



PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

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The Downtown Aquatic Center is the home of the City's only pool. It opened in 2001 and had all of the original tile and plaster. During its 2 decades of operation the plaster suffered substantial erosion, leading to leaks through the pool's concrete shell into the rebar. Furthermore, the exterior tile had suffered chipping and sun bleaching over its lifespan.

The pool officially closed for renovations on March 16, 2022. It was immediately drained and the work began. All of the original plaster and tile was removed, with some sections requiring additional work to replace the rusted rebar. During the project there were other components completed as well, including the installation of energy efficient LED lighting, the replacement of hardware anchors and escutcheons, the addition of a new hydraulic ADA compliant pool lift, and the replacement of main drain covers, lane lines, and refurbished hand rails. This is the last of several major refurbishments that began in 2014. Since then, the pool has received a new variable speed pump, a new chemical controller, an energy efficient heater, a new pool deck, new exterior doors, new silica filters, and a shade structure. Smaller improvements planned for the future include new thermal pool covers, new deck furniture, replacement drain covers, and updated exterior paint.

The pool officially reopened to the public for adult lap swimming on June 13, with longtime lap swimmers returning bright and early at 6:30 am for their morning workouts. Many lap swimmers commented on the excellent quality of the refurbishment and the aesthetically pleasing color scheme. Summer swimming lessons are scheduled to begin on June 20, with all classes nearly at capacity. Outstanding work by the Public Services Department that served as the lead on the project, with constant coordination between Parks and Public Services staff throughout the duration of the project.