



# Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

August 3, 2021  
7:30 p.m.  
Remote Online

## MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Clerk of the Board Dusenbury called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Achziger and Stender, District General Manager Deschenes; and Des Moines resident, Holly Campbell. President Young joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

District Clerk Linda Ray and Commissioner Kasnick were absent and excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – District General Manager Deschenes led the flag salute.

**ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA** – Adopted unanimously

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** -- None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was asked to submit comments via email for the public portion of the meeting and no comments were received.

### BUSINESS

#### a. Engineer of Record Questions

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss questions for Stemper Architecture surrounding a scope of work and the future of the pool facility. District General Manager led off the discussion by giving the background of the Forward Thrust Initiative which promoted construction of neighborhood pools in the 60's and 70's.

Question A: The DGM asked, In thinking about the next steps for Mount Rainier Pool, whether for a new building or for modifying the existing one, what does the District envision for serving the immediate community and secondary large communities? And what goals does the District want to achieve?

The Board members discussed the results of previous studies and the cost to move the facility to a new location. The decision to remain at the present location and let Stemper guide the District in renovations and additions including ADA updates was restated as the next step for the Mt. Rainier Pool facility. The primary goals include the capacity to provide swim lessons on a larger scale and to be able to accommodate swim clubs and dive teams, while adding a warm water tank and zero entry access. A workout area was also suggested in addition to a multi-purpose room that could be used for parties and meetings.

Question B: The DGM cited a study done by Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) which surveyed a cross section of the population in Des Moines. Out of 3,801 surveys, they received a 7.9% response. Responses rated aquatic related sports as the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> activity of choice. The DGM then asked, Does the District intend to partner with local

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community leaders, schools and/or organizations for additional outreach and promotion of aquatics programming to encourage new membership and increase population of Mt. Rainier Pool?

The Board members agreed that partnering with community organizations will be vital in determining what and how much the District will be able to put towards a renovation project. Expanded programming in a newly remodeled facility may have a positive impact on boosting interest in aquatics for the community.

President Young encouraged the opening of the pool on Sundays as an immediate way to improve programming and attendance.

Question C: 1) If it is decided to rebuild a new facility on another site, it will take a number of years before actual construction can take place. If the existing facility is to remain in service during this time, will the District be able to support maintenance to the existing building while a new facility is being built?

2) What happens to the existing building? Will it be returned to Highline School District?

President Young stated that the District would be obligated to be financially responsible to the public for those funds while also maintaining the existing buildings for a period of possibly 5 years.

A discussion ensued on what maintenance to the facility could look like over a period of 5-7 years.

The Board discussed seasonal programming and staffing. Summertime sees much of the staff opting for outdoor pools rather than working at indoor facilities. A suggestion was made to add an outdoor at the present facility that could be used for swim team practice in the warmer months.

Question D: If renovations of the present facility, or construction of a new building were to move forward, how would the District prioritize the following services and/or principles for the building (or add any services)?

- Swim classes
- Therapy pool
- Outdoor leisure pool
- Lap pool
- Community room, Community space or Multi-Purpose

President Young felt the last question was posed too soon in the process and should be postponed.

The Board asked the DGM to revisit with Scott Logan of Highline School District on what properties might exist under their jurisdiction that they might want to dispose of.

The DGM reported on estimated costs and funding of previous maintenance projects. During previous projects there were unforeseen existing conditions that were not accounted for. His suggestion is to ask Stemper to do perform a detailed study prior to any future work to uncover anything that could potentially be costly.

Discussions turned to placing priorities on the current facility, planning a scope, and phasing in changes over a period of time before discussions with partners and the school district. At that time, announcements to the public would

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be made and feedback would be solicited from potential partners. It is imperative that the District maximize what we currently have through programming. At such a time that we are maxxed out, then it will be time to have discussions on increasing space and modernizing.

The suggestion was made to ask Stemper for a proposal to bring the facility to ADA compliance.

Stemper will provide Scope 1 and 2 at a cost of \$95K. those reports will include an assessment of the building and the existing site conditions. The second is a preliminary analysis of the building and site potential.

Under Scope 1 would be a complete review of building systems, i.e. mechanical, electrical, plumbing, structural/seismic, hazardous materials. Along with this an architectural review and ADA compliance. Stemper would then review, evaluate, and report on findings to determine the remaining life cycle of systema and buildings, and the associated costs.

Under Scope 2, a review and verification of local ordinances and codes for property and site conditions/restrictions would occur. Stemper would also analyze the feasibility for renovation or addition to the existing building. This includes room layout.

President Young asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the 8/17 Regular Meeting for further action by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

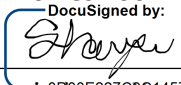
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

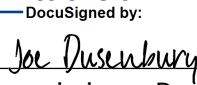
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- August 17, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD

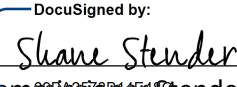
Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk.

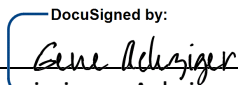
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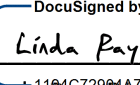
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