

Givens Aquatic Facility Renovation Project

Community Meeting #1

January 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Chat

- 17:48:54 From Maryan Captan : What is the current pool size?
- 17:49:23 From Ana Gonzalez : are community pools ones where fees are charged?
- 17:49:37 From K THompson : 6 lane 50 meter w a diving well and a small separate wading pool
- 17:49:38 From Ana Gonzalez : are community pools open year round or only during the summer?
- 17:50:26 From pam- Aquatics Board : Please make the diving area greater than minimum requirements for safety reasons.
- 17:50:26 From Alexandria Anderson : will the pool fees continue to be free?
- 17:51:06 From Angela Benavides Garza : Is it a heated pool? Will there be parking fees?
- 17:52:05 From Ana Gonzalez : How can the AIPP project process make sure the artist selection reflects the neighborhood community?
- 17:54:09 From Maryan Captan : I'm so glad you brought up pool fees, Alex - we don't want to replace the existing pool with a fancy upgraded pool that the community would now have to pay to enter where once it was free. That will unavoidably lead to the conclusion that the pool is not for our existing community.
- 17:54:57 From Ana Gonzalez : I agree with Maryan!
- 17:55:15 From K THompson : Givens used to be a pool that had fees when it first opened..
- 17:55:30 From pam- Aquatics Board : have the architect and project manager done community pools before?
- 17:56:06 From PATRICIA CALHOUN : Will any other facilities be added or upgraded- furnishings?
- 17:57:13 From Carol Lee : like the idea of a year round heated pool. the current opening and close dates are too restrictive. the weather is hot in April and may and until oct.
- 17:59:04 From Ana Gonzalez : Can the design include alternative uses when the pool is not operating for swimming? I can imagine kids skating in the pool in the fall/winter/spring if designed appropriately
- 17:59:09 From KAT : How about the long term maintenance of any art in the parks/Public places
- 18:00:10 From Ana Gonzalez : will you share opportunities for artists at the rec center?
- 18:01:21 From Daniel Wheeler : I know this may fall more under the Givens Park improvement plan, but I would love to see trails connecting Pennsylvania Avenue and Grant ct to the park/pool, so

that these adjacent neighborhoods would have pedestrian access to the community pool without having to walk down busy 12th street. *Note- those trails were part of the Givens Park improvement plan :)

- 18:02:15 From Alexandria Anderson : I think year round pool would be great
- 18:02:34 From Ana Gonzalez : are there any year round free access pools in east Austin?
- 18:02:57 From Bridget Evarts : I am assuming the new pool will not be sited where the existing pool is (given that the slope seems to be contributing to the problems with the current pool)?
- 18:02:57 From Laura Morrison : Wouldn't a year round pool impact the design to include the ability to heat the pool?
- 18:03:30 From Angela Benavides Garza : Yes! Citycouncilwoman Laura Morrison!
- 18:03:38 From Angela Benavides Garza : Thank You for being with us tonight.
- 18:03:44 From COA - Laura Odegaard (AIPP) : @Ana - Yes! The opportunities for involvement with AIPP will be posted at the rec center as well!
- 18:07:05 From Ana Gonzalez : I wan to reiterate Pam's question about the experience of the design team with community pools
- 18:08:23 From KAT : references that we can contact regarding their builds??
- 18:11:25 From COA - Reynaldo Hernandez (PARD) : Will the presentation be available for viewing after this meeting? for how long will it be up and can comments be provided? Is there a time frame for responding with input?
- 18:11:28 From KAT : move the pool away from the huge Oak tree, total pool destroyer
- 18:13:40 From DT - Laura Cortez : Hello everyone! Here is the link to participate as Jodie gets ready.
- 18:13:43 From DT - Laura Cortez : <https://www.cortezconsulting.com/ccs-gear>
- 18:14:05 From DT - Laura Cortez : <https://pollev.com/colonyparkpr331>
- 18:14:26 From Steven Brown : will the contracts for the building of the pool be diverse. black truck driver, cement, electricians, etc? to help address the unequal distribution of wealth...
- 18:14:52 From DT - Laura Cortez : Sorry, we posted on link that was incorrect. Please go to the second link. Our apologies.
- 18:15:53 From Melonie Dixon : What is the selection process for the jury on this project
- 18:15:57 From Alexandria Anderson : that is a great question @Steven
- 18:16:08 From Brian Episcopo : Go to the second link that says colony park?
- 18:16:24 From DT - Laura Cortez : Yes.
- 18:16:27 From DT - Laura Cortez : <https://pollev.com/colonyparkpr331>

18:17:12 From Angela Benavides Garza : Rich

18:17:20 From Angela Benavides Garza : Rich

18:17:31 From Angela Benavides Garza : Rich History

18:17:49 From Alexandria Anderson : will the city reach out to community organizations such as the neighborhood associations to give input or to be apart of the process? ,

18:19:43 From Angela Benavides Garza : Olympians

18:19:59 From KAT : if you want 8 big lanes are you OK with swim teams taking over to train??

18:21:37 From Angela Benavides Garza : I would suggest training hours like at 5am.

18:21:43 From Daniel Wheeler : One of my favorite features of Givens has always been it's super springy diving board. Those are rare to find these days in community pools, and it's always fun watching folks line up to jump... I hope we can retain a good diving board in the new pool

18:23:31 From Angela Benavides Garza : Connecting All Cultures

18:24:36 From Angela Benavides Garza : 5am Swim Training

18:25:36 From Ana Gonzalez : swim lessons are a life saver! too many people drown for not having had access to learn how to swim

18:26:24 From Bobby Strobeck : Diving board not listed but want to stress that :)

18:26:54 From Bobby Strobeck : 👍

18:27:27 From Alexandria Anderson : can we please have the links to be able to share this in our community via nextdoor, neighborhood association newsletter, etc

18:28:19 From COA - Reynaldo Hernandez (PARD) : Will the presentation be available for viewing after this meeting? for how long will it be up and can comments be provided? Is there a time frame for responding with input?

18:35:20 From Angela Benavides Garza : Yes

18:40:23 From Angela Benavides Garza : Great Points Ana Melonie and Alexandria!

18:40:58 From Alexandria Anderson : is the Rec center open?

18:42:14 From COA - Reynaldo Hernandez (PARD) : I don't believe the rec center is open. Where will the posting be located?

18:42:18 From COA - Laura Odegaard (AIPP) : laura.odegaard@austintexas.gov

18:44:43 From Bobby Strobeck : I'm curious about the decision to keep the pool summer only. What factors influenced?

18:45:10 From COA - John Nixon (PARD) : *6 - Toggle mute/unmute on phone

18:45:12 From KAT : Bobby...budget

18:45:38 From COA - Beckie Gordillo : Bartholomew pool is currently open during stage 5. The city website has the hours and days pools are open listed

18:46:07 From Bobby Strobeck : I have concerns with equity on that decision.

18:46:48 From Bobby Strobeck : It seems to me that neighborhoods who likely have residents who do not have access to a gym or other resources should have access to these spaces.

18:47:14 From Blanca Madriz : Specifically, how does the budget allow Bartholomew year long open and Givens is not considered because of the "budget".

18:48:02 From COA - John Nixon (PARD) : Thank you for your support Tonya!

18:48:02 From Alexandria Anderson : that's a great question Blanca?

18:48:14 From KAT : Bartholomew is a pool where fees are charged, Givens is not

18:48:18 From Bobby Strobeck : I recall some statistics on pool usage there were shared in regards to general aquatic decisions. But I did not see any information on whether the usage data was normalized to account for pool hours, days open etc.

18:48:36 From Lauren Stanley : I agree it's vitally important to have these open-air community spaces open year-round. In some form or fashion, and with equity in mind.

18:49:08 From Bobby Strobeck : Mueller residents are not charged for pool usage. I would love to see a creative solution applied to long term and legacy residents who were pushed out.

18:50:29 From COA - Robert Floyd : Staffing levels is also a consideration for operating pools year round.

18:51:00 From Blanca Madriz : Thank you for the clarification - that still raises the issue of equity for this community and access. I don't know how this can be addressed, but equity and accessibility is a part of it.

18:51:34 From Lauren Stanley : I believe it's less a question of budget (it's clear it costs to hold facilities open) and more a question of equitable distribution.

18:51:47 From Angela Benavides Garza : Thank You Everyone! I have to head to another meeting. Helping Seniors sign up for vaccines.

18:51:54 From TONYA NIXON : You're welcome John Nixon and thank you

18:53:14 From COA - John Nixon (PARD) : As the years go by, please be sure to be active in the City of Austin's budget process. Each year there's a community engagement process associated with how funds are allocated at the City. Here's a link to last years process:
<https://www.speakupaustin.org/budget-2021>

18:53:26 From Angela Benavides Garza : Awesome Ideas!

18:54:20 From patricia calhoun : It would be grest to have concessions

18:54:43 From Angela Benavides Garza : Yes!