

December 6, 2017

Natatorium Study Meeting

In Attendance:

Bill Oeding - City of Valparaiso

Rob Thorgren – Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission

Matt Murphy – Valparaiso City Council

Rin Seibert – Valparaiso University

Dion Katsorous – Skillman Corporation

Paul Knauff – VCS Board of Directors

Jim Sarkisian, Anna Hearn, Kristin McMurtrey, Leslie McCall– Community Members

Herb Hofer, Mark Hoffman, Nancy Ficken, Adam Nellessen, Pete Sattler– VHS

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Lisa Frankus - VCS

Steve Crocker – Jim Thompson, Mike Rossillo – Gibraltar Design

Jim Thompson explained that the natatorium will be go out for bid in January 2018, the bid opening will be in early spring, construction will start in April and finish in time for October 2019 swim season. Due to more efficient systems of HVAC, LED lighting and new technology, the operational costs of the new natatorium will be nearly equal to our current costs.

Summary Programming

The Summary Programming features were reviewed. VHS can host large invitational and dual swim meets, IHSAA swimming and diving, PE instruction, swim clubs and related competitive swim groups and community related fitness programming. The PE locker room will fit up to 686 box lockers, and can be utilized by the community for after school hours use. Showers are individual with curtains. The swim teams have access to the athletic locker rooms via the pool deck. The athletic locker rooms have up to 62 athletic type lockers with room to add additional lockers as needed. During swim meets and/or community use of the natatorium the high school can be secured. The Aquatic Director’s office has 2 additional workstations and features windows all around for optimum viewing of the pool area. Deck seats are 3 tier aluminum on wheels that can be folded and moved as needed.

Pool Considerations

Two fiberglass bulkheads can be moved as needed to change the pool configuration. A common configuration is to place the bulkheads on either side of the shallow area (in the center) to allow for diving on one end and swimming on the other end of the pool. It takes 2 people approximately 10 minutes to move a bulkhead. The water depth in the learn-to-swim and senior area of the pool is 4’-3” deep, and the area is appropriately sized for PE classes. There are recessed stairs with handrails around the pool, as well as an ADA compliant lift and portable stairs. LED lighting, which does not require frequent replacement, is placed around the perimeter of the pool. A scissor lift is required to change the bulbs. A rinse station will be installed near the locker rooms. Two family washrooms and security cameras will be installed off the pool deck. Spectator seating for 700 is upstairs as well as concessions and a lounge area, and can be accessed by elevator or stairs. There are separate HVAC systems for the pool and spectator area. The use of glass will create an “outdoor feel” and the windows include louvers to prevent glare.

Campus Planning

A 2-way traffic loop will be implemented with event parking access to the Athletic Commons and the Natatorium. There will be an outdoor gathering area for spectators and/or community use with seating areas on the concrete plaza and the lawn area immediately adjacent to the west end of the pool. Gibraltar will meet with VHS representatives to demarcate the pool space so we know the exact number of parking spaces that will remain as we continue plans to design the VHS back fields.