

MINUTES
AQUATICS BOARD
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
City & Borough of Juneau – Assembly Chambers – 5:30pm

A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. – Max Mertz- Chair

B. Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Max Mertz, Chair, Tom Rutecki-Vice Chair, Charlie Williams, Pat Watt, Becky Monagle, Joe Parrish.

Board Member Absent: Ritchie Dorrier

Liaisons Absent: Beth Weldon- Assembly Liaison, Phil Loseby - school district liaison

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan – Parks and Rec Director

C. Agenda – Power Point Presentation – Options For The Future. Mr. Mertz presented to the public who were attending the options the Aquatics board is evaluating for the future management of the pools. (This presentation is provided in a separate document.)

D. Public Comments. The meeting was attended by approximately 28 people of whom 12 provided comments. A summary of their comments is attached.

E. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00pm.

**SUMMARY of Comments made before Aquatics Board
Public Meeting, February 20, 2018**

Bill Arnold: Not sure how management could be done by a non-profit. Seems peculiar for CBJ to pay a nonprofit. Maintenance can be a problem with nonprofits. We need transparency, perhaps consider splitting Parks and Recreation into two.

David Phillip: Please keep the Board as it is. He is opposed to the YMCA, believes fees will increase.

Clayton Hilton: Wonders what is Parks and Rec staff's opinion of options B, C, and D?

Bill Leighty: Is an Augustus Brown Pool swimmer. Wonders if we should we separate the pools rather than keep them as a single system. Do we have a letter of interest from the YMCA? How can we increase revenue – believes that some swimmers could (and would) pay more, we should invite them to do so. What are the services at ABP? Is this Board willing to continue to serve? Would like to see a matrix of scenarios showing savings under various assumptions.

David Thompson: Is skeptical about a nonprofit option, wonders how would the deficit be handled. Thinks the PERS contribution issue would be a small issue. Opposed to separating from Parks and Rec and going to nonprofit – that option would need to demonstrate substantial savings to CBJ.

Terry Lauterback: If it ain't broke, don't fix it! Doesn't like the nonprofit option. Wonders who would be on a Y Board? Wants to see detailed financial numbers before any decisions made. Doesn't want anything to do with Anchorage! Thinks there will be push back on PERS.

Sandra Harbanuk: Need to see numbers, and also how would the user experience change? The pool website schedule doesn't reflect what happens at the pools. It should be the same.

Chris Merti: Recommends keeping the Board as it is. Would need more details before contemplating changes. The current Board has done a good job.

Greg Hayes: Board has done well, would like to keep things as they are. Concerned about Option D – what oversight would there be? Seems like it would not answerable to the Assembly. Recommends sticking with Red Cross programs. Not in favor of the nonprofit option. Thinks staff should have a vote on what they want.

Liz Brooks: Recommends extending the current Board or going back to A, Parks and Rec. Opposed to nonprofit – fees at Anchorage Y are much higher. Doesn't think cost savings are that important.

Laura Lucas: Thinks ABP would be more threatened for closure with option D.

Jennifer Johnson: Just please make sure there is no reduction in services.