Swimming Pool FAQ

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

- April 29 - 6 p.m. - Black River Beach House
- May 7 - 6 p.m. - South Side Neighborhood Center
- May 13 - 12 p.m. (Virtual)
- May 19 - 6 p.m. (In-person) - Logan MS (exact location TBD; waiting to hear back)
- May 20 - 12 p.m. (Virtual)

CURRENT STATUS

Why is this idea coming forward?

- Our community's Northside aquatic facilities have reached a tipping point, as existing pools are either closed, or functionally insufficient. The City Northside community pool is currently closed due to a lack of funding and concerns about costs for essential repairs, while the school district's pool is aging and does not meet competitive standards. These current structures simply do not meet the community's needs. This decline has left residents with extremely limited access to the swimming opportunities for year-round recreation, safety instruction, fitness and competition.

Why is an indoor pool needed?

- A community assessment conducted by the City showed an increased need for indoor pool space. The City and the YMCA indicate far more demand for indoor pool time than our community can meet currently. The School District's indoor pool is aging and insufficient for competition. An indoor pool that has both a recreational pool and a competitive pool will meet the needs of our community.

What is the condition of the Logan High School pool?

- The Logan High School pool is aging and does not meet the standards for competition. The pool is the wrong length and the wrong depth for competition. A recent assessment found that $1.5M were necessary just to bring it up to current code without making the pool useful for competition.

What is the condition of the North Side Community Pool?

- The North Side Community pool has significant maintenance needs. The pool building is in need of a new roof. The pool liner needs a full replacement as cracking leads to water loss and creates unstable pool chemistry. The mechanical system is original and in need of upgrades before potential failure and lower annual maintenance costs. A complete gutter replacement is needed and the plumbing is in need of substantial upgrade.

Will a new indoor pool improve access to swimming lessons?

- Currently, there is not enough pool time for swimming lessons in the City. An indoor pool that is available year round will provide greater access to swimming lessons ensuring that kids are able to swim safely in our community that is surrounded by water.

POOL FEATURES

What features will the proposed indoor pool have?

- The proposed indoor pool would have a recreational pool with zero depth entry and features suitable for children to play in. It would also feature an eight lane competition pool with an appropriate depth for diving. The pool building would have space for locker rooms and bleachers for watching competitive events as well as a small concession and waiting area.

Who will be able to use it?

- The pool will be available for anyone in the City and School Distict to use. It would operate like our current outdoor pools with a small fee for entry and reservations available for various events and private opportunities.

Will I need a YMCA membership?

- A YMCA membership will not be required to use the pool. The indoor pool will be available in a manner similar to the City's current outdoor pools with a small fee for use.

What types of activities will happen at the indoor pool?

- The facility will have a recreational pool for children and youth who are interested in fun activities. The facility will also have an eight lane competitive pool for swimming instruction, swimming practice, competition, therapy, and other water-based activities that require greater depth.

How will access to pool spaces change with an indoor pool?

- With an indoor swimming pool, the community will have access to pool space year round. The current outdoor pools are only available 80 days out of the year if the weather is good. An indoor pool would quadruple the amount of time pool space is available to City and School District residents.

COSTS

How will pool construction be funded?

- The pool will be constructed through a community referendum, if approved. This referendum would apply a levy on residents to fund the pool's construction.

With budgetary constraints, how will operating a new pool be possible?

- Through collaboration between the City and the School District, pool operation can be more efficient and use limited resources more effectively.

Is the City's Capital Improvement budget line item for the North Side Community Pool going to fix the pool?

- While the City has a projected allocation for the repair of the North Side Community Pool, that fix is two years away and the City has not yet committed to spending those funds on the pool project.

How will the costs of operation be funded?

- The City and the School District will collaborate on sharing the costs. The operational costs will flow through City or School District budgets depending on the most efficient process.

How much will it cost to use the pool?

- The fee structure has not yet been determined, but costs will likely be similar to the City outdoor pool.

Can donations or fundraisers be used to offset costs?

- Donations or fundraising can be used to offset costs. It can be time consuming to raise funds or collect donations. To see if there is interest in a more timely solution, a referendum is being proposed for the cost of construction in this survey.

How is the survey being paid for?

- The School District has budgeted for the cost of the community survey. The construction of a new indoor competitive pool will benefit the School District and assisting in the survey is in the District's interest.

COLLABORATION

How do the City and the School District already collaborate?

- The City and the School District collaborate on numerous projects and activities already. Particularly with the Parks and Recreation department we share each others spaces, coordinate summer programming, and find ways to offset costs for each others programs. This history of successful collaboration led us to working together on a pool solution.

How will the YMCA be involved in the operation of the pool?

- We are collaborating with the YMCA on the potential operation of the indoor swimming pool. The YMCA are experts in pool operation and there are many state and national models for municipalities, school districts and YMCAs working together to be more efficient and effective with their resources.

SITE

Why was the current North Side Community Pool chosen as the proposed site?

- The current North Side Community Pool site was chosen because the space available at the current site is better than if it were at another site, like Logan High School. The

chosen site is available City property and the assessment of future needs for the School District make the Logan Middle School site a better choice.

Why not put the new indoor pool at Logan High School?

- The Logan High School site has limited space for a new indoor pool of the proposed size, even if the current high school pool is torn down. The access for the community and the complications of parking with other high school events going on make Logan High School a less attractive site than the current site of the North Side Community Pool.

How will parking be addressed at the proposed site?

- There will be some dedicated parking available on the site as well as coordination with Logan Middle School for use of the adjacent parking lot. Street parking is also available in the neighborhood to address larger events.

What will happen to the Logan High School pool?

- If a new indoor pool were built, the Logan High School pool space would be repurposed. The space could be used for an updated, larger weight room and cardio fitness center to benefit student physical education and athletics programs.

TIMELINE

When will the referendum happen?

- If there is strong community support, and the City Council and School Board approve the measure, the first opportunity to go to referendum is in November, 2026. If there is limited support the referendum may happen at a later time or combination with another project in the future if community support has developed.

When will the pool be built?

- If a referendum were passed, it would take between 18-24 months to design and build.