



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 17, 2008
TO: Par and Recreation Commission
FROM: Aquatic Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: **ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**

Committee Members

Aaron Goldschmidt	Committee Chair, Member at large
Jane Cairns	Vice Chair, Santa Barbara Swim Club–Masters representative
Cathey Wilkins	Secretary, Member at large
Greg Christman	Santa Barbara Swim Club – Age Group representative
Vacant	Santa Barbara City College representative
Vacant	American Red Cross, Water Safety Specialist, Member at large
Ed Edick	Member at large
Ada Conner	Recreation Commission Liaison
Judith Cook	Division Liaison
Rich Hanna	Aquatic Section Liaison

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

The membership follows the regular process through appointment by the Park and Recreation Commission interviews. Members hold two-year terms. The Committee is scheduled to meet bi-monthly every second Friday, and hold special meetings on an as needed basis. Meetings include review of programs, feasibility committee updates, special events, fees and charges, capital projects, and any other related items

Member Representation

The Committee is comprised of four at large community members, two City of Santa Barbara representatives, one Park and Recreation Commission liaison, and three additional members including, the Santa Barbara Swim Club - Age Group, Santa Barbara Swim Club – Masters, and Santa Barbara City College

Committee Projects/Activities

- The Committee provided guidance to Aquatic staff regarding the Los Baños deep end wall replacement and re-plaster project scheduled for summer 2008.

- The Committee accepted community input regarding the increase to Aquatic program fees and charges and the proposed changes to the Resident Discount program. After zero community input the Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY 09 fees and charges, and the change in fee differential for the Resident Discount program.
- The Committee continued to discuss in length the development of additional pool space for the community and provided support for the Santa Barbara Swim Club conceptual pool proposal. Members of the committee were invited to participate in a conceptual pool presentation provided from the Parks and Recreation Department to Santa Barbara Swim Club, and Santa Barbara City College representatives.

Recommendations/Concerns

- The Committee is requesting to change the current meeting schedule from every other month to quarterly because of the lack of new projects and community participation at each meeting. The quarterly meeting schedule would be set to coincide with budget and report deadlines, and special meetings would be conducted if needed.
- The Committee will support the Aquatic Section in achieving the proposed objectives for Fiscal - Year 2009.
- The Committee will continue to represent the community regarding issues related to budget or programming.
- The Committee will support Aquatic Staff and the Parks and Recreation Department regarding proposals for increased pool space in the community.