



Fircrest Pool and Community Center: Public Meeting #2

Meeting Summary Notes **September 4, 2018**

Introduction

The City of Fircrest held a public meeting on Monday August 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to update the community on the Roy H. Murphy Pool and Community Center re-design and gather public feedback on pool design options, community center activities and preliminary design, and site design options. The meeting included a presentation, Question and Answer (Q&A) period, activities, and posted information on display boards.

Approximately 60 people attended the meeting. Members of the project team, City staff, City Council, and Steering Committee members present included:

- ARC Architects
- BERK Consulting
- Fircrest Parks and Recreation staff
- Steering Committee members
- Fircrest City Council members

This document provides a summary of the comments and feedback heard during the public meeting.

Public Feedback

PRESENTATION Q&A

Participants had the following comments and questions during the presentation Q&A period:

Theme	Comments
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ensure handicap access for both pool and community center.▪ Will pool and bath house be ready for 2020 swim season under current schedule?▪ Parking is full during events, consider angled parking around the entire park.
Pool Design Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ask lifeguards what they think of pool design options in terms of guarding and safety.▪ Does the toddler pool slope in?

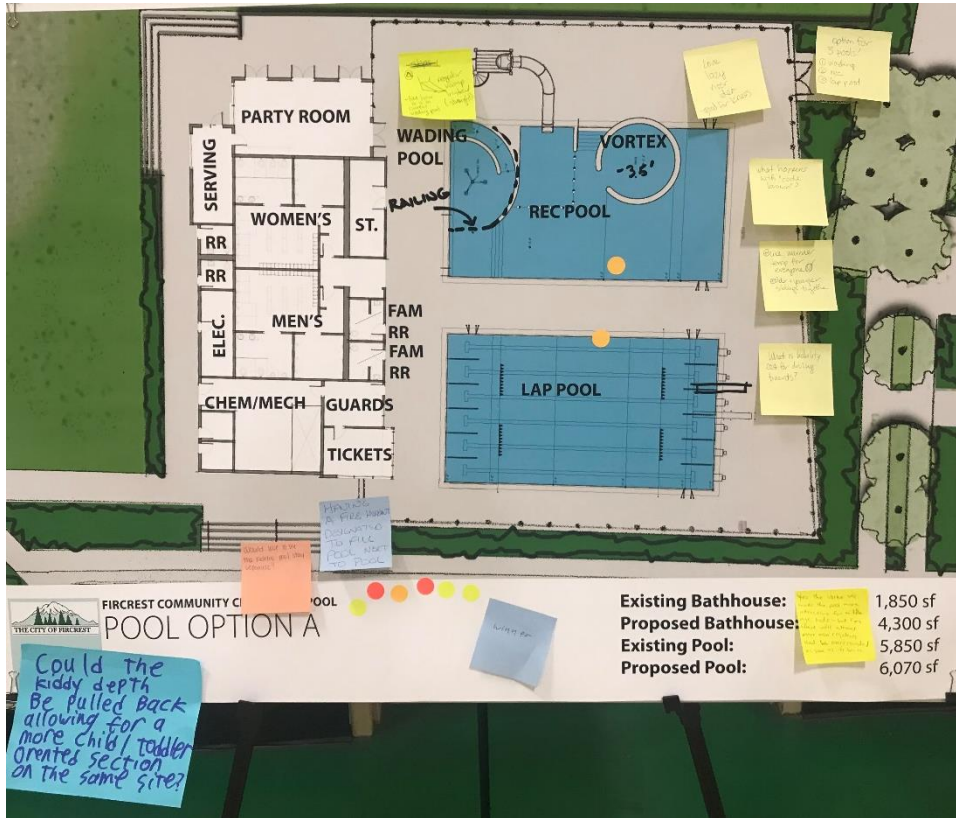
Theme	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Separating the toddler pool from the main pool comments.
Community Center Design and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make the community center an emergency center for Fircrest. ▪ Renewable energy in community center. ▪ How can administration offices promote control/sight lines throughout the community center? ▪ Like the idea of open concept and windows.

POOL DESIGN OPTIONS

Fircrest is considering two pool design options, seen on the next page. Both designs have two pools, which includes a full 6-lane competition pool with diving blocks and a diving board. The lap pool would be from 3.5 feet at the shallow end to 12 feet at the deep end. Both options have a slide, a toddler area, and 3.5 feet deep water. Both also feature a vortex area, which creates a current of spinning water that is enjoyable and provides workouts for kids and adults (e.g. workout against the current). Public votes for design option preference and comments are below. The number of votes with dots was equal but comments varied.

Option A	Dot Votes 8	Option B	Dot Votes 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could the kiddie depth be pulled pack allowing for a more child/toddler-oriented section on the same site? ▪ Would love to see the kiddie pool stay separate! ▪ Having a fire hydrant designated to fill pool next to pool. ▪ Would like to see a regular ramp instead of the curved one. ▪ Love lazy river idea – good for knees ▪ Option for 3 pools? Wading, recreation, and lap pool. ▪ What happens with a “code brown”? ▪ Like warmer temperature for everyone. ▪ Like having older and younger siblings together. ▪ Like how it is in current wading pool. Regular ramp instead (straight). ▪ What is liability cost for diving boards? ▪ The vortex will make the pool for attractive for middle age kids – but I’m afraid we’ll attract more non-residents and be overcrowded as soon as it’s built. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep wading pool separate. ▪ This option would be easier to maintain. ▪ It’s so awesome to have the wading pool as free access because it takes the pressure off if young kids can’t stay for long. We can stop by after work/summer camp for a short time before dinner. ▪ Very important to have a separate toddler shallow pool. My 4-year-old floated for the first time there and shares toys with other kids. She’s never been as brave or motivated... ▪ Love cool pool side but separate wading pool is needed. ▪ Vortex is great for kids, seniors and people rehabbing injuries. ▪ Wading pool separate keeps the water quality issues separate. Kids spit, leave food and use the bathroom – parents try to mitigate but it happens! ▪ I prefer the design with the separate toddler pool. ▪ Don’t like separate wading pool. ▪ Would prefer L-shaped pool. ▪ Vortexes are difficult to guard. 	

Pool Designs



Option A

The lap pool has cooler water for lap swim, older kid swim lessons, aerobics, play, diving, etc. The recreation pool has warmer water for kid play, early learning swim lesson, parent and baby classes, senior aerobics and swimming.



Option B

One is a toddler wading pool and one is a lap/recreation pool with temperature water like the current pool. This pool provides all the same features as the first pool, except it is smaller for the recreation side.

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Using sticky dot votes, participants were asked to vote for their two favorite activities they would like to see in the new community center. The most popular activities for a new community center was space for events and parties, and space and activities for youth and teens.

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COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES
PICK YOUR TWO FAVORITES!

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Activity	Votes
Volleyball	1
Basketball	5
Yoga	4
Martial Arts	1
Dance	4
Cooking Classes	6
Elder Exercise	6
Youth/Teen Room	15

Activity	Votes
Pickleball	6
Cards	4
Events/Parties	16
Training	0
Fitness/ Weights	5
Arts/Crafts	7
Meetings	6

FLOOR PLAN COMMENTS

Public comments were also gathered on a proposed community center floor plan. The public was interested in comments about using the community center as a potential emergency center for the City residents and were interested on incorporating sustainability into the design. Youth considerations were also supported, with comments about making sure the activities and activity room design were appealing.



Comments

- I loved the comment that the community center needs to function as an emergency response shelter/resource. Please design it in!!!
- Youth activity center is so important – please reach out to them to ask what they would like. Often I think it’s privacy from parents and health, safe, fun.
- Can we use solar to heat the pool and community center?
- Would be great for youth/activity room to have windows to the outside.
- Good eye on teens!
- Make sure the storage is enough. The middle school is new and already doesn’t have enough. Especially for emergency management and events.

OTHER COMMENTS

Participants provided additional comments on an Open Comment board. The center being used as a potential emergency center and incorporating renewable emergency received the most vocal support from the public comments.

Comment Details

- Bicycles. Wheel sports, like a gravity park velodrome.
- Renewable energy as much as possible. (Three comments noting agreement with this idea.)
- Emergency Center