

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Aquatic Facility Renovation Project

Community Meeting #1

June 28, 2022

Zoom Meeting Chat

01:08:50 PARD Justin Schneider: Welcome everyone. If you would like to preview the presentation and the concepts, you can view them on the project webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/SheffieldNWPool>.

01:09:28 PARD Justin Schneider: I'll be assisting with Zoom questions, responding on chat where I can or holding the questions for the Q&A sections.

01:11:07 Mary Fero: Will this presentation be posted online?

01:11:46 PARD Justin Schneider: Yes, Mary. It already there if you want to view on webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/sheffieldNWpool>.

01:12:16 PARD Justin Schneider: Question is about how this will connect with Park Vision Plan.

01:12:34 Mary Fero: We can't hear all speakers

01:13:15 PARD Justin Schneider: Playground and pool are funded, remaining pieces of Park Vision Plan is not currently funded, and will not be implemented until funding is available.

01:24:08 Mary Fero: New residents who may not know the history of the pool or the neighborhood might be more interested with more information about their role in Austin.

01:29:03 PARD Justin Schneider: Mary, to make sure I understand: More information about the role of the pool and the neighborhood in Austin? I know the neighborhood has some great resources online. Feel free to share those resources.

01:31:26 Mary Fero: My understanding is that the leak was not related to irrigation system. Has this been verified recently?

01:32:01 PARD Justin Schneider: I'll be sure to ask that question when we get to the Q&A period.

01:34:59 Becca Andrew: I'd love to know the cost estimate and the status of the conversations with AISD to help fund deepening the pool to support high school water polo.

01:35:13 Mary Fero: Food trucks were voted down during park Vision Plan

01:35:51 PARD Justin Schneider: Thanks, Becca. Those discussions are just getting started, so we don't have any answers yet, just questions.

01:36:11 Mary Fero: Who is the current speaker?

01:36:35 PARD Justin Schneider: This is Zach Munoz from Marmon Mok Architecture.

01:37:00 Becca Andrew: Thanks, Justin. Also - is the pool already 25 yards wide? I thought it was narrower, but not sure.

01:37:43 PARD Justin Schneider: That's a good question. I'll ask that question soon.

01:41:20 PARD Justin Schneider: Available at <https://www.publicinput.com/NorthwestPool2>.

01:41:36 Steve Roberts: soo.... thanks for listening. but leaving the pool footprint exactly the same with only changing the slope and providing ada entrances does not address all the comments that were made re needing a competition pool.

01:43:12 PARD Justin Schneider: Thanks, Steve. Patrick mentioned the need for additional depth for a competition pool, that this is currently outside scope and budget, and seeking possibilities with AISD.

01:48:31 Meghan Ackley: AISD and the city of Austin don't have a single aquatic center for competition—it would be so beneficial to the community if PARD and AISD could work together to make the pool a community pool in the summer and get use in the fall for water polo and swim teams. This would not impact the community use and provide a great central competition pool which is sorely needed in Austin.

01:48:43 PARD Justin Schneider: Question: How does an artist apply?

01:49:10 PARD Justin Schneider: Answer: PublicArtist.org. All calls published on this site.

01:49:59 PARD Justin Schneider: Survey available online: <https://www.publicinput.com/NortwestPool2>.

01:53:24 Mary Fero: For the AIPP project, is there a particular location or artistic medium that is envisioned at this time? And, with the previous photo example, there was a mural on the wall. Are you envisioning adding walls around the pool area for this purpose?

01:59:02 PARD Justin Schneider: Mary, thank you for the question about AIPP. Marjorie had to step out, but I know that they are open to different media and opportunities that may be possible.

02:12:33 Meghan Ackley: Solar covers would go a long way to allowing the pool to stay open later in the year. Is there a possibility of getting solar covers?

02:14:54 Alison T: Given the current lifeguard shortage, does either Concept A or Concept B require more guards than the existing pool?

02:15:22 Becca Andrew: The pool would be warm enough without heating through October, which would cover UIL water polo season.

02:20:44 Becca Andrew: What are the requirements for a pool to be considered a regional aquatic facility? Do we have any other regional aquatic facilities in Austin?

02:25:01 PARD Justin Schneider: Question about whether there would be a community/meeting room.

02:27:41 Collette Antoine: Can you display the site plan on screen?

02:31:44 PARD Justin Schneider: The Concepts can also be viewed on the project webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/sheffieldNWpool>.

02:32:14 Becca Andrew: I need to drop. Thank you for discussing water polo needs and funding with AISD!

02:32:59 Collette Antoine: Will there be provision in half of the pool for 6.5 foot depth to allow for water polo play?

02:34:00 Kayte VanScoy: Are there any other reasons we cant get more pools open or more hours other than lifeguards

02:35:31 Collette Antoine: Currently the depth in the deeper half of the pool is 5 to 6 feet but we need fully 6.5 feet of depth to make it work for water polo - this extra 1 foot of depth would make all the difference

02:35:51 PARD Justin Schneider: Thank you for clarifying, Collette. I'll be sure team is aware.

02:36:28 PARD Justin Schneider: Questions: Is there any talk about a natatorium or indoor area? Andy talk about private funding to build towards indoor swimming?

02:36:54 PARD Justin Schneider: Thinking about opportunity: If pool is UIL certified, how much money could be made to offset costs?

02:38:54 PARD Justin Schneider: Comments about disheartening state of seeing Austin recapture money going to other towns who have great facilities.

02:39:10 PARD Justin Schneider: Question about lifeguard training for PE credit.

02:45:27 PARD Justin Schneider: Sharing comment about her son being a lifeguard at COA pools. But there were issues with the onboarding process.

02:47:44 RANLEIGH HIRSH: thank you