

BI Aquatics Center Feasibility, Coaches Focus Group, Meeting Notes

Time: July 2, 2018, 6:00 pm
Location: Bainbridge Aquatics Center
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Lisa Claesson-Gordon, BIMPRD, District Programming
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PROJECT:

Feasibility study for the Replacement of the Existing Ray Williams Lap Pool.

PURPOSE:

Focus Group Meeting with Coaches and Staff, Lap Pool User Group. Discussions to identify critical Lap Pool Facility Components related to user group needs. Facility Areas Discussed: Lap Pool, Deck Area, Dryland, Atmosphere and Circulation.

GENERAL: Coates to move the project forward and to include the following notes.

NOTES:

Discussion/Comments by Facility Area:

1. Lap Pool Needs

- a. All parties mentioned the need from their group for a 50m pool. Current 6 lane pool size requires extreme scheduling, (early morning and late night) to accommodate training. This is a hardship for young athletes.
- b. BISC has groups forced to practice in Nakata due to overcrowding and limited pool space availability
- c. Need more lane space for instructional programs (Rec program dept). 50-Meter X 25-Yard Pool would be ideal. Twenty 25-yard lanes would allow multiple club and public lap usage. Change over to eight 50-meter lanes at times would accommodate long course training and the potential for long course swim meets.
- d. BAM: Overcrowding of lanes and a growing need to expand outside of currently scheduled practice times.
- e. Lane Width is important, official 2.5 meter width ideal.
- f. Moveable Bulkhead to split the 50M pool. Allows separation of activity when needed.
- g. Polo: Water depth and practice times are major issue (practicing until 10pm)

- h. Pool Depth minimums- 5' for lap swimming, 6' for water polo.
- i. Boating/Kayak safety classes limited due to overcrowding or no pool time available
- j. Other High School teams would like to use the pool more, but limited due to space (football, LAX, Track, Cross Country, Soccer)

2. Deck Area Needs

- a. Polo/BAM/BISC/HS: would all like large deck space to accommodate dryland training, stretching, team discussion & instruction. Current deck is narrow and overcrowded during swim meets. Currently a safety hazard.
- b. Like to have the spectator area separated from the pool deck where athletes and officials stand.
- a. Permanent spectator seating may not be critical. Retractable bleachers or larger deck space to accommodate spectator standing area discussed. Spectator area that can be used for dryland when not in use.
- c. Storage for pool equipment Lane line reels (min of 6 for a 50m pool)
- d. Would like to have multiple storage closets for team gear. Club training equipment storage on deck needed for each user group, (BISC, BAM, and Public) on deck.
- e. Recovery Cold tank was discussed.

3. Dryland Areas Needs

- a. Dryland Training area needed. CrossFit, Yoga, Weights, and Other. Have an open space that accommodate 30-40 people.
- b. Have storage for all user's gear.
- c. "Wet Room" meeting room just off deck for coaching, teaching and other.
- d. Swim/polo meet management room
- e. Locker area, additional locker space needed.
- f. Would like to have another large locker room for New pool users.
- g. Visual control of locker entry and exit important with young athletes.

4. Office Areas Needs

- a. Masters Coach office.
- b. Youth Swim Coach/Club offices (three working stations).
- c. Maintenance office.
- d. New lifeguard room with attached bathroom needed.

5. General Atmosphere and Circulation Needs

- a. Acoustic Buffering needed.
- b. Have a nice PA system for meets.
- c. Indirect Sunlight with Lots of windows, access to outside.
- d. Lighting the building and pool is critical to due to early morning and late practice times.
- e. Access to existing hot tub, steam room, and sauna
- f. Have a shared accessed point between both pools.
- g. MORE STORAGE

6. Needs to Operate During Construction

- a. Swim clubs, BAM, BISC, BHS do not have an “off” season. Managing a swim team without a lap pool facility would have a significant impact on each club. NEED TO HAVE A POOL TO PRACTICE.
- b. There are no alternate pools within reasonable traveling distance that have capacity for training.
- c. Closing the pool for 10-12 months for construction would kill teams and have a major impact on the community.