



November 2013 State of the Mountain View Pool Report Submitted by the JeffCo Aquatic Coalition Board of Directors

We are delighted to see that the combined efforts of swimmers and staff eliminated the ring around the backplash. It was done with simple elbow grease and nylon pads. The pool now sparkles.

We thank the City for installing a full length metal mirror in the women's changing room.

Also, thanks to Anji and Seth for taking the time to give two JAC board members another behind the scenes tour so we understand more fully the problems they face.

We understand that the pool staff received an award for their outstanding work on teaching swim lessons. We look forward to hearing more about this. Congratulations!

It has been a month since the final fall schedule was implemented. It seemed like morning usage dropped off some, but is now picking back up. Maybe this is due to the change over to standard time, or maybe it is just due to schedule stabilization. The new 9 AM Aqua Power class has already reached critical mass. The usage conflict between lap swimming and Aqua Power classes remains unresolved. We hope that can soon be overcome. We were pleased to hear from Anji that changes in the winter schedule will be minimized. We continue to get good feedback about weekend availability, and hope some offerings can be added, such as a Saturday AM aqua aerobics class for which we get requests. We reiterate our last month's suggestion that we partner on developing a better scheduling process.

We would like the opportunity to partner with the City on promoting the pool and its program offerings within the community. We continue to meet people who don't know there is a pool available, or are unaware the chlorine is lessened, or know little about available programming. This seems like a good activity that would bring JAC and the City together to overcome some of the real or perceived barriers for partnering. Maybe a small JAC and City team could develop some plans.

We look forward to the November 14 meeting updating Mountain View Commons stakeholders on the progress towards securing a long term lease for the MV campus, and financing the needed repairs to the HVAC system and roof. The JAC Board will provide feedback on any of the attendant issues. Keeping the current pool available until a new facility can be realized is an important priority for the community.

Although not directly related to the State of the Pool, the JAC Board convened a workshop on October 27 to start developing a future state plan for Jefferson County aquatics. The board had received input from 57 members of the community answering the question "What is your vision for aquatic facilities and programs in Jefferson County?" Starting with the synthesized responses, the dozen workshop participants (including Assistant Pool Operator Seth Leighton) developed the following *draft* vision statement: *JAC is dedicated to the development of an aquatic facility that supports a vibrant, multigenerational community as a place to work, live and play. We support public and private collaboration that will provide a financially stable, accessible gathering place that enhances community recreation, wellness, and safety.* The entire summary output from the workshop is appended. Note that the Mountain View Commons was given high priority as a possible site.



Summary of JAC October 27, 2013 Workshop on Vision and Attributes for Future State Aquatics in Jefferson County

Attendees

JAC Board Members: Houlton Madinger, Nancy McGonagle, Earll Murman, Barbara Starr, Jeff Randall, Hugh Winn

JAC Working Group Co-Chair: Janis Fisler, Rena Murman

Guests: Eric Delma, Mimi Henley, Missy Finney, Kathleen Kleer, Seth Leighton

Pre workshop data collection

Responses to the question ***“What is your vision for aquatic facilities and programs in Jefferson County?”*** were synthesized from 57 individuals:

- 18 People stopping by outreach events
- 4 People sending e-mail
- 10 Supporters making blog entries
- 13 Supporters at October 21 meeting
- 10 Interviews (City Council, Advisory Group, citizen)

Workshop outputs

I – Draft Vision Statement for Future State Aquatics in Jefferson County

JAC is dedicated to the development of an aquatic facility that supports a vibrant, multigenerational community as a place to work, live and play. We support public and private collaboration that will provide a financially stable, accessible gathering place that enhances community recreation, wellness, and safety.

Further refinements are welcome. Please send them to Barbara Starr bstarr@shc.edu and/or Janis Fisler jsfisler@gmail.com

II - Attributes Summary to Support the Future State Vision

Note: Each attribute was rated {low, medium, or high} priority by 3 separate breakout groups. Comments were also added. The entire group then reflected on the results. This summarizes the entire input.



Location

- High Priority –
 - Mountain View Commons (both incorporating or not incorporating the existing pool). MV was noted as “set up to be a rec center and is already established in the public’s mind as the location of “the pool”. However, it could possibly be complicated politically.
 - Some site on Sims Way on Castle Hill (e.g. the current JeffCo Transit Hdqs).
- Medium Priority –
 - Outside Port Townsend (e.g. at the airport). Sewer is a big issue. Also the question of how many people it would actually draw. It would be more popular with county residents. There could be complicated politics with the city and county.
- Low priority
 - Fort Worden
 - Mill (odor).

Follow up actions:

- Feasibility study
- Hugh Winn agreed to JAC liaison on the feasibility study

Aquatic Amenities

- High Priority
 - Lap pool (80 deg) which meets competitive requirements and has bleachers
 - Aqua exercise (85 deg)
 - Therapy/rehab (92 deg)
 - Kiddy/wading
 - Zero entry
 - Non chlorinated (UV-yes! or salt water)
 - Sauna/whirlpool/hot tub
- Medium priority – in decreasing importance
 - Water slide/climbing wall/rope swing, etc. – not all are needed, but some. Will generate revenue and can help support other amenities.
 - Diving (dedicated dive tank)
 - Kayak/rowing (value added revenue source)
 - Lazy river (useful for therapy, but added lifeguard costs and added space costs)
- Low priority
 - Indoor/outdoor pool

Follow up actions – Feed into feasibility study



Non Aquatic Amenities

The group had more difficulty with ranking non-aquatic amenities because they are less aware of how they would fit together with aquatic amenities into a successful center.

- High Priority
 - Onsite JHC clinic (Physical therapy or full clinic? Rehab?)
 - Child care – programming (?), could it be combined with elder care?
 - Family changing rooms – also serves disabled with care giver
- Medium priority – in decreasing order of priority
 - Some dry side amenities
 - Party room (also meeting room)
 - Climbing wall (cost/benefit info needed, insurance costs?)
 - Full aquatic recreation center a la SARC – issue with competing with local gyms/health clubs, unknown financial impact, maybe a second phase
 - Adult care – don't know enough about this. Programming (??)
 - Snack bar – Important for teen gathering spot, w gear shop
 - Gear shop – include rental equipment
 - Hands on science learning capable
 - Commercial kitchen (demo kitchen for healthy life style) – in conjunction with child and elder care.
 - Massage therapy (rental space)
- Low priority
 - Only aquatic amenities

Follow up actions

- JAC needs to become better educated. Missy will help with this
- Feed into feasibility study for needs and financial analysis
- Need to address complimentary/competitive opportunities with existing fitness club. Need to think about growing the fitness demand pie, and not just fighting over the size of an existing pie. Include: PTAC, Evergreen, Uptown 24 hour gym, Mind Body Institute, Port Hadlock, individual providers.

Partners

- High Priority
 - YMCA
 - City
 - County
 - Jefferson Healthcare – health foundations, VA possible grants
 - Schools
 - Corporate – Mill, supermarkets, NWMC, Centrum
 - Jefferson transit
 - Port
- Medium priority
 - Fitness clubs

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- USA Swimming – might have possible grants

Management

- High priority
 - Park district (MPD or Park and Rec) – Successful model elsewhere, city + country
 - YMCA – Successful model elsewhere. Questions: enough local staff, how much \$ goes to national, past history in local community
 - 501(c)(3) or JAC
- Medium priority
 - USA Swimming – has been done in CO
- Low priority
 - City – lack of sustainable funding
 - County
 - Schools

Financial – Capital

- High priority - Some combination of all are needed
 - Private donors
 - Grants
 - Hospital
 - Private/public partnership
- Medium priority
 - Bond – needs voter support. Must be paid back. To be viable, needs a taxing district

Financial – Operating

- High priority – Some combination of all are needed
 - User fees/membership – low enough lifetime rates not to turn people away
 - Taxing district
 - Healthcare reimbursement