



## Meeting Minutes

### Pool Committee

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Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:30 PM

City Hall - 5th Floor Conference Room  
400 La Crosse St  
La Crosse WI 54601

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**Draft until approved at the March 15, 2017 meeting.**

Call to Order: Jim Webb, Jai Johnson, Barb Janssen, Kate Escher, Jeanine Serrano, Carl Miller, Emily Farmer, Joel Dettwiler, Rich Pein, Jay Odegaard (City of La Crosse).

Approval of February 8, 2017 Minutes.

Adjustments and Amendments to the minutes – Motion to amend the following agenda items by Jai Johnson, 2nd by Kate Escher: Agenda item (E), the last paragraph on page 3 to delete the following sentence: Jai Johnson asked about the ability to run the facility as a non-profit corporation. Agenda item (G) revise first sentence to read as follows: Jai Johnson presented a tentative timeline as to how the Pool Committee can proceed to have a pool design proposed for the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget. Motion passes.

Motion to approve amended February 8, 2017 minutes by Jai Johnson, 2nd by Carl Miller. Motion passes.

#### **Agenda Items:**

- A. Presentation by GENA on revisions to ISG report. Accept final GENA recommendation.

GENA did not provide a recommendation to the committee. The presentation was of the progress of the GENA meetings. First two concepts remain the same. Concept C is a new concept and a blend of the first two concepts and shows the most support in the GENA neighborhood. No drawing provided, only written description. (Handout). Feedback on historic concept and preservation. Focus on swimming element of the pool. Mertha technology. Rich Pein: Has anyone done a Mertha system pool in this latitude. Can it survive this latitude? Jim Webb: Mertha's Pool is a 25 year pool. The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) would be looking to GENA's recommendation. Bathhouse is the most significant historic portion of the pool. Committee would like a final recommendation from GENA so that GENA could then move forward with communications with HPC. GENA would like to take the pool committee's recommendation to the Heritage Preservation Commission. Jai Johnson: The committee needs one recommendation from GENA.

- B. Burbach Site Discussion: (1) Space/Parking Review of indoor and outdoor pool footprint., (2) Decision Matrix, (3) Narrow down to top 3 sites with outdoor CSD's and 2 indoor CSD's.

Presentation with handouts per Burbach. Review of 7 sites. The Weigent Park site has been eliminated due to the fact that Weigent park is already slated to receive capital improvements and other options are already in the planning stages.

Presentation used to show both indoor and outdoor options at all suggested sites. If a large indoor design fits on the site, an outdoor will fit as well. The Memorial Pool site will not be sufficient space for an indoor pool design. The Myrick Park site is best suited for the upper site but the park is not ideal based upon mature trees, traffic and the overall use meant for the park. Forest Hills pool upper site has size restrictions and rock below grade. Forest Hills lower site (adjacent to Losey Blvd) has more options. Utilities are easily accessible. Indoor and outdoor designs are favorable. Bluffview site was opposed by Gary Padesky (audience/council member). Bluffview site was also not favorable for neighborhood disturbance. Roellig site is a long extension for sanitary, parking may be an issue and access via maintenance. Roellig site was opposed by Barb Janssen. Question and discussion regarding piping with Memorial Pool site. Cost of replacing pipe is negligible to total cost of project per Jim Webb.

Burbach presents weighted site rating table as an objective manner for comparing 4 sites. Decision matrix developed by Burbach with attribute definition and assigning importance factor used to develop. First Table is strictly engineering, second table is based upon data gathered. Idea was to take a volatile decision and make it easier.

Additional options presented regarding expansion or adjustments to existing city pools (Northside & Erickson). No room for expansion at Northside. There is room for expansion at Erickson given that expansion would most likely mean bathhouse expansion. Discussion by the committee as to what the sites to consider that have been presented.

- C. Burbach discussion regarding revision of first conceptual site plan and evaluation of cost of construction for replacement at existing location.

Revisiting the discussion of the first site design for Memorial Pool. (Handout). Burbach commented that they have no experience with Mertha pools. Footprint submitted by GENA with the "Cross" could be considered and designed. Lazy river will cause the need for additional guards (11 total on duty). Increase in total guards with lazy river.

- D. Presentation by the Parks and Recreation Department on existing programming including usage numbers.

Presentation by, Tyler Glasel, of the La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department (Powerpoint Presentation sent to committee members by Jay Odegaard). Presentation included data on aquatic's programs offered by the city, description of each pool hours, times, staffing and activities, pool memberships, swimming lesson numbers and statistics, pool participation numbers, and pool revenue for the years of 2013 – 2016.

- E. Burbach revisit Natant Demand as it related to historical attendance data. (1) Identify and discuss potential gaps, (2) Incorporate into design of new facility.

Discussion on useable area of the pool designs for nantant demand. (Handout) Annual operational costs of both outdoor (600k) and indoor (140k) pools. Discussion on programming with city pools and YMCA. City will not be making money on any pool built in the city. Demo costs may only be in the area of \$150-200K.

F. Future Agenda Items: Handouts

Jai Johnson presented an excel spreadsheet handout that breaks down the multitude of different factors that go into the decision of each site being considered. Not a formal method but presented as a method to keep score as the committee proceeds with the decision process.

G. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, March 15th, 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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