over Phase II (see attachment) and the hours of operation. Hygiene and cleaning activity consume a large amount of staff time. Counts of attendees are being done every half hour and Mr. Monahan shared daily/hourly counts for the last two weeks. Attendance is way below what could be accommodated, and does not even reach half of capacity when Glacier Swim Club practices on weekday afternoons, the busiest times.
 - The Augustus Brown roof replacement bid period is now open and will close on August 11. Planning is for that work to be done next spring with a completion date of May 31, 2021. This delay gives us the option of reopening the pool for the fall months until spring, and also more time for an Assembly decision on the remaining renovation project. Staff can be hired so that the pool could potentially open on September 7; however, given the low usage levels at Dimond Park it is questionable whether that would be realistic or practical. Should the go-ahead be given by the Assembly to proceed with the full renovation, then a condition of the contract award would be coordination with the contractor on the roofing project.
 - Beginning August 3rd, hours at Dimond Park will expand to accommodate swim practice for teams from both high schools. (See attachment for schedules). The issue of swim meets is under discussion and the School District is working on ways to keep all kids involved in athletics, including swimming. No decisions have been made although virtual meets are a possibility.
 - Given the uptick in Covid-19 cases, the Board wondered how long we stay in Phase III and what would be the decision tree for returning to Phase II, etc. Mr. Schaaf said we don't have metrics for retreating to Phase II but would rely on guidance from the Health Department and the Emergency Operations Center.

- The issue of opening up showers in the locker rooms and/or the family changing rooms has been brought up in the community. Also, while requiring swimmers to both come and leave in their swimsuits is workable during the warmer weather, it may not be reasonable to ask people to leave the building in wet clothing once winter sets in. Opening the locker rooms and/or the family changing rooms would require a substantially increased amount of staff time for cleaning and sanitizing. Especially now that Covid-19 cases are on the uptick, the goal is to get people into the water after they enter the building, and out of the building once they leave the water, as fast as possible so as to limit any potential spread among people moving around within the building. The Board decided to defer making any changes for now, but to keep this item open for discussion and review month by month until a path forward becomes clearer.

G. Old Business –

Commercial Use of Facilities Regulation. The Board decided to defer taking this item up at this meeting, and tasked Mr. Monahan and Mr. Muldoon to work with Mr. Schaaf and bring the Board back up to speed as to where we had been in this process prior to the advent of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

H. New Business

- ***Election of Officers.*** The incumbents being willing to continue, and no others wishing to step forward, the Board unanimously elected Mr. Muldoon as Chair; Ms. Merrell as Vice-Chair; and Ms. Watt as Secretary.
- ***Aquatics Manager – Annual Performance Evaluation.*** The Board decided to follow the same process as last year. Mr. Schaaf will forward the instrument to Mr. Muldoon who will distribute to Board members, and collect and compile the results and forward these to Mr. Schaaf.

I. Board Comments

Mr. Rutecki asked what the status was of the school learn to swim program. Mr. Monahan stated that the School District has indicated the earliest this could start again would be the spring. Ms. Merrell inquired as to how other pools were doing. Mr. Monahan said usage was way down everywhere.

J. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 6:03.

Meeting Follow-ups:

Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Muldoon to coordinate Board input for Mr. Monahan's evaluation

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, August 28th, Zoom conference.