



Memo

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Carrie Monforte
Date: 5/13/2023
Re: Comprehensive Plan Programs

South Whidbey Aquatic Center

- The contract with the Department of Commerce has been fully executed, which means that, given a few more minor steps, we will now be able to request reimbursement for Aquatic Center Design expenses.
- Matt reports that Representative Paul's office has indicated that the Department of Commerce grant funds will be reappropriated effective 7/1/2023 to push the end date to June 2025. The original grant end date was 6/30/23.
- ARC Architects report that the topographic survey will be ready early next week and will be dial in how the options sit on the site and engage site related consultants (landscape and civil).
- The company that ARC Architects was pursuing for the Geotechnical Survey and Hydrology Survey has not panned out due to liability insurance requirements. ARC plans to reach out to geotechs they work with regularly to see if they might work with us for the same rate as previously quoted.
- The Joint Aquatics Center Committee met with ARC Architects this week and viewed 3 designs in for feedback. I emailed the designs on 05/12/23 to commissioners due to large file size. The design boards are set up in the Conference Room, feel free to stop by and view them during our office hours or contact me to set up a time to get access to the room. It's exciting to see the possibilities!
- Matt will review the sketches, provide an update on the progress of the Aquatic Center Design process, and address the Foundation's fundraising plan.

Grant Applications & Project Funding

Overall Grant Application Status

The RCO Funding Board meeting is scheduled for June 27-28 and remote attendance is available. Below is the current status of grant applications. “Funding Range” means that it is likely to be awarded. “Not in Funding Range” means that it’s very unlikely to be awarded. “First Alternate” means that it is next on the list and highly likely to receive funds. The grants require Certification of Matching Funds, due last week, where we certify where the rest of the funds are going to come from – donations, District resources, and matching grants. All of the grant applications relied on another matching grant.

SW Sports Complex-Pickleball Courts	YAF	Funding Range
SW Sports Complex-Pickleball Courts	WWRP	First alternate - likely to receive funds
SW Sports Complex-Artificial Turf Field	YAF	Funding Range
SW Sports Complex-Artificial Turf Field	WWRP	Not in funding range
SW Community Park-Outdoor Amphitheater	WWRP	Not in funding range

Note: A matching grant application for SW Community Park Amphitheater with LWCF is on a different timeline, and will not be funded.

Outdoor Pickleball Courts

As noted above, the Pickleball Court project looks like it’s highly likely to be fully funded. This is great news! Allison, the grant manager, indicated that the WWRP funding may come along slower, but is likely to still come. We submitted the Match Certification anticipating being fully funded and the pledged funds from the Pickleball Community will be collected by the South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation.

Amphitheater – Discussion/Decision

The Amphitheater is unlikely to be funded. However, if we choose to hedge our bets and certify that we will have our match, it will require the board to certify where the matching funds would come from. We would need to certify that we have these funds available:

- \$15,000 Rotary Donation
- \$30,000 Donated Services by FlatRock for Design
- \$6,000 of District Equipment Use
- \$15,000 District Payroll
- \$215,000 Would need to be committed from some other source, such as our own funds, since the original match request used a LWCF grant, which will not be funded. This would be a board decision, to locate additional funds.

Turf Field – Discussion

The YAF Turf Field grant is likely to be funded (\$350,000), but it relies on certifying that we have other matching funds secured, including grants that have not come to fruition, a total of \$3,237,420, including the District’s own resources. We requested an extension to certify to buy time for other resources to come through, but it was not granted.

Matt will discuss the capital budget appropriation further.