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## Piedmont Community Pool Workshop 1 Recap

This week, at Veterans Memorial Hall, the City of Piedmont and ELS Architecture and Urban Design began the first of a three-part workshop series gathering community input for the design of the new Piedmont Community Pool. At Workshops #1A & 1B, the community strolled through a gallery walk where they could ask questions, share ideas, and give input. Eight informative boards, displayed throughout the space, were accompanied by ELS staff facilitating an exciting variety of discussion topics.

The Piedmont Community Pool project is funded by bond measure UU and is targeting a final cost of \$21MM. It will be built at 777 Magnolia Ave and will include at least two pools, plus a two-story support building. The state-of-the-art design will meet LEED Silver, WELL v2, and CAL Green Building Code requirements with a goal of eliminating the need for fossil fuels. The design will be completed fourth quarter of 2022; a grand opening is scheduled for summer 2024.

Regarding the two pools: one will focus on a variety of deep-water activities, while the other, a warm water fun pool, will enable family-oriented enjoyment and a range of warm water activities. The community shared an array of programming ideas and voiced a diverse set of needs for particular programming. A consistent thread throughout the community's comments was the importance of the site's multigenerational and cross-cultural uses, which is a clear testament to Piedmont's strong civic culture.

The aim of this first workshop was to collect more information. With upwards of one hundred community members attending, Piedmonters' dreams and aspirations for the center were on full display. By the workshop's conclusion, its final station, a design tree with sticky notes available for thoughts and comments, was covered with a range of ideas.

For this project's next steps, ELS will continue to advance programming and conceptual design. This effort will support the development of a draft program and two to three concept ideas. This work will be ready for presentation, comment, and critique as part of **Piedmont Community Pool Workshop #2, which will be on November 16th from 7-8:30pm**. More information on the two remaining Piedmont Community Pool Workshops can be found at <http://piedmontcommunitypool.eventbrite.com>.

If you missed workshop #1 or if you would like to add additional comments, you can view the design display boards and type your comments in the space provided in this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/piedmontcommunitypoolworkshop1>.

We appreciate our community's readiness to attend these important workshops. Your thoughts are invaluable to this process.