



Date: September 8, 2009
Project: Rainier Beach Community Center & Pool
Subject: PAT Meeting #1

In Attendance:

- Alan Abe – PAT
- Leika Suzumura – PAT
- Vic Roberson – PAT
- James Luster – PAT
- Jibril Hassen – PAT
- Yvette Moy – PAT
- Justina Guyott – PAT
- Sam Gaytan – PAT
- David Sauvion – PAT
- Paula Johnson – PAT
- Martha Winther – Seattle Parks, Rainier Beach Manager
- David Graves – Seattle Parks, Project Manager
- Maureen O'Neill – Seattle Parks, South CC Manager
- Barbara Marsh – Seattle Parks, Rainier Beach Pool Manager
- Stan Lokting – ARC Architects, Project Architect
- Emily Wheeler – ARC Architects, Project Manager

E-mailed to:

- David Graves
- Maureen O'Neill

Overview:

David Graves reviewed the role of the PAT and we all introduced ourselves.

Stan Lokting gave an overview of the project design team and reviewed the work completed so far including the June 9 public meeting, eco-charrette, and owner design team meetings. Stan showed some early design plans that were explored, and a brief summary of the community outreach meetings that were attended by Parks and ARC.

Justina suggested that meeting notes and project information be provided to PAT members via email or mail. David G. agreed.

Justina suggested that there be a project binder available at RBCC for public viewing of the latest meeting notes and project information. It should include names of the PAT members and phone numbers and /or email addresses of those who don't mind being contacted. David G. agreed.

It was suggested to add Gym images to activity board.

Finance Discussion

It was clarified that the Associated Recreation Council collects program fees and then pays Parks a percentage. However, pool fees go directly to the city.

It was discussed that the new pool has the potential to set a new standard for Parks fee structure for pools.

Alan encouraged Parks to look at possible revenue income for the facility. Alan also suggested to possibly partner with Rainier Valley Fitness.

The Atlantic Street Center was noted as a current tenant. Maureen reported that ASC has decided not to be a part of the new facility.

Yvette asked about funds from light rail for neighborhood improvements. David G. said he would look into this funding source.

3 Designs Discussed

A – Gym at Park and Multi-Purpose (MP) at north and Leisure pool at south

B – Gym at Street and MP at east and Leisure pool at south

C – Gym at Park and both pools at south

Stan reviewed the important design issues in each of the 3 options shown. All plans show parking to the north with Plan C showing a turn around / drop off area.

General Comments

- Vic said he likes the view into active spaces
- There were safety concerns about visibility into the pools from the exterior, e.g., one person looking for another from outside the building
- Need to limb up the trees along Rainier Avenue so one can see into the Center
- Justina said she would like to see a better connection to the playfields to the NW. Others agreed.
- David gave an update on the budget & property line issues and discussion w/school.
- Alan asked about connections & possible purchase of property across the street.

Program Comments

- Yvette asked about the potential for a diving team at RBCC. Yvette said there is interest in a 3m diving board and diving well
- Rock climbing wall was mentioned, visible from outside
- Martha said there needs to have enough space in the front lobby when programs end and lots of people are coming in and others are leaving
- Lobby should include space for the kids to put there stuff
- More bike rack locations, visible from inside
- Sam expressed concern that the hallway may be too narrow
- Justina suggested there should be benches along the hallway
- Sam said there are too many 90 degree corners- design a simple structure (Dome)
- Where is the sauna?

Plaza and Site Design Comments

- Vic said the plaza is a bit dysfunctional now
- Ease of landscape maintenance: lawn is easy; maybe ok to go brown
- Maureen said that the new school is going to have a vegetable garden
- Kids will use plaza if connection to the community center is better

- Improve the plaza with lighting, landscaping and warmer, activity
- Activate the Plaza. We discussed that the terrace outside of the pool area could be a stage.
- Jibril said he prefers benches and hardscapes with plants
- Exterior basketball court/ recommended
- Make the connection to the fields more direct.

Plan A Comments

- Outdoor Movie Night on Gym or Plaza wall – like a drive in

Plan B Comments

- Option B- MP does not connect to parking lot for catering

Plan C Comments

- Vic suggested an interior courtyard option.
- Further discussion resulted in ARC looking at moving the Gym and other uses towards the street, which resulted in additional outdoor area to the west.
- Lieka likes both pools opening up to the South for natural light
- ARC will make revisions to Plan C based on this discussion for the Public meeting on September 15, 2009.

Design Commission meeting is September 17th at 2pm.

- Justina asked about “Design Commission.” David explained the process. Justina asked about interest in requesting DC to visit site and have meeting.

HVAC comments

- Sam requested the design team to make sure the HVAC is accessible for cleaning
- Discussed heating design – possible radiant heated floors at locker rooms

Tuesdays are good for most for future meetings.

Public Meeting: September 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm

Next PAT Meeting: October 20, 2009 at 6:30pm

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