



Piedmont Community,

On December 14th, the City of Piedmont and ELS Architecture and Urban Design facilitated the third and final part of a three-part-series to develop the Concept Design of the Piedmont Community Pool project. The community gathered at Veterans Hall to review the preferred concept based on community and city input throughout the process. A large site plan of the preferred design direction was placed at tables around the room where the community gathered in groups to give their feedback.

The Piedmont Community Pool project is funded by Measure UU. 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 is slated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022; a grand opening is scheduled for summer 2024.

The proposed competitive pool is 25yrd x 27m, allowing 12 lap lanes for 25yrd course swimming and a high school regulation-size water polo course with floating goals. Spectator seating was increased by wrapping concrete seating around two sides this pool. The scoreboard, as well as storage space will be located behind the diving boards.

The proposed design of the fun-water pool is a slight modification of the layout presented during Workshop #2. In this latest version, three 25-yd lap lanes provide space for warm water lap swimming as well as an array of possible programming such as water aerobics, water basketball, aqua yoga, aqua strength, etc. The toddler zone, located at the north end of the fun-water pool, has interactive features for kids. The proposed pool depth goes from a zero-depth beach entry down to 3'6" at the opening to the three lap lanes. Within the lanes, the depth goes from 3'6" down to 4'6" at the northern wall. The stairs into the lap lanes were expanded for further use during swim lessons. In response to Workshop #2 feedback, additional green space was added along the west side of the pool deck, providing more lounge/tables/hangout space. To create additional green space at pool deck level, the existing stair connection to the tennis courts is removed and the large oak tree can be shifted towards the tennis courts. The tree can be at the center of an outdoor terrace that has views of the tennis courts as well as great views of the competition pool.

The proposed two story Piedmont Community Pool building has an L shaped floor plan that nestles into the northeast corner of the site, embracing the pools to the southwest, acknowledging the tennis courts to the north and providing a civic presence to the east and south. The site plan allows for a welcoming plaza at the corner of Magnolia and Bonita. On the ground floor are the lobby, locker rooms, pool mechanical room, offices, family changing rooms, and a party room. On the second floor, three multi-purpose rooms will facilitate various programming needs, along with restrooms and an electrical/mechanical room

A concept design for Hillside Park and the area surrounding the Recreation Building was also unveiled during the workshop. Through a new entry with stairs and ADA accessible ramps, the community can enjoy outdoor picnic tables and a play structure. The development of the park is not included in the Piedmont Community Pool budget; however, it is important to plan for this new connection to the Recreation Building and the possible new park as we develop the concept for the Community Pool.

If you missed Piedmont Community Pool Workshop #3 or if you would like to make additional comments, you can view the above design scheme while contributing to the new programming survey. This survey has a collection of additional possible programming. Please take the time to read about each program and then rank the programs in order of your interest in having that program offered at the new community pool. Remember, fun creative new programming helps draw people of all ages onto the site and there are health benefits through reduced impact on joints when people do strength and aerobics activities in the water. The increase in program participation provides increased revenue to support the operational costs of the facility. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/piedmontcommunitypoolprogramming>.

For this project's next steps, ELS will present to the Pool Advisory Committee (PAC) on January 6, 2022. Should the PAC deem the Concept Design ready for presentation to the City Council, ELS will present the Final Concept Design to City Council on January 18, 2022, for approval and advancement to the schematic design stage. We appreciated our community's willingness to attend and contribute during this three-part workshop series. Your thoughts were invaluable to this process.

Thank you,
The City of Piedmont and the ELS Team