

MINUTES
AQUATICS BOARD
Tuesday, February 28, 2018
City & Borough of Juneau – Dimond Park Aquatic Center – 5:30pm

A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. – Max Mertz- Chair

B. Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Max Mertz, Chair, Tom Rutecki-Vice Chair, Charlie Williams, Pat Watt, Joe Parrish, Ritchie Dorrier

Board Members Absent: Becky Monagle

Liaisons Absent: Beth Weldon- Assembly Liaison, Phil Loseby - School District Liaison.

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan – Parks and Rec Director, Julie Jackson Aquatics Manager.

C. Agenda – Power Point Presentation – Options For The Future. Mr. Mertz presented to the public who were attending the options the Aquatics board is evaluating for the future management of the pools. (This presentation is provided in a separate document.)

D. Public Comments. The meeting was attended by approximately 28 people of whom 12 provided comments. A summary of their comments is attached.

E. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

**SUMMARY of Comments made before Aquatics Board
Public Meeting, February 28, 2018**

Jim Betts: Is a Long time pool user of the pools. Proud of pool maintenance though disappointed with the amount that's been deferred. Supports the expansion of and an empowered Board. We should do what the Board thinks is best after study including a Y if that's what turns out to be best. Thanks for the work of Board and staff.

Sara Hannan: Is an Augustus Brown Pool (ABP) user and swim teacher. Wonders how many individual people use the pools (should count those not just visits). Doesn't want GSC to control the pools. Wonders how maintenance would work under the various options.

Peter Metcalf: Frequent ABP user, and now DPAC (hot tub). Told a story about the life-saving importance of everyone here knowing how to swim. Appreciate change in attitude at the pools over the last few years. Don't fix what's not broken. Thinks its great to engage the public. Intrigued by the Y option, thinks that should be pursued but if that doesn't work then go fully Empowered Board.

Emily Ferry: Thanks everyone for positive changes. Has been in Iceland where pools are center of community – would like to see that in Juneau. Has been to various Y's, they have been good and well run but wonders how the Y option would constrain what can be done at Juneau pools. Wonders where cost savings would come from.

Beth Crile: Appreciates change in Parks and Rec staff attitude. Thinks we are looking at a 5-year plan. Will CBJ subsidize all options at the same level? Which option will suffer least from budget pressure?

Alan Davis: ABP user. Please don't let the Board sunset. Prefers Option C. Skeptical of Y option because the pools might never be able to be returned to CBJ. Please evaluate that option very carefully.

Wil Muldoon: Is a light user of the pools. Thinks we could do a combination of B, C2 and D2.

Alan Truit: Frequent user with a toddler. Definite improvements over the past 2 years. Concerned about contracting with a nonprofit – they pay less with fewer benefits which results in a less qualified staff. Thinks there would be pressure on a nonprofit to close ABP.

Linda Kruger: Teaches water aerobics at ABP. Thanks the Board for their work and the ABP staff who are great. Please ensure that closure of ABP for renovations is as short as possible.

Stephanie Andrew: How would the Y option fit around the \$5 million renovation projects? Favors continuing the existing Board (Option C2). Applauds the improvements in the pool culture.

Corry Isabel: President of GSC. Very interested in having a seat for GSC on the Aquatics Board – looks forward to seeing how the further analysis of the options plays out.

Savona Kiesling: Wonders how the Board would be formed for a Branch of the Y.