

**DeKalb Park District  
Board Workshop  
February 4, 2013**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joan Berkes Hanson, Commissioners Dave Mason, Mike Teboda and Phil Young. Commissioner Mario Fontana was not present.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Director Cindy Capek, Asst. Directors Brad Garrison and Lisa Small, Scott deOliveira, Josephine Knoble and Mike Mascal.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug Holzrichter of PHN Architects, Gary Pingel, Karen Mason, Bessie Chronopoulos, Dag Grada, Don Irving, and Bryant Irving.

**I. Workshop Called to Order**

President Joan Berkes Hanson called the February 4, 2013 workshop to order at 1:00 p.m.

**II. Discussion of Hopkins Pool Planning**

Director Capek began the meeting with an introduction of new KSRA Executive Director Julie Eggleston. She highlighted Eggleston's career accomplishments and Eggleston was welcomed by the Board and staff.

President Hanson reviewed the chronology of discussion regarding the replacement of the Hopkins Aquatic Center to date.

Doug Holzrichter of PHN Architects presented a diagram of the existing aquatic facility at Hopkins and stated that the current main pool was 50 meters long and 25 yards wide. He then explained that the four main features of the concept plans were lap lanes, zero-depth entry ramp, diving well, and water slides.

Holzrichter noted that the current main pool accommodated approximately 800 bathers, but that the entire facility including the wading pool, diving pool and decks, could accommodate approximately 1,400 people. According to Director Capek, the 2012 attendance of the facility was less than 500 people per day for approximately two thirds of the season.

There was a general feeling among the park board members that a new facility should be larger than the originally proposed 800 bather load plan.

Holzrichter presented three concept layouts with Option 1 as a 900 bather capacity, Option 2 as a 1,000 bather capacity, and Option 3 as a 1,100 bather capacity. The layouts each included lap lanes and a plunge area for water slides in the main pool.

The proposed concept plans have similar features such as a reconfiguration of the facility entry area, an expanded parking lot, new diving well and new concessions/pool mechanical building. He explained that the size of the locker rooms is mandated by the pool code of the Department of Public Health.

Commissioner Teboda asked about the 2' 6" shallow area and if it was a zero depth walk-in. Holzrichter replied that it was not zero-depth. Commissioner Teboda raised a concern about patrons jumping into water that was only 2 ½ feet deep.

Commissioner Young asked if there would be adequate parking in the North lot to accommodate for the pool and the playground given the reconfiguration of the entry point.

Commissioner Mason asked if there would be a savings in the long run to refurbish the current pool. It was a consensus that the more economically feasible plan was to build a new pool.

Staff offered comments regarding attendance, crowding, and use of the diving well and slides.

Asst. Director Small presented a cash flow budget showing how the inflows and outflows of the pool project would impact the current capital project's 5-year plan.

Commissioner Teboda asked how would the figures presented change if the project would be increased to \$6.4 million. Small stated that she would calculate the bond payment schedule for \$6.4 million.

Asst. Director Garrison inquired about the cost of each amenity, such as the water slide. Figures were available for the major components of the project.

### **III. Adjourn Workshop**

The February 4, 2013 board workshop ended at 3:00 p.m.