

Long Bridge Park County Board Work Session

Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee Report Summary

April 12, 2016

The LBPAC sought to:

- Reassess the community need and support for an aquatics & fitness facility at Long Bridge Park.
- Prioritize key program and other facility elements to fit within the capital budget already approved by Arlington's voters.
- Examine issues relating to facility operating costs and compare to other existing Arlington pools/recreation facilities and similar facilities elsewhere.
- Assess the possible role of partnerships and sponsorships in supplementing county capital and/or operating costs.



LBPAC Key Findings

- Previously identified need for additional aquatics & fitness resources continues to exist and may have grown.
- Community support for an aquatics and fitness facility at Long Bridge Park is strong.
- Highest program priorities:
 - 50 meter pool
 - Recreation/leisure pool
 - Fitness space/exercise equipment
- Next program priorities:
 - 10-meter diving tower
 - Warm-water therapy pool
- Other design interests:
 - Energy efficiency/sustainable design
 - Functional, but not extravagant, architecture
- Enthusiasm for, and usage of, the current Long Bridge Park is high



LBPAC - General Recommendations

- 1. Proceed to the first stages of design of a Long Bridge Park aquatics, health & fitness facility that fits within existing funding constraints.**
- 2. This facility should be designed as a community facility to meet identified community aquatics, fitness and recreational needs.**



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Prince George 's Sport & Learning Complex

3. As core program elements, include:
 - a) a 50-meter pool;
 - b) a multi-purpose pool for instruction, leisure & family use;
 - c) a significant space for fitness equipment and activities.
4. Therapy pool and 10-meter diving should be contingent upon budget or a partnership/sponsorship agreement.
5. Seek high-quality architecture and finishes at a reasonable cost.
6. Incorporate sustainable design & energy-efficient systems, planned concurrently.



North Arundel Aquatic Center

7. Effectively manage costs:

- a) Conduct thorough cost-benefit analyses of project options.
- b) Use proven construction delivery methods other than design/bid/build.
- c) Fairly evaluate operating costs and net tax support.
- d) Develop a clear business plan for the facility.



8. Explore partnership and sponsorship opportunities fully, without further delays.

9. Determine whether significant savings could be gained by decoupling the aquatics facility from the multi-program activity center (MAC) previously planned for phase 4.

LBPAC - Additional Recommendations

10. Proceed with two other key Long Bridge park elements:
 - a) Include in the CIP out-year funds for design and construction of the planned fourth field.
 - b) Actively pursue important trail extensions and connections.

11. County communications about Phase 2 must provide complete and up-to-date information.

