

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (WECRD)
245 East 6th South, Mountain Home, ID 83647
October 23, 2018 at 10:00AM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

Director Dan Gillies called the meeting to order at 10:04AM, and a quorum was established with all directors present.

The following individuals were also present:

Treasurer, Judy Erwin

Administrator, Michelle Heins

LCA Architects, Nate Turner and Scott Wendell

WTI, Doug Whiteaker

Guests: Merla Gillies, Vivian Meyer, Betty Ashcraft

II. ARCHITECTURE/CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING

Doug Meyer made a motion to move agenda item 2. Pool Design Plans - ACTION ITEM to the first discussion under Architect/Construction/Engineer since our guests were ready to present. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion.

Dan Gillies handed over the floor to Nate Turner. WECRD and LCA have completed the conceptual plans phase so now we begin the schematic phase, this phase takes 4-6 weeks to complete. Nate handed over the floor to Doug Whiteaker from WTI since he has a presentation to give the WECRD Board.

Doug Whiteaker started by asking if WECRD or guests had any burning questions they wanted to get answered right away. Betty Ashcraft asked if the pool will be set up to conduct water safety lessons or lifeguard training. Doug stated that currently the pool is designed to have a 10 ft depth which use to be required for such training. However, that is no longer an issue because there are various types of lifeguard training. They can be certified in two functions, open certification or conditional certification. Conditional would be, for example, if the training was conducted in 5 ft of water, the lifeguard is only allowed to lifeguard in a 5 ft deep pool. WTI and LCA can design a pool to meet the conditions as well as the budgetary restraints WECRD would like.

Lee Pierce asked, what is our water level? Regarding the level on the land. Nate Turner didn't know right off hand but it's in the soils survey.

Doug began the presentation. He started with a recap of the WECRD prioritization sheet that was conducted before the conceptual design phase. He went over the varying water temperature of the pools again. He mentioned the land, how it's a great location, close to interstate, high school, etc. He briefly went over the conceptual plans since these plans will most likely change some. Nate said the conceptual plans are more of a placeholder. For example, locker rooms need to be defined. How many lockers do we need? Those types of details will help figure out the size of those rooms. LCA needs to know what activities will be held in the multi-purpose rooms to determine the type of flooring that will go in there.

Doug continued with the presentation. He showed us different amenities for the warm water pool and the WECRD discussed all options as they were being shown. The options included:

- Geysers
- Wall Sprays - these can be put in the lazy river and/or along the zero depth entry.
- Water Tables - easy to see around for lifeguard purpose and fun interactive play for children.
- Massage Spray Arches - these are good for older adults and younger kids. Do physical therapists use/like them? WECRD can ask Peak Therapy for their input. Is it always on, or do they have a function to turn it on and off? Can be controlled if wanted. Energy cost is something to consider with these.
- Water Rapid Feature - in lazy rivers mostly, (not that ideal for WECRD)
- Ceiling Feature - good if there are not many play features in the water. Might not be able to work with the Sprung structure. Would have to research that.
- Tot Slide - good in the zero depth entry area.
- Basketball Hoops and Goals- great use of the lap pool area, need the cooler water to do these types of activities. This is an easy and fun enhancement. WECRD will look into putting six anchors throughout the pools and then purchase two boards to move them around.
- Rope Climbing
- Climbing Wall - something to look at in the future. Can get the anchors in now but fundraise for the purchase of the wall later.
- Underwater Bench Seating with or without jets - in lazy river, great for sitting and socializing, There was discussion of taking the hot tub out completely, saving \$180,000, and making an area in the lazy river that has warmer jets and a bench seating.
- Tethered Swimming - in the warm water lap lanes, treadmill type for the water.
- Waterslides (towers and flumes) - Plunge pool is what we have designed in the conceptual plans, could do a runout to help save on the lifeguards and expense of another pool. There was discussion on the various heights of waterslides and what would be practical in the building.
- Open body waterslide- all sorts of various kinds. Lighting and banding is cool for water slides.
- Wellness therapy pools- bubble benches/lounge, massage purpose.

Discussed various friendly competition activities such as paddle board yoga, underwater hockey, inflatables, water polo on surfboards, slack line, etc.

The schematic plans will have the lap pool start at 4 feet deep and ending at 10 feet deep. Dan wondered if it should go down to 11.6 feet to have the capabilities of a diving board. This might be out of the budget but they can design it both ways and see what the price difference would be.

Betty asked where the lifeguard stands would go? Most lifeguards are mobile now and there are movable chairs. There will not be a permanent lifeguard stand in the pool area.

The schematic plans of the leisure pool need to have either a platform lift or a ramp to be ADA compliant. WTI will design it to show both ways and the WECRD can decide which option to go with.

The presentation from Doug concluded and Nate began his portion of the presentation. He started going into details of the whole project such as locker space, parking lot, offices, storage, etc. Nate wanted to get a better idea of what WECRD would like to see differently. There was mention of a family locker room, so Nate will look at moving the locker rooms closer together and adding a family style locker room. He mentioned we need to decide if we want floor length lockers or half lockers. There was talk of making the office space bigger and adding more storage space. Reconfiguring the multi-purpose rooms because they are quite large on the conceptual plans, and we may not need them to be so big. LCA will enter the schematic phase and reorganize the layout based on our discussion. WTI will work on the pool area of the

schematic design. WECRD will meet with LCA and WTI on November 14, 2018 at 10:00am at LCA to go over the schematic designs. Nate mentioned that he is retiring at the end of the year and Scott and Ken will be the new POC for LCA. This was the conclusion of the presentation from LCA and WTI.

WECRD moved into discussion of the bid process. Doug Meyer made a motion to move forward with the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a Contract Manager/General Contractor for the construction of the indoor pool facility. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion.

Lee Pierce made a motion to advertise the RFQ with two notices in the Mountain Home News on October 31, 2018 and November 7, 2018. Also, forward the RFQ to applicable contractors and LCA. Doug Meyer seconded the motion. All Directors voted in favor of the motion.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Lee asked if there are more presentations WECRD can do throughout the community? Michelle will set up a meeting with the Senior center. Dan asked if Michelle could set up meetings with the therapy places in town. Dan Gillies is contacting St. Lukes to present to them.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Foundation has met a couple times and they are developing a letter to send out to prior donors.

V. ADJOURN

Doug Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40PM. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. With all directors in favor of the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:40PM.

Submitted by:

Michelle Heins, Administrator

Date

APPROVED: as written as amended

Dan Gillies, President

Date