

Summary:
Recreation Capital Improvement Project
from 8/28/2019 Presentations

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Kiddie/Multigenerational Pool

- A 7-page presentation was given by fbt architects
- Discussed the projected timeline of entire project; estimated completion date of June 2021.
- Budget for this project is \$6.5million. Which includes construction, fixtures, inspections, etc.
- Discussed the addition elements:
 - o Total square footage of the addition is 7,000sq ft.
 - o 2,000sq ft. is a zero-entry pool with spray features, an area for swim lessons, and a lazy river.
 - o 19 ft. tall water slide, with a run-out area that is separate from the main pool
 - o Changing rooms (3)
 - o Pool support spaces, such as mechanical and electrical rooms.
 - o There are multiple constraints with the terrain, utilities and road.
- Capacity of swimmers
 - o New addition accommodates ~~40~~ 134 additional occupants
 - o Total building occupancy is 235
- The entry point of the building is to be reconfigured to reduce the cold reception area in the winter and make the building more energy efficient.
- 2 possible schematics were presented but was made clear that we are still in the design phase and some elements can change however must remain in budget.
 - o Option #1
 - There is a new entry point to the building with a reconfigured reception area.
 - Kiddie pool addition is one body of water, with three separating features
 - Zero entry for toddlers with a maximum depth of 18in
 - Kiddie pool with a maximum depth of 3.5ft
 - Lazy River with a maximum depth of 3.5ft
 - 3 family restrooms/changing rooms
 - o At this point; some or all may be plumbed
 - o Option #2
 - Contains the same features in option one but is reconfigured slightly in regard to:
 - Entry to Kiddie pool deck
 - Location of family restrooms/changing rooms
 - Location of storage
- Ideas of pool features were presented

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- Schematic of the water slide was presented
 - o Chute would travel outside and back into the building
 - o Chute would be insulated and semi-translucent.
 - o Bigger kids could use this slide; it is not restricted to only small children.
- Inside and outside of the building has ample opportunity for Art in Public Places

Kiddie Pool Q&A:

- 1) Will furniture be present?
 - a. There is some space for seating. There are benches in the schematic. There is not space for lounge chairs.
 - b. *Public comment to this response:* "Benches are not optimal when watching toddlers play".
- 2) Why can't we have 2 slides?
 - a. Two slides don't fit within the budget
- 3) From a safety perspective, what happens if a kid gets scared or stuck?
 - a. This is a lifeguard issue.
 - b. Is a kid gets "stuck" it is most likely intentional (bracing arms and feet against the sides)
- 4) What about a clear tube?
 - a. They haven't seen a clear tube option.
 - b. Given that the chutes are insulated, chutes are semi-translucent and have multiple color options.
- 5) How long is the Lazy River?
 - a. 80ft long with a slow current
- 6) Are swim lessons moving?
 - a. Not necessarily. But this addition space provides additional options for space and additional classes
- 7) What is the minimum height requirement for the use water slide?
 - a. 44 inches
- 8) What are the age groups that can use this?
 - a. The space is indented for multigenerational use
 - b. Zero Entry – toddlers (2yrs – 10yrs)
 - c. Kiddie Pool – Kids & Teenagers (10yrs – 18yrs)
 - d. Lazy River – most ages (10yrs – 99yrs)
 - e. Water Slide – most ages, over 44 inches tall
- 9) Will lifeguards be on duty for this area?
 - a. Yes
- 10) Can the west wall be moved to create a larger pool area?
 - a. No, there is a sewer line

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- 11) How high is the wall that divides the Zero Entry area from the Kiddie pool?
 - a. The wall doesn't necessary divide the pool
 - b. Actual height and material haven't been determined yet.
 - c. Safety users will be taken into account.
- 12) What will be the annual cost to operate?
 - a. Los Alamos County doesn't know yet
- 13) Will there be an extra cost to use the facility?
 - a. Los Alamos County needs to determine this
- 14) Will there be a party room, or a space for parents to use for multi-purpose?
 - a. Nothing additional; there is an existing party room at the Aquatic Center.
 - b. Other spaces, such as "circulation area" is designed with expectations of multi-purpose.
- 15) Will "potty accidents" shut down the new pool?
 - a. It depends on the type of accident. But, if. Major accident, it could shut down the new pool area.
- 16) Is a balcony possible off the side of the new pool area?
 - a. No, there is an existing manhole, for which nothing can be over it.
 - b. Also, a budget constraint.
- 17) What are the Family Changing room sizes?
 - a. 8ft x 9ft
 - b. May have a shower and bench
 - c. There may be unplumbed rooms
 - i. *Public comment response:* The rooms should be larger, and all should have plumbing

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Pinon Park Splash Pad

- A 14-page presentation was given by Surroundings
- Discussed the projected timeline of entire project; estimated completion date of June 2020.
- Budget for this project is \$750,000. Which includes construction, fixtures, inspections, etc.
- Discussed that their starting point for this project can from the “Master Plan” from the County.
- Discussed that there are possibilities to add various features, depending on costs and input from the community.
- The company discussed that there are two theme possibilities for the Splash Pad. Asked for attendees and residents to vote for a theme, so that they have a design path forward.
 - o Science
 - o Nature
- They also had several interactive boards at the meeting, where attendees could vote for features and themes that they liked.
 - o They would like the community to pick out what they like from theme to features for the Splash Pad.
- Overall schematic design would feature:
 - o 9-15 Fixtures are possible for the size of the Splash Pad.
 - Features could be utilized and played with by all ages
 - Including “playful dads”
 - Fixtures have various elements
 - Anticipation & run-through elements were mentioned
 - Fixtures have age group uses/activities
 - “little kid fun” (2yrs – 5yrs)
 - “big kid fun” (5yrs -12yrs)
 - o Trees with benches
 - o Shade structure with tables
 - o Changing rooms
 - o A lawn area
- The Splash Pad would have no depth; it is a flat surface with a drain in the middle.
- Foam flooring is a possibility; for a safety aspect.
 - o Flooring can come in a wide range of color
- Art in Public Places is a component of the project
- At this current time in the design phase, all features and layout are movable.
- The company stated that they would like to have input from the community when they start looking at materials to use at the splash pad
 - o i.e.: tables, chairs, trashcans, etc.
- The water system is currently being researched. They & Los Alamos County want to keep in mind the operational and maintenance costs.

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Splash Pad Q&A:

- 1) Why have trees, why not an awning? Leaves are maintenance
 - a. It is an option we can look into. However, Trees are less expensive to install than a commercial use awning which require posts, and some infrastructure to keep them up.
- 2) Is it vandal proof?
 - a. The features are strong, durable features. Much like a playground.
 - b. Los Alamos County would have to address a pro-active approach.
- 3) Would/can this be winterized?
 - a. Yes
- 4) Is there concern about mud from the lawn?
 - a. No; there is a "buffer/dry" area zone between the splash pad and the lawn
- 5) Will there be a set of hours of operation?
 - a. Yes, Los Alamos County will need to establish.
- 6) Can the square footage be expanded & can there be barriers from big & little kids?
 - a. The square footage can be changed
 - b. Barriers can be incorporated into the design to detour older kids.
- 7) What is the occupancy?
 - a. 25 kids
- 8) Can the lawn size be reduced to have a bigger splash pad with more features?
 - a. It can.
- 9) Can we have artificial turf?
 - a. No; the technology isn't advanced enough to keep a cool temperature.
- 10) What are the relative costs of feature differences?
 - a. Don't know the exact, but estimated: \$60,000-\$70,000
- 11) Can dogs play in this?
 - a. It depends of the type of water system is used for the splash pad
 - b. If not allowed; it would have to be "self-policed"

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Golf Course

- A 11-page presentation was given by Irrigation Services & MRWM Landscape Architects.
- Discussed the projected timeline of entire project; estimated completion date of November 2020.
- Budget for this project is \$2.6million. Which includes construction, fixtures, inspections, etc.
- The current watering system at the Golf Course is only 61% efficient.
- Discussed the overall water savings would be 23% with the new system.
 - o The current system at the Golf Course was installed in the 1960's and is not automated.
- The new system will be able to have/do:
 - o Have 1,500 eclectic-valve in-head golf sprinklers
 - Allowing them to operate individually for precision control
 - o Edge-to-edge spray irrigation, covering 79 acres of turf
 - o Would be a computer-controlled system
 - o Quick couplers will be located at greens and tees for easy access for hoses when needed
- Some things that are not in the current project, but possible additions if there is room in the budget:
 - o Tee Boxes
 - o Bunker
 - o Safety Netting

Golf Course Q&A:

- 1) Will all 18 holes be playable?
 - a. No; 9 holes will be affected in each phase
 - i. 9 holes beginning March 2020
 - ii. 9 holes beginning August 2020
 - b. With the exception of July when there is a construction break. All 18 holes will be playable during that month.
- 2) Can we get rid of some grass to save water?
 - a. 100% of the water used on the golf course is reclaimed
 - b. Turf reductions will only be considered if necessary.
- 3) Are we replacing the turf?
 - a. No; This project is for irrigation only.