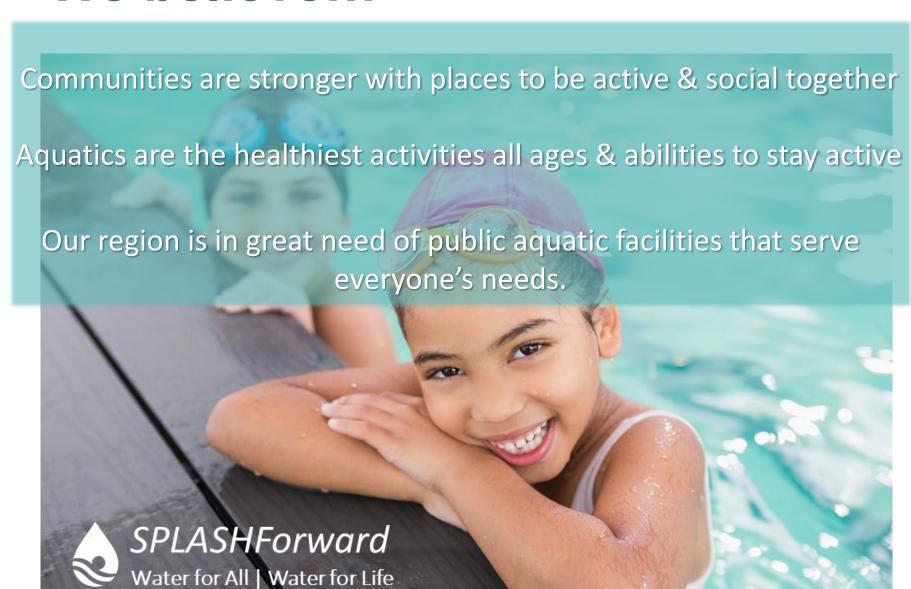


Partnering with our Community to Bring Best In Class Public Aquatics Facilities to our Region

PNS Board – Update & Next Steps

January 4, 2021

We believe...



Update Summary

- Our Mission, Vision & Role
- Project Status & Pivotal Moment
 - Alignment & Momentum
- SF & ISG Report Overview
 - SPLASHForward/ISG Bellevue Health and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study Needs, Opportunities, Program, Design, Management, and Financial Analysis
- Next Steps & Timeline
- Our Call to Action



OUR MISSION, VISION & ROLE



SPLASHForward Mission

SPLASH*Forward*, on behalf of **all ages**, **backgrounds**, and **abilities**, is leading the advocacy efforts to bring a **world-class public** comprehensive aquatics center to the Eastside and satellite facilities to the region. We aim to go **beyond meeting the aquatics and wellness needs** of the community. We envision an **accessible**, culturally and economically **inclusive**, operationally **efficient** and **vibrant hub** built on a **foundation of lasting local partnerships** for many generations to come.

Not just another pool. Our vision includes...

a design-forward, community experience where everyone belongs

a place of pride and equity for our community

a place that **promotes health & wellness** through fitness, aquatics,
and **lifestyle activities and services**

an affordable, accessible, operationally efficient and sustainable facility

SPLASHForward

SPLASHForward Vision

Learn To Swim / Water Safety



Family Fun, Leisure Park







Water Therapy





Competition— 50m (2 x 25m) + Deep Water Pool

Lap Swim, Masters Swim, Triathlon Training



Programming for All Ages & Abilities



















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Bellevue Health and Aquatic Center

- Leisure Pool
- 25Y Warm Program Pool
- Wellness & Therapy Pool
- 50M Competition Pool
- Deep Water Pool

- Cardio / Fitness
- Multi-purpose Rooms
- Party Rooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Local & Regional Meets

Serving all ages and all abilities

A place where you belong



Bellevue Health & Aquatic Center Goals

- Community year-round health & wellness opportunities
- Accessible & affordable Learn to Swim for youth & adults
- Widest range of aquatics programming in region
- Pool space to meet current unmet & future need for lap lanes, community, competitive training & events and aquatic stakeholders & user groups
- Sustainable partnerships for programming that meets and expands access
- Improve annual Cost Recovery reducing operating subsidies
- Reduce long-term capital maintenance & replacement costs
- Drive economic impact & spending through sport tourism
- Support regional aquatics development



Bellevue Health & Aquatic Center Opportunities

- Leisure and recreational components and features to draw families, children, and youth
- 50M training facilities
- Deep water to support water polo, artistic swimming, diving, and recreational deep water needs
- Competitive event facilities to support local and regional events and generate economic impact from sports tourism
- Purpose built warm-water Program and Wellness/Therapy Pools to better serve aquatic programming needs
- Best practice locker rooms and changing room options and access to accommodate current and future needs for safety*, access, inclusion, privacy, equity, and health



SPLASHForward Roles & Objectives



- More Water on Eastside Regional + Satellite Facilities
- Equitable Access for All Ages, Abilities & Backgrounds
- Build Awareness to Showcase Community Needs & Benefits
- Educate Operational Sustainable Revenue Model is Achievable



- Thought Leader Best In Class, Operational Sustainability,
 Programming Model, Financial Model, Economic Impact, Partnerships
- Bring Stakeholder Voices to the Table
- Bellevue School District Partnership & Programming Advocate
- Foster Partnerships w/ Local Business, Foundations, Institutions
- Develop Regional Partnerships



- Identify Private Fundraising Sources and Target
- Capital & Programming Funding Through Local, Regional, State and National Sources

PROJECT STATUS & PIVOTAL MOMENT

Timeline

City of Bellevue, BSD, KC Regional Aquatics & SPLASHForward milestones COVID-19 **Impact SPLASH***Forward* 501(c)(3) **SF Fundraising** SPLASHForward & ISG Feasibility Study & Strategic Analysis **Feasibility Study** 2020 2019 2021 Regional Aquatics Report Oct 2019 ARC Bellevue Aquatic Feasibility Bellevue Recommended Study Completed Concept Plan & Site ARC Bellevue Aquatic June 2020 City Council Directive Feasibility Update Aug 2020 Commenced Bellevue College Site Assessment Bellevue College In/Out? BSD Letter of Interest City Funding With City of Bellevue Sources & Jan 2018 **Partnerships**

SPLASH*Forward*

Studies & Reports Completed

- Regional Aquatics Report (Oct 2019)
 - Kirkland, Redmond & Bellevue City Councils review & agree to proceed with Regional Approach (Feb 2020, Aug 2020)
- City/ARC Bellevue Aquatic Center Feasibility Study (June 2020)
 - SPLASHForward provided in-depth analysis of regional aquatics needs, user groups input and informed design option development
 - Bellevue City Council Unanimously Approves Refinement of Concept Design Options & Site (Aug 2020)
- SplashForward/ISG BHAC Feasibility Study & Analysis (Sept 2020)
 - Completed in Parallel and Comparative Analysis with City/ARC Study
 - Forward looking, Identifies Next Steps
- Complete Package Ready to Take to Business & Potential Partner Community

Bellevue City Council Directive Aug 3rd, 2020

- Continue forward with site analysis and selection
 - Ruled out Lincoln Center and Marymoor sites
 - Preference for Bellevue College, Airfield Park or other site locations yet to be determined (public or private).
- Refinement of design concepts
 - Preferences for Option #2, #3 and SPLASHForward's Preferred Concept.
- Give consideration to
 - Equity, especially to low income families
 - Environmental stewardship in facility and site design
 - Progress on partnership development.
- Approval to use Feasibility Study remaining budget (\$20K)
- Bring forward a proposal for concept and design studies and capital funding structure options for Council's consideration in the 2021 biennium budget process.
- Recognition of SPLASHForward's work and opportunity for continued partnership

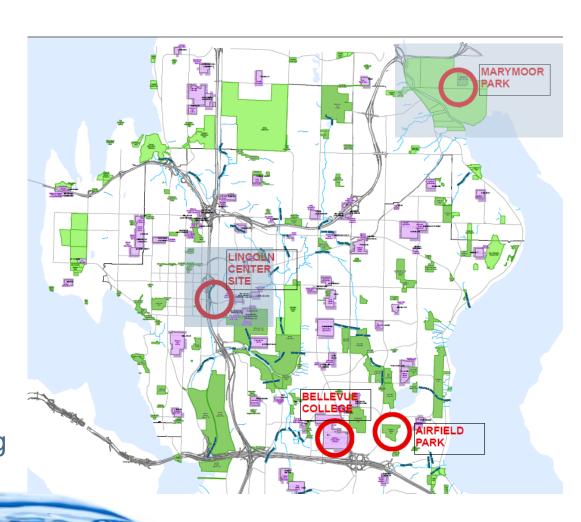


Site Summary

- Bellevue College
 - o 16.7 acres
- Airfield Park
 - o 27.5 acres
- Private Locations TBD
- Marymoor Park
- Lincoln Center
 - 4.2 acres

NEXT STEPS:

 Site refinement including new site opportunities



Potential Site Locations

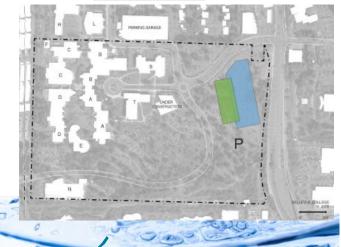
Airfield Park - 27.5 acres





Bellevue College – 16.7 acres





Other Site Locations

- Not yet identified public or private locations
- Private developers and land owners
 - SF working to create awareness
- Potential land swaps, acquisitions, leases
 - SF exploring 'magic wand' scenarios
 - Other public non-city owned land
- COVID-19 may create unique opportunities

Project Status & Pivotal Moment

- SPLASHForward & Bellevue Parks Staff engaged to develop roadmap and aligned efforts
 - Goal: Recommended Concept Plan & Site Identified by June 2021
 - Bellevue College, Airfield Park or Other Site Location(s)
- Bellevue College Engagement & Evaluation as Site Partner
 - SPLASHForward provided college benefits analysis and supporting College's assessment with Usage & Traffic Flow study, Parking & Student Fee opportunities
 - City Engagement with New College Leadership
- Bellevue School District
 - Existing Capital / Tech Levy (Potential Capital Funding Source)
 - SPLASHForward sharing & supporting BSD's needs with City's Next Steps
 - Raising Awareness in BSD Community



Project Status & Pivotal Moment

- \$44M King County Aquatics Grants Program 2021-2027
 - Legislation passed KC Council Sept 2020
 - Planning and Feasibility Study (up to \$100K); Land Purchase, Capital Funding (up to \$5M)
 - KC Councilmember Claudia Balducci full support
 - SF to sit on Advisory Committee for Grant Applications
- Regional Alignment to proceed with regional approach for aquatics facility development on the Eastside
 - Bellevue (Aug 2020), Redmond (Feb 2020), and Kirkland (Feb 2020)
 - King County supported
- Early engagement with Kirkland, Redmond and LWSD
 - Raising Awareness



SPLASHForward & ISG Report Overview

Bellevue Health and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Needs, Opportunities, Program, Design, Management, and Financial Analysis



SF / ISG Report Overview

- Facility Goals and Opportunities
- Local Facility & Best In Class Analysis
- Regional Impact
- Programming & Scheduling Model
 - Wet & Dry
 - Event Model & Economic Impact
- SPLASHForward Concept Design
 - Preferred & Alternate
 - Project Cost Estimates
 - Management & Staffing
- Financial Operating Analysis
 - Operating Budget
 - Economic Impact
- Comparative Analysis of City/ARC Study
- Next Steps





BELLEVUE HEALTH AND AQUATIC CENTER

Feasibility Study Needs, Opportunities, Program, Design, Management, and Financial Analysis

FINAL REPORT

October 15, 2020





SF / ISG Report Goals

- Building and Expanding on the 2009 City Feasibility Study
- Coordination and collaboration with the City/ARC 2020 Feasibility Study
- In-depth analysis and integration with existing local aquatics ecosystem
- Analysis of and recommendations for existing BAC/Odle
- City and Regional needs & opportunities
- Explore and address Stakeholder, User Groups, Program Providers & Potential Partner Input, Needs & Opportunities
- Develop comprehensive aquatic program
- Develop dry side fitness and community function programs and spaces
- Draw on relevant Best In Class Design, Programming, Management, Operational, and Financial Analysis
- Comparative Analysis and Evaluation of City/ARC 2020 Feasibility Study
- Identify Partnership and Governance Model options and examples
- Forward Looking: Supporting City and Regional Next Steps and Decision Process



SF / ISG Report

- See our website for access to the full report as well as links to each report section for easy reading.
 - https://splashforward.org/latest-news/
 - https://splashforward.org/splashforward-feasibility-study-report/

BAC/Odle Recommendation

- Upgrade and renovate BAC/Odle pools
- Coordinate programming with BHAC
- Expand programming needing warm/shallow water
 - Blue Lagoon: Raise water temp and enhance facility access and programmability (ramp, stairs, stations)
- Install new state of the art pool system technology
 - Improving air & water quality and significantly reducing operating costs and energy consumption
- Improve cost recovery, reducing operating subsidy
- Enhance & upgrade locker rooms and changing spaces to be more accessible and family friendly

Warm Springs Pool

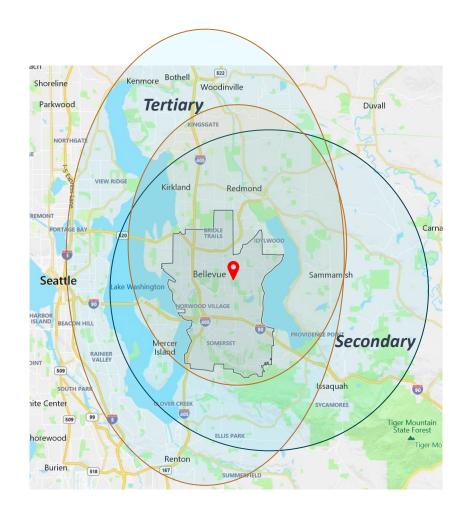


Blue Lagoon Pool



Regional Scale

- Region = The Greater Eastside
- Primary
 - Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland
- Secondary
 - Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle & Mercer Island
- Tertiary
 - to the 'north' Kenmore, Bothell,
 Woodinville; to the 'south' Renton
- Seattle draw for training, events & special needs



Regional Scale

Local Programming

- Priority use for local residents
- Community Programming Learn to Swim, Senior, Adult, Special Needs, Leisure, Recreational
- High School, Club Training and Competition
- Aquatic & Dryland Therapeutic, Rehab Services and Special Needs

Regional Programming

- Not offered or unique to region
 - More options, Medical Wellness, Deep Water Rec, Recreation and Leisure features
- Learn to Swim, Special Needs, Therapy/Rehab
- Competitive Training & Competitions



Best In Class Facilities

- Elkhart Health and Aquatics, Elkhart, Indiana *
- Holland Community Aquatic Center, Holland, Michigan *
- Pleasant Prairie Rec Plex Aquatic Center, Pleasant Prairie,
 Wisconsin *
- Triangle Aquatic Center, Cary, North Carolina
- SwimRVA, Richmond, Virginia
- Tupelo Aquatic Center, Tupelo, Mississippi
- Lenexa Rec Center & Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center, Lenexa, Kansas



SPLASHForward Preferred Concept

- Main Pool 50M x 25Y
- Deep Water Tank (diving and more)
- Seating
 - Spectators: 900 (elevated)
 - Participants: 720 (on deck seating)
- Warm Program Pool 25Y x 6 lanes
- Wellness / Therapy Pool & Spa
- Leisure / Recreation Pool
 - o 7,000 sf
- Generous storage

- Cardio / Fitness
- Workout spaces and studios
- Office Spaces
- Lockers / Changing Rooms
- Flexible Multi-Purpose Rooms
 - Party spaces
 - Meeting/function spaces
 - Wet and Dry classrooms
- Concession facilities
- Concurrent program capability
 - Daily and Events



Programming & Scheduling Model

- Multi-generational programming with access for all
- Education, Learn to Swim and Water Safety Programming
- Health, Wellness, and Fitness Programming
 - Aquatic Fitness and Cross Training
 - Therapy and rehab
 - Special Needs programming
- Recreational, Leisure, and Family Programming facilities & amenities
- Organized programming and open access swim & rec time
- Competitive Aquatics Programming: Training and Competition
- Concurrent Programming
 - Multiple programs and uses in the pools at the same time
 - Event/Daily use separation
- Dry-side fitness and Community meeting, function and class spaces



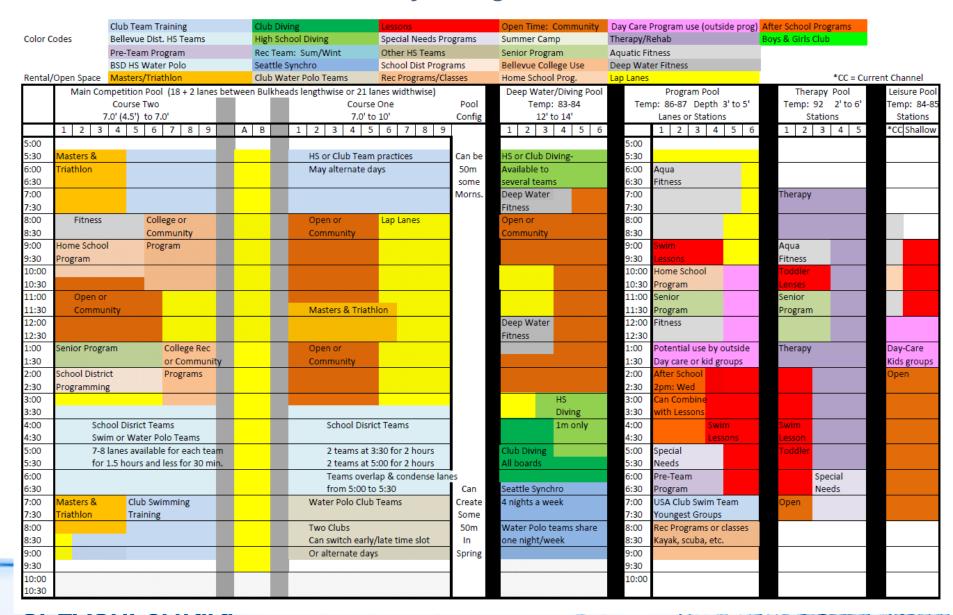
Scheduling Model

- Visual understanding of space & time needs of programs and user groups
- Helps determine optimal design to meet program, access, and schedule demands
- Helps generate and validate the staffing and financial analysis
- Important tool in developing user and program partnerships
- Important tool in exploring regional partnerships
- Critical tool in next steps with BAC/Odle renovation & programming refinement plan



Schedule Matrix Example

School Day during HS Season



Event Economic Impact

Methodology

- Event Calendar & Model developed in conjunction with event hosts and local, state, regional, and national sport governing bodies
- Utilized hotel rates and spending averages and economic impact methodology used by and coordinated with Visit Bellevue
 - Reduced projections by 30% of Visit Bellevue values to reflect team/family friendly hotel rates and spending patterns.
 - Calculated Direct Spending and overall Economic Impact



Event Economic Impact

SF Preferred Concept (Year 3)

Direct Spend =

- \$10,600,000
- 27% higher than City/ARC projection for comparable capacity
- Overall Economic Impact:
- \$26,000,000
- Hotel Room/Night Projections: SF Preferred Option
 - Total annual room nights:
 12,400 room nights
 - Event room nights correspond favorably with current hotel lowest occupancy rates on weekends and slower months
 - 78% of rooms are Saturday and Sunday
 - Current average occupancy rates average just over 60%
 - 69% of rooms fall in months where the current weekend occupancy rate is below 70%
 - 48% of rooms fall in months where the current weekend occupancy rate is below 60%



Management & Staffing

- Management and Staffing model developed in conjunction with City Parks & Rec management
- Robust management team to meet BHAC and program goals and opportunities
- Overall Aquatic management and program staff integrated with existing BAC/Odle
- In-house maintenance and custodial services
- Budgeted for maximum lifeguard coverage and optimum safety and best practice risk management
- Salary and wage ranges developed to attract and retain top management candidates and hourly and part-time employees
- Significant staff training and professional development budget



Financial Operating Analysis

- Financial Analysis: 5-Year annual projections
 - Operating Expenses
 - Program Expenses
 - Facility Revenue
 - Program Revenue
 - Program profit/loss analysis
 - Budget Line Item detail in Full Report

SF Preferred Option v City/ARC Option #2 (Year Two)

Without Reserve Fund	SF Option	Option #2
Operating Deficit:	\$(426,700	\$(811,700)
Cost Recovery	92.1%	85.4%
With Reserve Fund	SF Option	Option #2
With Reserve Fund Operating Deficit:	SF Option \$(642,700	Option #2 \$(1,1011,700)

Major Cost and Revenue Centers

Major Cost Centers

•	Staff	\$3	3,200,000
•	Utilities	\$	628,000
•	Program Expenses (incl. instructors)	\$	632,000
•	Maintenance & Supplies	\$	188,000
•	General Office	\$	145,000
•	City Admin/Overhead Shared Cost allocation	\$	678.000

Major Revenue Centers

•	Membership & daily drop-ins	\$2	2,500,000
•	Training Lane Rental	\$	960,000
•	Learn to Swim	\$	536,000
•	Competitive Event Revenue`	\$	349,000
•	Therapy/Rehab Rental	\$	189,000
•	Special Events	\$	163,000
•	Fitness Programming	\$	160,000

Long Term Capital Replacement/Maintenance Reserve Fund

Annual fund contribution
 \$ 200,000 (plus 3%/yr)





NEXT STEPS & CALL TO ACTION

Next Steps Summary

- Develop Recommended Concept Plan (Design Option) in coordination with City of Bellevue (COB)
- Further Site Analysis & Development of New Site Opportunities
- Explore & Develop Partnership Opportunities
 - Further Engage: Bellevue School District, Bellevue College
 - New: Corporate and Healthcare Partners
 - Regional Cities, County & Groups
- Explore Regional Benefit, Program & Financial Model & Options
- Further Develop Program Elements
 - Dry Side Refinement, BAC/Odle Recommendation, Partner Needs
- Development of Funding Model & Sources of Funds
- Additional & Expanded Community Engagement
- Explore Management Models



Funding Sources

- King County \$5M Parks Levy Aquatics Grants Program
- Regional Entities ?
- State (Grants) ?
- City of Bellevue \$ _ _ M Various Potential City Funding Sources & Funding Phases
- Bellevue School District \$ _ _ M allocation possible via existing Capital/Tech Levy
- Bellevue College potential site partner & capital investor
- Healthcare Partner ?
- Private \$ _ _ M
 - Foundations
 - Grants (Local & National)
 - Corporate (Local Large & Small)
 - Community Groups
 - Individuals
- TOTAL Capital Cost Estimate = \$87M \$109M *City Design Option 2 & SF Options



SPLASHForward Seed Funding

Goal: Raise \$500,000 in 2021

2019-20 Activity

- Expenditures:
 - Aquatics Consultant (ISG) Phase 2
 Contract Extension in progress; 96%
 - Marketing
 - Social Media & Web (in kind)
 - Organizational & Meetings
 - Fundraising
- Total Expenses: \$59.2K
- Total Raised: \$63,400

Anticipated Expenses 2021-23

- Fundraising Consultant for Fundraising Feasibility Study
- Capital Campaign Fundraising Costs
- Additional Project Consultant Fees
- Design & Programming Refinement Costs
- Architectural Concept Renderings
- Marketing Professional + Outreach Costs/Materials
- Organizational Costs
- All unused portions to be applied to capital campaign



It's Time

- Alignment and support has never been better
 - City of Bellevue Council & Parks Staff Engagement to Proceed
 - Bellevue School District Supportive
 - King County, Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland Regional Engagement
 - Potential Partner Bellevue College, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue
- We can and must be 'Shovel Ready' when economy improves
- Our advocacy is well prepared to lead as a trusted partner
- If we can't do it now, we've missed seizing a great window of opportunity

Support SplashForward now more than ever



Project Timeline

- Now Early 2021: SF Seed Funding, Design & Site Refinement
- 2021: Site Identified, SF Private Fundraising Feasibility Study, Project Awareness Campaign, Maintain City and SD momentum, Regional commitment solidified
- By End of 2021: Partnerships Established
 - King County, City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District, Bellevue College, Healthcare Partner(s), Local Businesses, Foundations, SPLASHForward
- 2022: Concept Design Study, SF Capital Campaign Commence
- 2023-24: Break Ground
- 2025-26: Open Doors



COVID-19 Impact & Opportunities

- Phases and goals adjusted, continue to adjust
- Focus on being prepared for economic recovery
 - Partnerships, partnerships
 - Appropriate engagement & early commitments
- Opportunity to increase awareness and educate
 - Community School District, Seniors, Active Adults
 - Business Community
 - Community Organizations
 - Funding Source Relationships
- Include new health & safety best practices in Design Concept
 - Design accommodations
 - Management accommodations



CALL TO ACTION

What do we Risk?

If SPLASHForward doesn't lead

- Stakeholder Voices Not Heard
 - Designs that takes Stakeholder Needs into Account
 - Local Aquatics Ecosystem Outlook & Opportunities
- Community Outreach to Ensure Success
- Development of Partnerships to Ensure Sustainability
- Programming Model to Support the Broadest Set of User Groups for All Ages, Abilities & Backgrounds
- Best In Class Facility that Grows with Community's Needs
- Accurate Financial Projections & Economic Impact to Avoid Poor Decisions & Missed Opportunities
- Private Funding Potential



Our Call to Action

- 1. Participation in Our Seed Funding (\$500K Goal)
- Introductions to Community Leaders or Potential Project Champions
 - Capacity to Give, Commitment to SplashForward Vision, Team Player/Connection, Community Reach
 - Attractor to Other Lead Donors
 - Who should hear our story?
- 3. Introduction to Potential Partners
 - o Corporate, Healthcare, Foundation, Community Organizations
 - o Who should hear our story?
- 4. Recruitment for Fundraising Committee and Growing our Board



It's time to make this a reality



Thank You PNS & Supporters!

Funding Supporters













Girls Swim & Dive Boosters Boys Swim & Dive Boys Water Polo Nick LeClercq
Sam LeClercq
Sally and Glen Dillon
Carolyn and Dean Behse
Lisa Kempf
& more on our website





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APPENDIX

Core Project Team



Susan Pappalardo

- SPLASH*Forward* Co-Founder, Board President
- 15yrs Program Management Leadership in Computer Graphics and Mobile Software, (11yrs @ Microsoft)
- Kirkland Arts Center Advisory Council Co-Chair
- Masters Swimmer, Masters XC and Track Athlete Youth XC and Track Coach (Cascade Striders)



Stu Isaac, Isaac Sports Group

- Independent National Aquatics Consultant
- Former Senior VP of Team Sales & Marketing, Speedo
- ISG has 30+ yrs Facility Operating Experience Budgets, Programs, Events
- Deep Experience w/ Public/Private Partnerships
- Nationally Recognized Leader & Relationships w/ Sports Governing Bodies & Aquatics Industry



SPLASHForward



Organization Chart



BOB REGAN Honorary Member PNW Legend & Influencer

Coach, Meet Dir, former Dir of KC Pools & **Beaches**



TYLER JONES Legal Counsel Helsell Fetterman

501c3 Registration, Legal Counsel

SPLASH Forward Board





LORRAINE

MASSE











SUSAN PAPPALARDO

President, Co-Founder

Strategic, Fundraising and Outreach Planning.

Social Media,

Communications & Marketing

Secretary

Nonprofit Guidance Treasurer (formerly Deloitte)

JULIE FRANCK

Funds Mgmt, Internal Controls Oversight, **Budget** and Form 990 filing

GRACE CHU CPA, Senior

Accountant, Clark Nuber

Internal Controls Oversight, Budget, Audit and Form 990

JEFF LOWELL **BSD** Athletic Director

Strategic and Governance Oversight

ERIK TEUTSCH Sales Consultant,

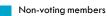
Tableau Software

Data Storytelling and Messaging

OPEN Financial Advisor

Financial and Governance Oversight





Elkhart Aquatics Center – An Example

Elkhart, Indiana – pop. 52,000 (2016)

Regional Scale, Serving Total Community

- Site: Former YMCA location, riverfront (105 acres)
- 170,000 sq ft complex
- 66m x 25m competition pool (10 lanes w/ 2 bulkheads)
- Diving well w/ 1m boards, 3m & 5m platforms
- 1200 seating Regional scale
- 25y Teaching / Fitness Pool
- Therapy Pool
- Wet classroom, dry training space, member/public/student locker rooms
- Fitness Center w/ elevated track, gymnasium, exercise rooms
- Rehab & Clinical Services
- Weight Loss Institute, Occupational Medicine clinic
- Community atrium, outdoor patio w/ access to walking trails
- Multi-purpose rooms for meetings & events



https://elkhartcenter.com/









Elkhart Public/Private Partnership

Funding Sources:

- Community Foundation = \$10M
- Individual donor = \$9M
- Healthcare Co. = \$16.5
- Govt (Regional Cities Initiative + City) = \$9M + \$2M
- Private funding = \$24M
- School district = \$6M

60% Private, 40% Public

- \$69.5M Total
- \$24M Private
- \$10M Endowment
- Substantial early donors
- Total pledges & funds in place prior to opening



This could be us...

- "According to Tom Housand, project visionary and prior EYCC/YMCA board chair, the estimated \$55 million facility will be a community, medical fitness and aquatics facility that will be home to Beacon Health and Fitness, the Elkhart Community Schools swimming and aquatic programs, Elkhart United Aquatics, and various local and regional swim competitions."
- "The complex will be a 'game changer' in terms of offering area athletes a training and competition-level swimming and diving facility. It will be one of four in the country with the capabilities to facilitate the combination of aquatics, medical fitness and community engagement," said Pete McCown, President of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County.
- "I am excited for our community and for all the families in our area," said Rob Haworth, Superintendent of Elkhart Community Schools. "There is not a community aquatics facility in our region that exists at this level of offering training, competition, learning programs and leisure facilities for our local athletes and families."

