CARL LEGG	CURT STEWART	BOB BLASTOCK CHAIR	LEWAYNNE JUNGERT	CAROLYN WHITE

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
TRIP CRAIG	**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
DENNIS BOWYER	**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**
STACY MCCLINTOCK	**RECREATION COORDINATOR**
GARY ETTENGER	**YMCA CEO**
JOHN PAULEY	**AQUATICS DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS CITY/ YMCA POOL ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 21st, 2009* * * * * 4:00pm * * * * * Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: **Curt Stewart, Carolyn White, Carl Legg**

Members Absent: **Bob Blastock, LeWaynne Jungert**

Council Absent: **Trip Craig**

Ex-Officio Present: **John Pauley and Gary Ettenger**

Ex-Officio Absent: **Dennis Bowyer**

Staff Present: **Stacy McClintock**

MINUTES

Curt called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Item #1 Proposed Capital Improvements - Staff

Stacy went over the proposed capital improvements for the Y/City Pool. In the current budget, replacement for the awning between the pool bubble and the building was delayed due to the City re-evaluating all capital improvement projects in all City departments because of the economic downturn. Stacy and Dennis met with City staff and they were given the go-ahead to replace the awning when the bubble is put up in September. Stacy is hoping this will be rebuilt by October.

Stacy and Dennis also met with City staff for the proposed 09-10 budget. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to purchase additional gutter grates. The gutter grates were installed new when the pool was constructed in 1989 but have since become obsolete. The original manufacturer, Swimout Overflow Components, is going out of business but has a limited number of grates in stock and will offer the grates at a

discounted cost. Kevin Skelton has researched the cost to replace the gutter system with an alternate manufacturer and it would cost double to order through them. Currently, there are no replacement sections in stock at the pool and two of the gutter sections are broken. The request would allow for the City to have on hand sections of the gutters to replace for many years. City staff has approved of the request in the 08-09 budget. The cost for the gutter grates is approximately $24,000.00.

Gary commented that he would like to work with the City in budgeting to help with the cost of improvements at the pool. Some of the improvements they would like to do are painting and re-carpeting and would work the cost of this into their budget. They would also like to pay for ½ of the cost of the awning. He mentioned that they are trying to get a grant for the baby pool and spray park. The baby pool is non-operational at this time. The cost of the spray park would be approximately $20,000.00. Carolyn commented that keeping it non-operational would be the best option at this point.

Item #2 Boiler Savings 2008

A copy of the boiler replacement report was enclosed with the agenda. The Commission feels the report was complete.

Curt asked if the temperature in the pool has been under control. Stacy informed the Commission that the YMCA is stressing that this is a community pool and needs to meet the needs of everyone. It is an on-going battle with the temperature because people have different views of what the "perfect" temperature is. The temperature is usually 84 degrees. Gary commented that lap swimmers would prefer the temperature at a lower range of 78-80 degrees but the older people would like to have it up to 88 degrees. They have to meet somewhere in the middle.

Item #3 Report from the YMCA – John Pauley

Gary went over a couple items on the Pool Advisory Report. The Summer program will have five lessons in the morning. Four lessons will run Monday-Thursday for two weeks and one lesson will run Monday/Wednesday & Tuesday/Thursday for one month. There will be two evening swim lessons that will run from Monday-Thursday; two water babies classes with one held in the morning and one in the evening and two evening adult swim lesson classes. There will be one in June and one in July.

The summer open swim hours are 12:00pm-5:00pm, Monday – Friday; 6:30pm-9:00, Monday – Friday and Saturdays 6:00pm-9:00pm. Summer hours will begin on June 3rd. Effective Monday, May 18th, the pool admission fee will increase $.25 across the board. This is due to the minimum wage increasing.

John updated the Commission on the new UV light system that was installed. He feels it is a very nice addition to the pool and has had a decrease in the number of reported rashes. He has had comments that the bubble environment is more tolerable, scent and breathing wise.

The bubble was removed on Tuesday, May 19th. John reported that it was the fastest removal ever. It was done by 11am. Due to weather concerns, they hurried to get it done. There were 40-50 volunteers. John isn't sure when they will be able to open back up. He should know later in the day. They are getting the final cleanings finished up to get it open.

John reported that there have been a couple incidences with rashes at the YMCA/City Pool. These rashes have been on swim team members. The chemicals have all been reported in the normal range. Staff suspects that the rashes may have something to do with the heat in the bubble. It is 2 degrees hotter in the bubble that the water temperature and the only conclusion staff has come up with is that the members aren't able to have a cool down

period after swimming. John stated that the UV light system should help with decreasing the levels of chlorine, therefore, hopefully eliminating the number of rashes.

Curt asked if the utilities were gas or power. The boiler and bubble are both gas powered. John mentioned that a back-up generator was installed so if there is a loss of power, the lights in the pool will illuminate so people can exit the pool safely.

Carolyn asked if maintenance is done on the bubble once it is down. John said it is cleaned before they take it down and then store it. Curt suggested looking into a retractable bubble so they won't have to go through putting it up and taking it down twice a year. Gary thinks it's a good idea to start looking at different options for the future when a new bubble is needed.

Stacy informed John that Travis Rothweiler, the City Assistant Manager, complimented the work John has done on the pool and feels everything is running smoothly.

Item #4 New or Old Business and Public Input

Nothing was reported.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls City/YMCA Pool Advisory Board will be July 16th, 2009 at 4:00pm at the City of Twin Falls Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E.

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