

Pelican Rapids Pool Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 27th, 2019, 5:00 pm

Kate Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Those in attendance were Kate Martinez, Jackie Larson, Amy King, Brian Olsen, Irina Arntson, and Don Solga.

The committee opened by watching a video created by CJ Holl and the Pelican Rapids Pool Pals in approximately 2016. The video was designed as a public information tool to showcase our current pool and some of the issues the current pool is facing.

The current pool structure was discussed. It was built in 1978 mostly through volunteer labor. The pool has an estimated lifespan of 35-45 years.

Don gave a brief history of the previous pool committee that was known as the Pelican Rapids Pool Pals. Design Intent Architects of Fergus Falls was contracted in 2012 to do a study of our current swimming pool and to develop options for the city to look at constructing. There were two public input meetings held at that time. It was decided by the committee that Option B3 was the best design for the city at that time. The committee was then working with West Central Initiative out of Fergus Falls to begin fundraising efforts however when the committee couldn't come up with enough potential donor names the group eventually disbanded without beginning any fundraising efforts. West Central Initiative no longer offers that service.

Brian walked the committee through the proposal drawn up by Design Intent in 2012 and discussed which amenities were included at the time.

Operating budgets for the current city pool were discussed as well as for the proposed new pool structure (using the operating budget numbers from the 2012 proposal). The current city operating budget of our pool is \$50,000 a year. The option explored has an operating budget of \$121,000 a year. This design had been approved by the city council at that time.

To move forward, the committee decided on action items before the next meeting:

- Contact Design Intent Architects to determine a cost to update the B3 proposal with current numbers and a breakdown of the cost of included amenities (Brian)
- Go before the city council to be officially recognized as a city committee (Kate) and also ask for funding to update the B3 design from Design Intent Architects
- Research potential fundraising help (Irina)
- Research potential grant opportunities (Kate and Amy)

At the next meeting the committee would like to start defining roles of committee members including secretary, marketing/Facebook page, etc.

Meeting concluded at 6:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by acting secretary, Amy King.

