

**Advisory Panel – Aquatics/Community Centre
Minutes**

Thursday, December 13, 2018

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Century House, Arbutus Room

Present:

Tom Gibson
Margaret Tyacke
Daniel Deprez
Jocelyn Groot
Malcolm Rautenbach (arrived at 5:50 pm)
Brianna Strachan
Tina Jhingan
Kevin Thorneloe
Niki Jacques

Regrets:

Tiziana Gaviola
Dianne London

Staff & Consultants:

Steve Kellock – Staff
Dave Creighton – Staff
Dustin Ray-Wilks – Staff
Paul Fast – HCMA Architecture + Design
Alexandra Kenyon – HCMA Architecture + Design
Geoff Watson – Turnbull Construction Project Managers

1. Introductions

2. Process

- a. Discussed base concept
- b. Currently in schematic design phase
- c. Council approval for dual design options. Enhanced competition facility subject to significant grant funding
- d. Anticipated opening 2023

3. Site Planning - presented site plan

- Likes green space
- Wondered about shared parking structure with JI - to create more green space

- Staff indicated that although this was explored it was not feasible
- Like idea of bringing back green - Glenbrook ravine user.
- Opportunity to bring back part of the ravine on to the site
- Questioned size of outdoor space and practical uses
- Wondered about seasonality with outdoor uses - not being fully utilized.
- Noted to ensure there's enough parking as site is not well serviced by transit
- Noted Edmonds this time of day is a nightmare to find parking
- Children's play area should consider other amenities close by when selecting play features
- Likes Hillcrest indoor/outdoor pool concept
- Doesn't want to see the whole space as asphalt.
- Noted playground is gated currently and likes this feature

4. Site Circulation

- Noted importance of greenway connections
- Noted safety issues with people trying to make left turns onto McBride when roads are backed up etc.
- Also noted you can't turn left onto 6th Ave. from south on McBride, access issue
- Noted poor lighting on-site currently and expressed desire to have more lighting for visibility and safety in parking lot, greenways and around site.

5. Building Layout Discussion

- Questions around 25m lengths availability when competitions are on.
 - Staff response – Depends on the nature of the swim meet. Small Swim Meets, length swimming would likely be available, while larger provincial meets would likely have limited length swimming.
- 4-5 times per year for meets where 25m lanes would be taken over by meets approx. 3.5 days in duration
- Swim club goal is to have summer club - at capacity with 300 kids
- Wondering how equipment would be divided between cool and warm zone?
- Likes the heavy lifting in the heat and believes lots of others do as well
- Asked about sauna and steam and if they would still be open during the swim meets
- Should have washrooms very close to pool deck for aquatics users
- Asked about diving boards and if platforms would still be provided?
 - Staff responded that currently 1 and 3 metre diving boards are incorporated into the design
- Noted really tough to reach millennials for feedback.....taking notes and looking to get feedback through other users at the pool.
- Believes rope swings, diving boards, etc. are used well, waterslide less so.
- Noted families attend Edmonds for waterslide etc. and likely families are not using current Canada games pool.
- Do not expect taking shoes off is an issue in new facility (changes to pool deck access for parents).

- Asked about sauna and size in relation to existing
- Wanted to ensure new one is bigger if possible.
- Asked about connection and glass wall connection between leisure and 50m - wanted to ensure it was easily accessible and visible between pools.
- Asked if there was enough pool deck space.
- Asked about circulation between first and second floor - numbers of elevators and staircases.
- Asked about multidisciplinary care i.e. physio, chiro, etc. suggested this services be located near large Multi-Purpose Room on ground floor, believed service would be well used and need a number of treatment rooms.
- Asked about Circulation between the two floors of the fitness space.
- Group was asked on feedback of what physio/rehab model, Group or one-on-one

6. Massing

- Wondered is because north light is better, would all south walls without glass?
- Noted from second floor, there may be eyes on neighbouring homes...as well as light pollution
- Cycle studio definitely wants air conditioning
- Outdoor play spaces should be inclusive for able and non-able bodied participants