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(Aquatic Assessment) - FACT SHEET

Description:

The Aquatic Assessment will concentrate on two aspects of pool operation. The first portion of the assessment will concentrate on the infrastructure. An engineering evaluation of identified pools will be requested. Along with looking at national trends and pool use, a global approach will be incorporated so that all of the pools and locations will be taken into account. The second portion of this assessment will involve community engagement. Through this portion of the assessment, such factors as community needs and desires will be identified. During these conversations, the community will be provided information from the engineering assessment to allow for meaningful conversations about the current state of City operated aquatic facilities.

It should be noted that it is the goal of Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) to look at efficiencies and national trends in the aquatic industry as it pertains to this assessment. However, it is also the goal of PARD to look at community needs. Items such as accessibility and affordability will be important factors in this evaluation.

Lastly, the assessment as a whole will depend on available funding. Previously identified bond funding is not available for this type of assessment. At this time, PARD has identified alternative funding sources to make this assessment a reality; however, funding the project will require PARD to allocate funds both this fiscal year and next fiscal year.

Projected Project Dates:

The projected start date to begin the infrastructure assessment bid process is the spring of 2012. The infrastructure assessment will likely last 4 to 6 months. The projected start date to begin the community engagement portion of the assessment is the early months of fiscal year 2013. The length of this process is yet to be determined. The reasoning for the different year assessment is due to funding.

Objective:

The objective of this assessment will be to not only identify deficiencies in infrastructures and services but to help identify opportunities that will benefit the community as a whole.

History:

The average age of City operated pools is approximately 47 years. As pools age, the amount of service and repairs increase. Due to the nature of construction, repairs on an aquatic facility are very expensive. There is a point where it is more cost effective to replace rather than repair. In addition, national trends in the aquatic industry have changed. Pools are more interactive and patrons expect features that will provide engagement for all ages. These factors will have to be identified in this assessment.

Financial figures/Projected Costs:

It is estimated that the total project will cost approximately \$400,000. Due to the age, condition, community involvement and the number of pools in PARD's inventory, it is difficult to determine exact costs for a project such as this prior to the formal bid process. More realistic costs will be determined once bids are received for the scope of services.

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