

MINUTES
AQUATICS BOARD
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
City & Borough of Juneau – Zoom Conference

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

- A. **Meeting Convened at 5:04pm** by Chair Muldoon.
- B. **Members Present:** Kristin Bartlett, Don Beard, Corry Isabel, Molly McCormick, Lena Merrell, Tracy Morrison, Tom Rutecki, Pat Watt
Ex Officio: George Schaaf, Parks & Rec Director
Liaison: Carole Triem – CBJ Assembly
CBJ Staff Present: Kollin Monahan, Aquatics Manager, and Seth Cayce, ABP Pool Supervisor
Others Present: Mayor Weldon, Scott Griffith, Linda Kruger
- C. **Agenda Changes** – None.
- D. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the May 4 meeting were approved.
- E. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** – None
- F. **Staff Report – Reopening Planning**
- Staff are taking advantage of the closure to do some deep cleaning and other maintenance at the Dimond Park Pool. They are currently draining the lap pool, and have completed work on the leisure pool. Acid washing of the walls and liner has removed stains and rust spots. Some spots on the floor from the rebar have developed as a result of insufficient concrete above. Mr. Schaaf shared some before and after photographs. The last acid wash cleansing was 6-7 years ago. For the future, some of this deep cleaning/maintenance will be incorporated into future annual closure plans.
 - Mr. Monahan explained that he had been working intensively with staff and Mr. Schaaf to flesh out detailed plans for reopening the Dimond Park Pool. Early June is a likely target date for a “soft” (Phase II) opening. They are following the guidance in Attachment P to the Governor’s Mandate #016 (attached). In addition, Mr. Monahan continues networking with other aquatics entities.
 - Mr. Monahan met with Mr. Griffith of Glacier Swim Club to gain input and discuss how to reopen, and ensure the needs of the Club are thoroughly considered.
 - The pool reopening concept is built around phases based on the number of swimmers that could be accommodated. Draft metrics for determining triggers for moving between phases have been developed. Attached are the Phased Reopening Plan, the Risk Metrics, and the Phase 2 and 3 Facility Flow of Traffic for users of Dimond Park Aquatic Center. Mr. Monahan explained that maintenance and repair work should be completed by June 1. Training staff in the complexities for the reopening will be intensive.
 - The Board discussed the reopening plan and identified concerns including:
 - Screening and pre-screening of swimmers
 - Use of the pool by self-guarding groups
 - Equitability across swimmer types and groups
 - The ability of the air handling system to minimize airborne infection

- Extending pool hours even longer
- Charging pool users for swimming time
- Renegotiating the contract with GSC
- Ensuring plans fit within the Assembly's policy framework for reopening
- Taking advantage of the EOC resources in finalizing health and safety procedures
- Opening slowly to allow for unanticipated needs and events
- Learning from other pools in Alaska that open first
- Communicating procedures effectively with the public
- The Board questioned whether either the budgeted full operating costs or estimated "warm storage" costs would change during a phased startup or after the renovation is complete. Mr. Schaaf said that would be difficult to estimate, but any changes are likely to be relatively minor.
- The Board selected an ad hoc Committee of Ms. Isabel, Ms. Morrison, and Mr. Rutecki to meet with staff to review opening plan details and provide further feedback and suggestions. The Committee will meet next Tuesday, May 26th. A goal is to ensure guidelines for opening - and triggers for phase changes - are firmed up and shared with the EOC and the Assembly.

G. Old Business – Letter to the Assembly regarding Augustus Brown Pool

- Following up from the April 23 Board meeting, some comments on the letter drafted by Mr. Muldoon had been provided. However, since the situation is so fluid, the letter has not yet been sent.
- The Legislature is poised to act on the Governor's plan for distribution of the CARES Act funding to localities although there still remain questions about exactly how localities may spend those funds. The Governor is also this evening holding a press conference on further reopening up Alaska.
- After discussion, the Board agreed to redraft the Assembly letter to, essentially: (1) recommend proceeding with the ABP renovations as much as, and when, possible; and (2) providing operating funds to keep ABP open until the renovations start. Ms. Watt will redraft the letter this evening, circulate for confirmation, and then Mr. Muldoon will transmit it tomorrow morning. That way Assembly Members will have it prior to the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow evening.

H. New Business – None

I. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Meeting Follow-ups:

Ms. Watt to circulate 2nd draft Assembly Letter to Board members for quick turnaround.

Mr. Muldoon to transmit Letter to the Assembly

Upcoming Meetings:

Reopening Dimond Park Subcommittee: Tuesday, May 26 (TBA).

Next Board meeting: June 2 if necessary, otherwise back to regular schedule on June 30, 5pm.