Fitness/Recreation Workshop

Design Team attendance:
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Mitch Fine – WRNS
Ed Kim-WRNS
Joel Lieder- SportsPlan Studio
Pam Scott-SportsPlan Studio
Phoebe Bogert- Place Landscape

- Concern about removal of the Senior Center program was raised.
- Desire to see landscape from that Natatorium, not just the parking lot
- Life of building? Mitch said 50-75 years
- Suggestion that parking be given up to allow for more recreation space?
- Timing and schedule were discussed and question raised about whether there is a way to get the project done without a ballot measure.
- Why don’t we just get more money and make it bigger and better as an investment in community as well as recreation?
- Suggestion that the gym be designed to provide a spectator venue so games/tournaments could be hosted.
- What is the opportunity for a greater impact analysis that could be done to determine the value to the city, economically, of being able to host tournaments (many sports but basketball was basis of comment.)
- More basketball courts than 2?
- Discussion about long term planning and how the new Center fits into the mix.
- Discussion about the siting of the project and its potential role as catalyst for the ‘heart of town’.
- Desire to think more broadly about improvements related to the project site- how circulation, programming, and Right of Way improvements may be initiated by the this project.
- Desire to see engaging exterior spaces at the center for gathering and play.
- Suggestion that there not be plans to expand into the courtyard as it seems like too important a program element, but rather expand into parking lot.
- Security concerns during the night in the parking lot.

Aquatics Workshop
Ed Kim- WRNS Studio
Tom Anderson- Water Design Inc.
Pam Scott- Sports Plan Studio

- Depth of lap pool at shallow end is preferred to be 4’-4’-6”.
- Acoustical separation between recreation/leisure pool and lap pool is strongly desired to allow teaching and play at the same time.
- Deep water is very important for aquatics exercise
Adequate seating capacity and larger deck space for larger club swim meets would enable the pool to be host to such events.

Air flow in the natatorium space needs to allow comfortable participation without feeling air blowing on you.

Current channel (lazy river, resistance walking) is strongly desired for fitness, especially for seniors.

Easy access to all pools must be provided for arthritic participants and others with mobility challenges.

Space for walkers, wheelchairs, etc. near water’s edge adjacent to access point, which should have rails.

Desire for locker rooms adjacent to activity areas in addition to aquatics.

Desire for views from the pool and walking track.

Strong preference to have shallowest end of lap pool at 4’-6” deep (to match existing depth at Shoreline pool).

Strong preference for a deep water area in the lap pool to accommodate diving, deep water aerobics/fitness, scuba training, lifeguard training, and kayaking.

Consider a phasing option for the facility to add a separate deep water tank in future.

Strong preference for a current channel (lazy river) for counter current resistance training as well as recreation and play.

Strong preference to provide an area in the pool with 4’-0” of water depth in the Leisure pool.

Preference for a ramp into the Leisure pool for easier access for patrons. Lap pool would have an offset stair.

Would like seeing an acoustical separation between the Lap / Leisure pool spaces. Glass or similar could be used to keep views between pools for safety and lifeguarding while isolating programs and acoustics.

Lessons would primarily be held in the Leisure pool due to shallower water depths.

Leisure pool water temperatures would be ~ 85-86 deg F.

Concern that the design provide storage at deck (convenient to deck) for equipment used in different programs (i.e. floats, boards, water weights, etc.)

Providing a permanent competition timing system is very important with the amount of competitions that will be held at this facility.

Would like the walking /running track to have views into the aquatic area even though it would not penetrate the natatorium air space.

Club level Water Polo is important to consider and accommodate in the design. There is a boys’ team that competes in the fall and a girls’ team that competes in the springtime.

Diving is a sanctioned High School Sport in the Shoreline area (1 meter diving only).

Concern about how dive training /competitions would fit into the program / schedule for the facility. Currently the diving and swim teams train at the same time because of the larger pool and bulkhead separation. Separate training hours would take more of the available hours per day that could be used for other programs.

Request for a strong Public Announcement system that is zoned by different rooms and area of the natatorium so music, instruction, etc. can be played specific for a program or program area of the pool.

Preference for 8 lanes in the lap pool was voiced.