



AGENDA
DEKALB COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Ellwood Visitor's Center
420 Linden Place
Thursday, June 2, 2022

5:30 p.m.

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Action on the Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from the May 5, 2022, DeKalb Community Pool Advisory Committee Meeting
- IV. Public Comments
- V. New Business
 - a. Review of DeKalb Community Pool Design Options Survey
 - i. Amenities
 - ii. Features
 - iii. Renovation Option
 - iv. Replacement Option #1
 - v. Replacement Option #2
 - vi. Hybrid Option
 - vii. Ranking of Design Options
 - viii. Committee Feedback and Alternate Designs
- VI. Open Comments from Committee Members
- VII. Adjourn Public Meeting

Date of Notice: May 31, 2022

Date of Next DeKalb Community Pool Advisory Committee: July 7, 2022

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MINUTES
DeKalb Park District
Public Meeting of the DeKalb Community Pool Advisory Committee
May 5, 2022
Hopkins Community Center, DeKalb, IL

Public Meeting
5:30 p.m.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Pool Advisory Committee Chair Pat Fagan began the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chair Patrick Fagan, Vice Chair Gail A. Krmenec, Dawn Baker, Rukisha Crawford, Peggy Dlabel, Steve Irving, Steve Lekkas, Michelle McGill, Carolyn Morris, Barb Parness, David Story, Julie Vander Bleek.

Absent: Janine Cochrane.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Joel French.

District Staff Present: Executive Director John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation Andrea Juricic.

II. Action on the Agenda

Committee Chair Fagan approved the agenda.

III. Introductions

Each committee member gave a short introduction of themselves.

IV. Public Comment

Park District Commissioner Joel French introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming.

V. New Business

a. Meeting Schedule

Committee Chair Fagan reviewed the meeting schedule, with meetings scheduled for June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1, 2022, the first Thursday of every month. Another meeting may be scheduled between those dates and perhaps another meeting in September in order for the committee to provide recommendations to the Park Board by the end of September. Selected topics must be addressed first because select information is needed by July.

b. Committee Expectations

- i. Location of Community Pool
- ii. Overall Design of the Community Pool
- iii. Site Amenities
- iv. Site Security
- v. Fundraising

Committee Chair Fagan presented the five topics listed on the agenda to be addressed by the committee. After providing pertinent information to the members, homework will be required. The committee will not initially address topics iv. and v. The focus must be on the first three items because the committee must present recommendations to the Board by the end of July. A pool design decision is anticipated in August. With respect to the pool location, based on the recent community survey results, almost everyone wants the pool to remain at Hopkins Park.

c. Review of 2022 DeKalb Park District Aquatic Survey Results

Director Shea summarized the results of the survey conducted March 1- April 1, 2022 regarding the Hopkins Pool rebuild. Of the 830 responses received, a common theme was the need for new, clean lockers rooms, a zero-entry pool, and water slides, with an overarching need for a safe and family-friendly environment.

d. Review of Hybrid Option Design Resulting from the 2020 Hopkins Pool Study

Executive Director Shea shared the Hopkins Pool assessment completed by Larson and Darby and Councilman Hunsaker for the Park Board in November, 2020, along with the other renovation options developed at that time. There was a discussion among committee members regarding relocating the pool site to the Hopkins Park tennis court area. A brief discussion ensued about partnering with other communities or agencies for the pool rebuild, including Sycamore, Cortland, and the YMCA, none of which seemed feasible. Other pool location sites were mentioned, including near the high school, across from the County Health Department and the soccer fields near the Sports and Recreation Center. One member stated that the charm of the Hopkins Park location is its central location, accessibility by bike trails, and the Sycamore Road underpass. Fourth of July festivities and baseball games are held at the Park, and it has the playground. The topic of pool expansion was raised, with a follow on question of why, when DeKalb's population is declining, and at what cost to the taxpayers. Members offered that the pool would draw from other communities, increasing attendance. Expansion could lead to growth. Director Shea indicated a survey will be sent to each committee member to solicit their comments on pool design

options, with response requested by either the Wednesday or Thursday of the week prior to Memorial Day. The issue of safety and security for pool attendees was mentioned as a concern.

e. Tentative Project Timeline

The timeline of key dates was presented. July 28, 2022 was highlighted as the date for the committee's recommendation on pool design, with emphasis on members doing their homework. An additional meeting may be needed to meet the date. For pool rebuild in the current location, the pool would be closed near the end of the 2023 season, with construction occurring in fall 2023 and spring 2024, with a planned opening on Memorial Day 2024.

f. Project Funding

During discussion, there was question of how much each pool design option would impact individual taxpayers. The District's goal is to use its own budget to fund the pool, without increasing its tax rate. The District currently does not have a debt obligation because the Sports and Recreation Center bond has been retired. There was a question of whether the committee was only to consider the hybrid option presented. All options are being considered, including other recommendations that may be made by the committee. New options may impact the established timeline. Steve Nelson of Larson and Darby stated that moving the pool location to the tennis court area was not part of the original budget. This may entail adding a parking lot, otherwise people would have to walk across the road to access to get to the pool. Utilities relocation must be factored in, and the vast majority of demolition must still be done. There is also the consideration of whether the District still wants to renovate the current building, or does that go away, because that was planned as a revenue generator. With all considered, the old budget number of around \$8.7 million may now be \$10 million (in previous budget numbers). The plans are driven by budget. The Director suggested that if the proposed project is too expensive, it can be perhaps be scaled back, with expansion later.

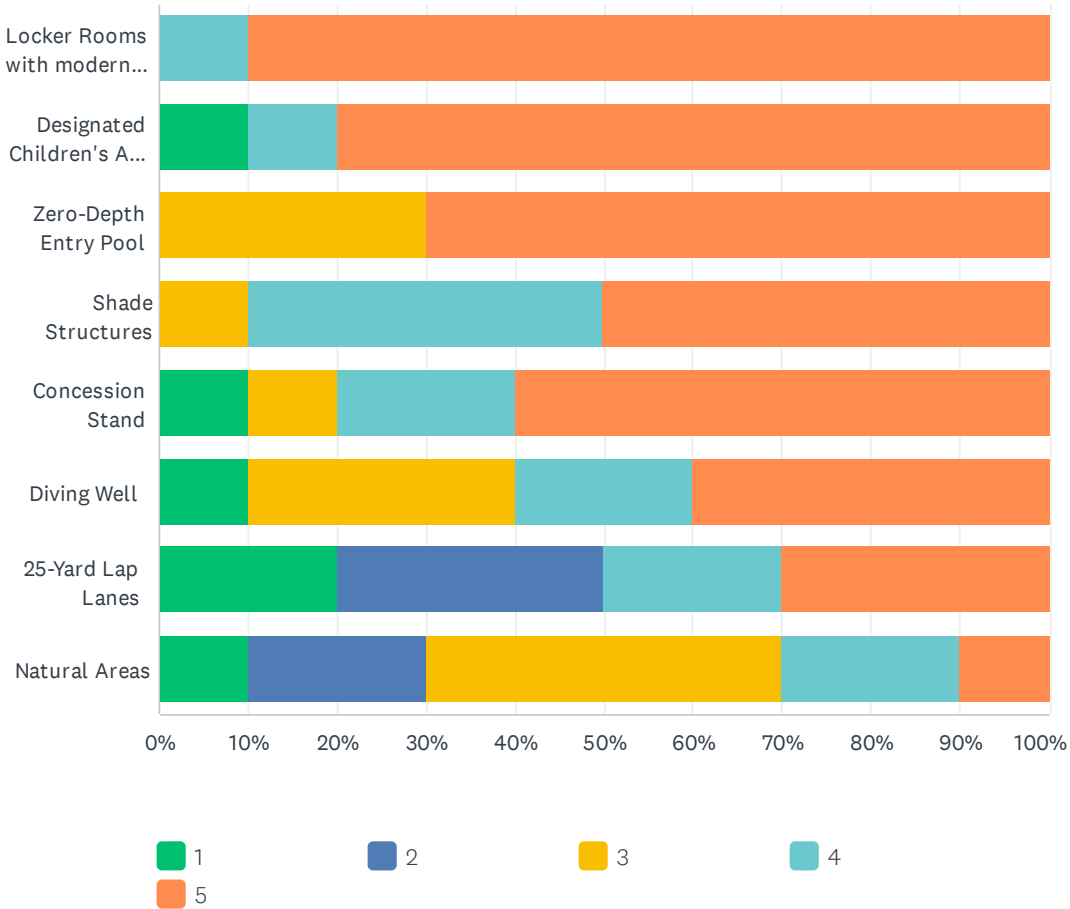
VI. Open Comments from Committee Members

VII. Adjourn Public Meeting

Committee Chair Fagan adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Q1 On a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest), please rate the importance to you and your family of the various amenities you would like included within DeKalb's Community Pool.

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0



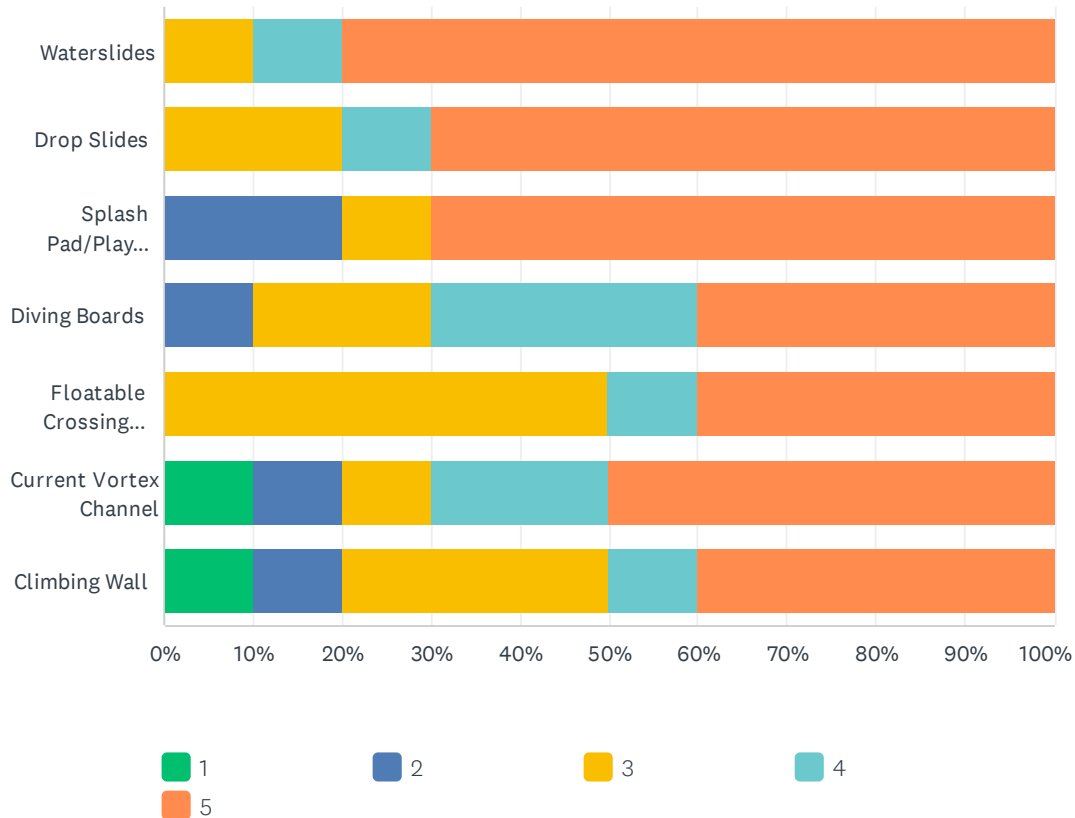
DeKalb Community Pool Design Options

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Locker Rooms with modern amenities	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	90.00% 9	10	4.90
Designated Children's Area (water depth not greater than 1.5ft)	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	80.00% 8	10	4.50
Zero-Depth Entry Pool	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	30.00% 3	0.00% 0	70.00% 7	10	4.40
Shade Structures	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	40.00% 4	50.00% 5	10	4.40
Concession Stand	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	20.00% 2	60.00% 6	10	4.20
Diving Well	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	30.00% 3	20.00% 2	40.00% 4	10	3.80
25-Yard Lap Lanes	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	10	3.10
Natural Areas	10.00% 1	20.00% 2	40.00% 4	20.00% 2	10.00% 1	10	3.00

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Locker rooms need to be as basic as possible but easy and often cleaned	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	Lazy river	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
3	Ramps, equipment for families with disabilities	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
4	Fencing around children's area	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

Q2 On a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest), please rate how likely you and your family would use the following features:

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Waterslides	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	10.00% 1	80.00% 8	10	4.70
Drop Slides	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	10.00% 1	70.00% 7	10	4.50
Splash Pad/Play Structure	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	70.00% 7	10	4.20
Diving Boards	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	40.00% 4	10	4.00
Floatable Crossing Activity	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 5	10.00% 1	40.00% 4	10	3.90
Current Vortex Channel	10.00% 1	10.00% 1	10.00% 1	20.00% 2	50.00% 5	10	3.90
Climbing Wall	10.00% 1	10.00% 1	30.00% 3	10.00% 1	40.00% 4	10	3.60

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	My family would be using all of these, are they all needed is the question. I would say the floatable crossing, vortex and drop slides would be first to go	5/23/2022 2:22 PM

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2	My kids are at the age of activity. At 5 and 7 they are strong swimmers. The more to keep kids (at all ages) entertained, the better.	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	Lazy River	5/9/2022 6:03 PM

Q3 Please provide your comments and thoughts regarding the "Renovation Plan." (Image located above)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As is now I really like the capacity that the current pool offers. Regardless of size/redo the pool will always be "too busy and crowded" on hot days. Another consideration is schedule: pool hours/days have been shortened every year over the last 5 or so years. A lot dependent on the push up of the start of school to early August leaving few workers. I would weigh this plan versus the hybrid plan. The renovation would have to be a "true" renovation with completely new locker rooms. Maybe something done with the upper sun deck as that can be a problem area for safety. Additional shade would be good.	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	If the renovation took place, in how many years would it need to be renovated again? I am concerned that this is more of a short term plan vs. long term. Would the locker rooms be renovated? My kids love the diving board and this model does not have that. They would be disappointed. That being said, it would allow the area swim team to continue to rent and utilize the 50 meter pool (the only one available in the area for many miles).	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	Too similar to what we have. Capacity is the highest though.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
4	Looks very similar to what we already have, but I am concerned about the lack of lap lanes with any of the other options. I feel that having only 3 lap lanes would not be enough for "swimmers". I have utilized the lap lanes at Hopkins for many years and experienced many times where there are at least 4 -6 people using the current lap area and it can become crowded.	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
5	Prefer replacement options.	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
6	This pool is almost 50 years old. Only a new pool should be considered at this point. Renovation should not be considered based upon community usage.	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
7	I truly thought that a committee of people who live in the community would design it. I see we have an example of one.	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
8	This option would suffice but does not offer the appeal of the newer designs. I am not clear on the locker room remodel with this option either. Also, why would we need to loss the splash area?	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

Q4 Please provide your comments and thoughts regarding "Replacement Option 1." (Image located above)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	For me this is a no based on the capacity. I do like the idea of some type of "future" phase for something in any of these plans.	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	The entrance being right next to Route 23 has me extremely concerned. Many people who visit bring small kids and even my girls at ages 5 and 7 being that close to the road makes me worried. My concern for this model is the capacity level is 393. It seems very low for it being a brand new facility. What would the timeline be for the 6 lane pool? (I know community members still want this to be an option and I don't know that they would be supportive of having to wait.) What is the reasoning behind a separate lap pool. Will you be hosting swim meets? What is the thought process? Will it be cross utilized?	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	Attendance capacity is too small.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
4	I don't feel that a climbing wall is a good idea. I have concerns regarding safety. I picture kids jumping off the climbing wall and landing on top of other swimmers? (I have never seen a climbing wall in a pool before, so maybe I have the wrong idea) Also, the possibility of 6 lap lanes at a future date? So what do swimmers do until the lanes are built?	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
5	My only concern is capacity. I want the most capacity for the money. If we build it, people will come. The last thing we need is a overcrowded pool with people waiting outside for people to leave.	5/20/2022 6:53 PM
6	Where is the dedicated pool for under 5 children? Included in the main pool seems like a dangerous idea. I do like the enclosed locker room area bordering the Sycamore Road side to block out noise.	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
7	This plan seems too limited. There should not be any future expansion. The entire pool complex should be designed, funded, and constructed at one time. Lap lanes are not as important as the other amenities.	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
8	have the prices been updated to 2022-2023/	5/9/2022 8:40 PM
9	"Same as above" Like this better than#1	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
10	I don't the entrance to be on Sycamore Road because of safety issues. The low capacity limits this as well. I do not prefer this option.	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

Q5 Please provide your comments and thoughts regarding "Replacement Option 2." (Image located above)

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Love all of the amenities but my last choice based on cost. I will always be a no for water basketball - to me just seems like a problem area for guarding and safety.	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	The entrance being right next to Route 23 has me extremely concerned yet again. This is not a good option for families with young children, nor is it really safe for anyone when it is this close to the road. Is it able to be redesigned to have the entrance somewhere else? That being said, this is my favorite option. It has plenty of activities and allows for higher capacity than the other options. Since the facility will be new and the best in the area it will draw members from other communities to it and will create more revenue. One of the concerns I noticed in the community survey was the worry about overcrowding and space. This option allows for more people to comfortably utilize the pool space. One question I have is does the zero-depth children's pool have a fence around it? I know I have really appreciated having a fenced in area for my kids when they were younger. Also, is there any natural space here? Or does the larger pools not allow for that?	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	Option 2 is very appealing. New features and attendance capacity is good.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
4	I like the idea of "demolition of all existing pools". I don't feel that DeKalb needs to have such an "extravagant" water park. I think a children's pool with play structure and zero depth entry is needed, along with a diving well and as I mentioned previously, an area that can accommodate more than 3 lap lanes. How many water slides? I don't feel that water basketball and climbing wall are priorities.	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
5	Looks good	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
6	Good design, only concerns are the final dollar amount and how large is the proposed locker room by road. What happens to old locker room in this design?	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
7	it looks like the existing, just moved the pools in different locations.	5/9/2022 8:40 PM
8	"Same as above" Missing lawn area	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
9	Same issues with the entrance being on Sycamore Road. I love the children's area here but am not clear on fencing etc. Love the slides but don't see a need for the lap pools to take up so much of the main pools area.	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

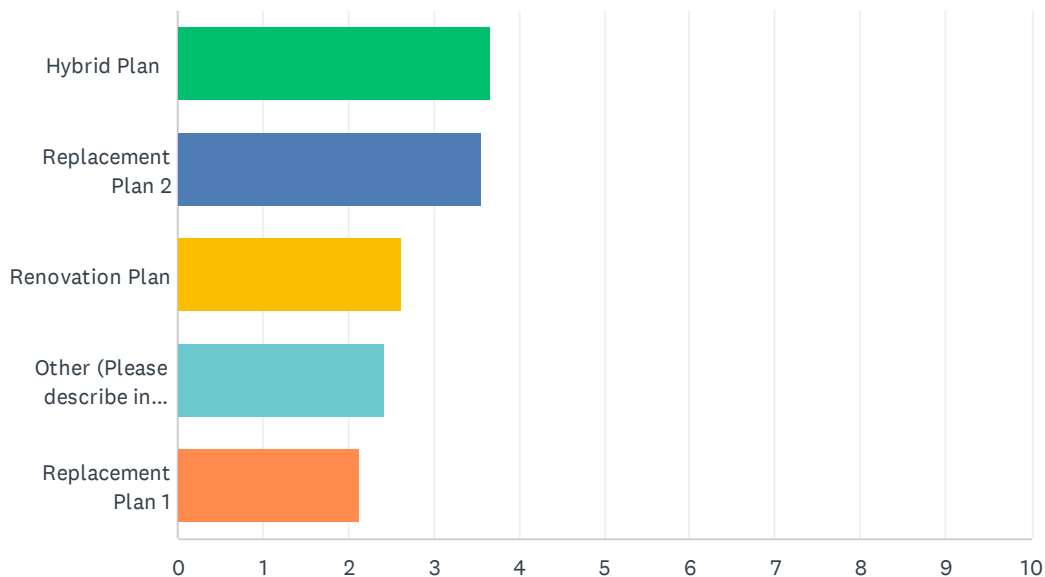
Q6 Please provide your comments and thoughts regarding the "Hybrid Option." (Image located above)

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Again like the amenities other than water basketball. See comments from renovation option. I can see the need to completely replace. I am sure we will be discussing costs in depth and that is really what would sway my decision in this economic environment. Want to make something great for the future but also within reality of being open for 2 1/2 months out of the year.	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	The entrance being right next to Route 23 has me extremely concerned for the third time. The building does seem more set back from the road. Is it to scale? What are we losing out on by having smaller locker room facilities? The capacity is the second highest yet the locker rooms are the smallest out of all of the models. I vaguely remember John mentioning that the lockers would be outside? Is this the only reason why? This is my second favorite option because it has the same activities as the replacement 2 model. Is the children's area fenced for safety?	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	Hybrid option is also very appealing. Option 2 and hybrid option are the best choices.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
4	Refer to comments from #5	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
5	I don't think green space is needed as long as people can have a wristband or stamp to leave and return the same day i.e.go have a picnic lunch on the park grounds and return to swim some more. Perhaps more picnic tables could be situated around the outside of the pool for that purpose. The idea of the lockers on the Sycamore Road side is good but I think relocating the locker rooms there is still necessary also.	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
6	Hybrid option seems most logical. Maybe increase toddler pool size another 500 - 1000 sf.	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
7	same as above.	5/9/2022 8:40 PM
8	"Same as above" I like.	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
9	This is my favorite of the options presented. I don't see why we need to reduce the size of the children area and would prefer to eliminate the grass and add seating there. Hybrid concessions is a great idea.	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

Q7 Please rank the following options, with 1 being the option your are most in favor of and 5 being least in favor of:

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Hybrid Plan	33.33% 3	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	9	3.67
Replacement Plan 2	11.11% 1	55.56% 5	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	0.00% 0	9	3.56
Renovation Plan	12.50% 1	12.50% 1	25.00% 2	25.00% 2	25.00% 2	8	2.63
Other (Please describe in question 8)	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	57.14% 4	7	2.43
Replacement Plan 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25.00% 2	62.50% 5	12.50% 1	8	2.13

Q8 Please describe your alternative plan when referring to "Other" for question 7. Include details describing the layout, overall design, and location for your new vision.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The reason I chose "other" is because I don't think that the current location is the best place for the pool. I would be in favor of exploring the idea of putting it where the tennis courts in Hopkins Park are now or moving it to a new location such as near the new high school or near the Rec Center on South Fourth Street (I understand that this was add expense). The current location seems extremely boxed in. Even if we wanted to add another area (such as a sand pit or a splash pad, more shaded areas, natural areas etc) we would be expanding into a parking lot and that would come with another host of problems. Where would people park? As I stated previously, with a new facility I believe we are going to see a jump in attendance as this would be the best aquatic facility in the area. I want to be sure we have fully thought out all of the options before simply choosing one of the options from 2 years ago to put in the exact same location. There were quite a few people who responded to the survey stating that the area around Hopkins Park is congested and it doesn't allow growth or enough parking. Would other community members have been open to another location if they knew that there was a plan in place to grow and add things in the future as the budget allows? Perhaps. However, no question such as that one was asked in the community survey this spring so I am not sure that people thought of the future, only the present and stated that Hopkins Park was what they wanted.	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
2	Relocation to tennis court area. Completely new vision.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
3	More than 3 lap lanes is important for the older community members who have accessed the pool for years. Let's not forget about them. All these options seem to be catering to the younger crowd.	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
4	Relocation of the pool structures where the tennis courts are currently located, using the fill as suggested in the recent meeting to fill in the current pool area for tennis/pickle ball courts is the best idea in my opinion. I think if we are to create a quality experience it is the best option as it allows for keeping the current structure open during construction and will better accommodate supply and weather delays. Yes, it will cost more but if it lasts as long as the current pool isn't that a good value? The layout of option 2 is good and could work as a new structure in the tennis court space.	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
5	No alternate pool plan suggestions here. Just consider adding more splash pads to the district (other parks) when financially feasible. Or add one to Hopkins Park outside of the current planned pool area.	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
6	consider move the entire pool complex to the north tennis court to keep it on the high ground. Add a parking lot south of the south tennis court. Install two tennis courts and two pickle ball courts at the existing pool area. This will allow for unconstrained design options, placed further from Sycamore Road. This also allows for any further additions. Of course, it is contingent upon cost.	5/9/2022 8:40 PM
7	Combo of 2 and 3 I like	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
8	This would include moving to a different site or across the driveway to the tennis court area. I don't think this is necessary or cost effective but can reserve a decision until I hear the costs. Hard no on moving to a different location though.	5/9/2022 2:23 PM

Q9 Please provide any additional thoughts or comments you may have regarding the future of the DeKalb's Community Pool.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Kiddie area: I don't think that the play structures should be over the top - back of my mind I'm always thinking what will break, what will need repairs soon. . . maybe a large structure and something smaller. More room for kids to be spread out versus dumping buckets and things. Even more deck space in that area as is now would be great. Accessibility within the locker rooms and into the pool is greatly needed - nothing else fancy in locker rooms or you get people wanting to hang out in there and that needs to be monitored. Zero-depth main pool for me is not a deal breaker, nice, but not a necessity. In large pool, I would like to see the types of slides we have now, diving board and addition of the climbing wall would be enough.	5/23/2022 2:22 PM
2	I believe that it is extremely important that this community has a pool. Period. I don't want to lose it because it is vital to the community. I also don't want to simply put a bandaid on an existing facility and kick the problem down the road. It is important to me to be thinking about the future and not just put a new pool in the exact same location if it isn't the best fit. It is important for us to be able to not only build a facility that will benefit our community but also be able to maintain it to a high standard of cleanliness and safety so the community can be proud of our community pool.	5/22/2022 10:03 PM
3	We need updated estimates before further discussions can take place. We need to provide a facility that looks forward and provides a safe, fun environment with modern amenities for all ages. Safety and acceptable guest behavior needs to be an immediate priority.	5/22/2022 7:07 PM
4	None of the options mentions locker rooms and concessions; I assume that is included in the budget?	5/20/2022 9:30 PM
5	We need better marketing and price packages to encourage people from surrounding county areas to use the facility. Waterman, Hinckley, Malta, Cartland, Genoa, Shabbona, etc rather than 'in DeKalb vs Other'. For example, if a person living in Waterman wants to take their family to a water facility, all of the options involve driving somewhere be it Raging Waves, Otter Bay, Sycamore, or DeKalb. I am not suggesting that we recreate a big water park but one that would be fun, clean, and convenient for a family at a reasonable family price even though they don't reside in DeKalb city limit.	5/18/2022 2:26 PM
6	It is time to build a new pool for the DeKalb Park District community and surrounding areas. The pool brings a quality of life to the people who live here, and should be built now before the old pool breaks down. We should expect a high level of importance put on this project, at the same ambitious level that other parts of the district have recently seen commitments to.	5/11/2022 4:14 PM
7	It is priority #1 to address the behavior issues and #2, the condition of the locker rooms, these issues appear to be more important than the pool itself.	5/9/2022 8:40 PM
8	I love the location because of the convince of walking, riding a bike, or car. Close. Is it possible to maybe do a second pool? (In a different location) I love the idea of the new pool area being All year round!!!	5/9/2022 6:03 PM
9	I would like to see this have an option for a splash pad down the road like in Sycamore. That is a great attraction for those that want to play in the water but not have to do all the preparing for the pool. As a parent, this is very convenient. I would also like to see some shade areas for parents that are just watching their children. I think it would be a great idea to do some site visits or homework to other Park Districts or pools and get some ideas as well. The overall concept can remain the same but we might get some ideas for convenient amenities. It can be done as a homework assignment down the road.	5/9/2022 2:23 PM