

NORTHSHORE PRSA
Public Meeting #1
7:00 p.m., September 10, 2003
Northshore Senior Center

Summary of Responses from Feedback Sheets

Total = 23 responses [Note: *not everyone present provided feedback on the sheet handed out at the meeting*]

The following is a summary of the responses received at the September 10 public meeting. Additional input is being collected from letters and emails through the web site. This will be compiled separately.

City/Unincorporated:

Number	City
6	Bothell
7	Kenmore
1	Woodinville
4	Uninc. King County
3	Uninc. Snohomish County
1	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swim coach at Inglemoor• Employed at Northshore Pool
1	No answer

Zip:

7	98011
1	98012
7	98028
1	98034
3	98072
1	98077
1	98296
2	No answer

What are the unmet aquatic needs of citizens in the PRSA¹?

2	Don't know
4	Warm water pool; therapeutic pool
1	Children's pool
1	Competitive swimming
3	Lap/exercise combo
1	Water polo
1	Facilities that allow for 0° entry.
1	Spring board diving; US diving
1	Rec facilities
2	Total age facility
1	Communication from staff of existing pool; signage announcements. PSAs, etc., to encourage usage.
1	Fun, not just lanes to swim in
1	Not many except schedule conflict when one or the other closes for various reasons
1	People in some neighborhoods may not have a pool nearby.
	Not enough hours
1	Constantly changing cost, hours; prevents long-term contracts with private groups
	Not enough pool time for organized swim teams and others
1	All needs are being met
3	50-m competitive training pool (8 lanes)
1	All types of aquatic activities
1	Facilities are aging
1	Consistent covered pool facility with deep water (11-ft +) available to multi-schedule (school, teams, recreational)
2	No answer

¹ Respondents may have provided more than one answer.

What do you think are the most important aquatic needs?

3	Pools for school sports programs
3	Keeping pools open and warm water/therapeutic pools
7	Multiple use facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's pool/lap-exercise combo & water polo pool that covers their costs • Simultaneous access in different portions of the facility for different users • A facility that allows flexibility in its programming, could be used by competitive teams but also for swim lesson programming. • A centrally located pool with access for all ages and income groups • Safety, location, cost, multi-purpose • Something for all ages and needs and family • Water slides, fountains, zero entry, competitive swimming
2	Fitness, lap swimming
2	Affordable prices for all situations
1	Disabled packages
1	Place to move and practice. Treatment is warm water.
1	Proper staffing and programs that people want, need and use
1	Convenient, neighborhood pools, where children can learn to swim, adults can stay fit, and people can't do weight-bearing exercise can have the option to swim.
1	Learn to swim programs
1	Encourage citizen health & fitness
2	50-m competitive pool; lots of teams from Snohomish to Bellevue will be willing to pay and come to rain it in.
1	Indoor multi-lane facility with dive tank; deep water pool (Olympic size) for synchronized swim access.
1	Safety
2	No answer

Do the existing pools in the PRSA meet your needs?

6	Yes
8	No
8	<p>Additional comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, but my needs are minimal • Being a high school coach, we struggle with getting enough practice time. Currently we have three teams practicing at the same site with each having one hour. • Yes, Northshore Pool • I swim at Juanita School pool, but as other pools close, Juanita becomes more crowded and not desirable. • I usually swim at Juanita HS, only 1.5 miles from home. As a teacher, I don't have to pay. Have used St. Edward pool; it's OK. • Barely. • Yes, with more hours • No, too expensive • Barely; currently using Carol Ann Wold
1	No answer

Would you support renovating the existing pools?

8	Yes
1	No
1	To what extent? For maintenance, yes
5	Maybe
8	<p>Other comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, because the costs to renovate seem to be excessive. • If necessary to keep costs down • As needed • Yes, if cost-effective • Sorenson for community access and warmer water • Yes, as a temporary for during new construction • Only if that is the only option. • If there is enough room for additional pools and parking • Yes, but would prefer starting over
1	No answer

Would you support bond financing to construct a new facility?

9	Yes
4	No
4	Depends on what and where
1	Within reason
1	I would support it but I don't live in the area that would be taxed.
1	Only if existing pools cannot be economically renovated.
1	For renovation, yes; for new facility, no. However, "L" 50-m at St. Edward might be worth looking into.
1	Probably
1	Yes, if it includes therapy pool

If a new facility were built, how often would you use it?

1	Not sure
2	Daily, 2-4 hours/day, 6 days/week
1	Occasionally
2	4 days/week
2	3-4 times/month for lap swims, about an hour per visit
2	Weekly
5	Depends on location, hours and cost
1	Every day during the high school season
1	All the time, if hired
1	Many times a year
1	I'd take up ditch digging
1	Education, research & treatment
	Very often; my daughters are on swim teams and we would also come to use the recreation features
2	No answer

What others would benefit from a new facility¹?

6	Seniors
2	Disabled
1	School competitive
1	Recreation
2	Babies/Toddlers
1	Kids not on swim teams
1	Those who don't know about existing pools
1	Community
1	Companies that provide training for recreational scuba divers (this might be a source of revenue).
1	Commercial sport scuba diving and kayak instruction
1	Water polo teams
1	There is only one 50-m pool in the greater Seattle area. Many swim teams would love to have another one; teams from Mill Creek to Bellevue will come to train in it.
	Therapy, race, dives, swim lessons, synchro, swim team, recreational
1	Everyone
1	Who is left to afford it?
1	Several small facilities would work better than a large one.
8	No answer

If there is a new facility, where should it be located?

1	Centrally located south Bothell/Kenmore
1	Easily accessible for Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville
1	North end of the lake (Kenmore)
2	Downtown Bothell
1	Land near Seattle Times/Home Depot or Gold Creek Athletic Club; near other recreation facilities
1	Where there is inexpensive land that allows project to be completed at the lowest cost
1	Near an open space or park
2	Where it's accessible to as many people as possible.
1	There is no location readily available, is there?
1	Mill Creek?
1	Near 522, central to Woodinville, Bothell & Kenmore
1	Woodinville around Sorenson Pool or near Bastyr Campus
2	Near public transportation; central location would be nice.
1	St. Edward Park
1	Make it a free market, private enterprise project
1	Brightwater site
	Multiple sites: Kenmore/Bothell; Woodinville; Regional @ St. Edward Pool
3	No answer

Other comments:

- The pool needs to be indoor to allow year-round use.
- In this economic environment, I think very few people would favor a bond issue for a new facility – or a raise in taxes to support one.
- Possible other pool to look at is Yost Pool (outdoor) in Edmonds, WA. 25 yards on 25m, with diving at one end, and Lynwood Pool (diagrams provided). Lynwood has a removable roof that is taken off during the summer.
- Locate near Kenmore Air or near Food Giant
- Parking garages
- My background is health and phys ed. Would like to be on the committee to help².
- Start meetings on the announced time regardless of how many there are.
- Don't give us a sales job; the range of options was too long. We get the picture!

² JoLynne Leitzel-Abbe

- Think of the PRSA catchment area so your stats in Colorado may not be the same as here.
- Location is a primary concern. Recommend renovation at present sites.
- King County Active Sports and Youth Recreation Commission has looked at pools with multiple uses. Consider pairing pool with skating rink for energy conservation.
- With appropriate staffing and maintenance, existing facilities could serve easily , and additional users of many hundreds
- It is apparent that these pool architects want to build for us a brand-new EXPENSIVE facility, but I don't think that is what we need.
- I have NO interest in a wile-waves style play area, water park, or leisure pool
- Minimize operating costs
- Avoid "tax and spend" politics looking for glory
- What about YMCA or other for-profit commercial gyms?
- Excessive user fees discourage use (\$2 max per visit)
- Property tax burden is excessive.
- Kiddie play toys might get kids interested in swimming
- A well-designed motivational program will get kids to want to swim.
- Have me present this concept as a therapist and teacher of aquatic therapy
- This area needs a 50-m regional level pool with rec facilities (example: Boise YMCA pool) for age group/masters swimming and HS swimming. Some facility will be able to accommodate swim lessons and senior therapeutic programs.
- Please take a look at Boise YMCA pool or pools in Victoria BC and Vancouver BC; they all incorporate 50-m competitive pools and recreation pools indoors
- Look into developers' interest
- Find out operating costs
- Hopefully compromises will be made to meet needs of all ages and level of swimmers