

AQUATIC BOARD
Tuesday, May 29, 2018
City Hall, Rm. 224 – 4:00 p.m.

Statement of Philosophy:

Create Community through People, Pools and Effective Swim Programs

- A. **Call to Order** – 4:03pm
- B. **Roll Call** – Max Mertz, Tom Rutecki, Charlie Williams, Pat Watt, Joe Parrish, Becky Monagle, Phil Loseby, Ritchie Dorrier, Beth Weldon (telephone)
CBJ Staff – Rorie Watt, George Schaaf, Lindsey Foster, Lauren Anderson
- C. **Agenda Changes** – added item G. and items under old business
- D. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** – Emil Mackey: Attended an open swim at Dimond Park Aquatic Center (DPAC) on Friday, May 25 with his 11-month old child. Mr. Mackey was using an inflatable infant float which he had previously used at Augustus Brown Pool (AGB) when the lifeguard on duty at DPAC informed him that inflatable devices not approved by the US Coast Guard are not allowed. Mr. Mackey stated that he has not been able to find a suitable USCG-approved device for his child, and that the inflatable is a safer alternative. Mr. Mackey submitted his concerns in an email earlier today, and asked the Aquatics Board to consider changing the policy to allow him to use his inflatable device at both pools. Lauren Anderson, Interim Aquatics Manager responded to Mr. Mackey's email earlier in the day and read the email for the Board. In summary, Juneau Pools adhere to the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training program, which prohibits floatation devices that are not USCG-approved. Ms. Anderson noted that USCG-approved alternatives may be purchased in town and at DPAC. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Mackey for bringing his concern to the Board. Mr. Parrish noted that, because the CBJ is self-insured, it could choose to waive the policy on inflatable devices without consulting an insurance company.
- E. **Old Business** –
- The board asked Mr. Schaaf to follow up with CBJ Engineering regarding pool covers.
 - The Board indicated they would like to be more involved in planning for deferred maintenance and Capital Improvement Program projects.
 - The Board agreed to schedule a retreat on July 22, preferably at Eagle Valley Center. The purpose of the retreat will be clarify the Board's roles and responsibilities as a CBJ Board (agenda, meeting minutes, public notice, etc.) and develop a work plan to structure the coming year.
 - The Board asked staff to provide updates on a number of items, including: pool covers, food service results, credit card payments, replacing play equipment at DPAC, fundraising, bulk passes, advertising, and the partnership with the Gaguine Foundation.
- F. **New Business**

G. Committees

- a. Governance committee -- Discussion with City Manager Rorie Watt and Parks & Recreation Director George Schaaf. Mr. Watt provided an overview of other CBJ empowered boards and asked Board members to answer a number of questions regarding management and governance of the pools.
- b. Operations committee – Discussion focused on potential cost savings and service impacts for the various governance options under consideration. Mr. Watt asked the Board to consider what management, maintenance, and operations would look like under an empowerment board.

H. Adjournment – 5:50pm

I. Next Board Meetings (4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.):

- a. Tuesday, June 19, 2018 / Assembly Chambers. (Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Mertz will meet in advance to discuss the agenda.)
- b. Tuesday July 10, 2018 / DPAC
- c. July 22, 2018 / Board Retreat @ Eagle Valley Center