



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB
Agenda Item #4
June 28, 2012

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2012

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board/Parks Commission

VIA: Mary R. Bradford, Director of Parks *Mary R. Bradford*
Mike Riley, Deputy Director of Parks, Administration *MR*
Gene Giddens, Deputy Director of Parks, Operations *GG*

FROM: Kate Stookey, Chief, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships Division *Kate Stookey*

SUBJECT: **Public-Private Partnership Proposal: Wall Park Dryland Diving Training Facility**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant, Built by Beavers LLC (dba Montgomery Dive Club (MDC)), is currently contracted by the Montgomery County Recreation Department (MCRD) to manage all county springboard and platform diving programs. These diving programs are nationally recognized for excellence, and have been hamstrung by a lack of dryland training facilities. According to the partnership proposal submitted by the MDC, the top divers in the world spend 50% of their training time in a gymnasium setting. Currently, there is no dedicated dryland diving training facility anywhere in Montgomery County, and the MDC has been conducting its dryland training on the pool deck at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center (KSAC) in Wall Park.

The public-private partnership proposal submitted by the MDC/Built by Beavers LLC and supported by MCRD and the MDC Boosters non-profit organization would repurpose the underutilized, standalone enclosed handball courts adjacent to the KSAC in Wall Park and convert them into a multi-purpose acrobatics and gymnastics facility that would be used to provide dryland diving training for their popular programs. The handball courts would be outfitted with trampolines, bungee harnesses, dry diving boards, a spring floor, and digital video replay monitors.

The establishment of this facility would alleviate existing deck space constraints at KSAC and allow for existing program growth, creation of new programs, hosting of special events, and the creation of educational opportunities for the local acrobatics community.

The cost of the proposed improvements and the ongoing operational costs will be covered in full by the applicant.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

In September 2011, a new process was introduced to manage the intake of unsolicited public-private partnership proposals. This process established “filter” criteria all applicants are required to meet to ensure unsolicited proposals align with the Parks mission and cover costs. A \$1000 application fee was also instituted to cover the cost of the extensive staff review time required by these proposals. Staff in the Public Affairs & Community Partnerships Division manages this new intake process, providing guidance and recommendations to prospective partners to assist with the preparation of proposals and coordinating internally with staff during the review.

The Wall Park Dryland Diving Training Facility proposal was submitted by the MDC in February 2012. The proposal was reviewed within the allotted 60 day window and given preliminary approval to proceed by all divisions and the Parks Directorate in April 2012. A copy of the original proposal is attached (please note: the proprietary financial information submitted with the original proposal has been withheld from this public packet and provided to the Planning Board in a separate confidential addendum).

The proposed project satisfies the five criteria established through the new public-private partnership process, as outlined below:

1. Alignment with park priorities
 - a. Supports the Park mission by offering “...enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles”
 - b. Supports a category identified as a priority by the public through the Vision2030 survey (see circle pages 29-30)
2. Financial/commercial viability
 - a. All development and ongoing maintenance costs will be borne by the applicant
 - b. Demand for the applicant’s programs continues to grow and is constrained only by the lack of available and appropriate space at the KSAC
 - c. The applicant has the capacity to pay market rate rent
3. Development impacts
 - a. No significant development impacts were identified by staff
 - b. Minimal renovation is proposed and there will be no change to the footprint of the structure
 - c. Architectural drawings detailing the proposed improvements have been reviewed and approved by Park Development staff (see circle pages 27-28)
4. Community benefit
 - a. Satisfies community demand for enhanced, expanded and/or improved indoor aquatic centers, which were rated as the number two priority in the Vision2030 public survey (see circle page 30)

- b. Improves the quality of the County's dive programs through enhanced training and resolves space constraints at the KSAC
5. Professional qualifications
 - a. Applicant was contracted by the County's Recreation Department in 2010 to provide programming for all of the County's springboard and platform diving programs. Within the first year, revenue was up 100%.
 - b. Doug Beavers, Program Director for the MDC, has experience with the creation of dryland diving facilities in Virginia and Missouri, and has contracted a local architectural firm to prepare the drawings submitted to Montgomery Parks for review and approval.

CONSIDERATIONS

During our internal review, Park staff identified several areas of concern that needed to be addressed before a final recommendation to approve could be made to the Planning Board. These included:

- Traffic/parking impacts
- White Flint sector plan impacts
- Code and permit requirements
- Lease terms
- Community use and outreach

Each of these issues is outlined and has been addressed as described below.

Traffic/Parking Impacts

According to our transportation planners, the Adequate Public Facilities (APF) test is applied for new developments generating vehicular trips during the weekday morning peak period (6:30 to 9:30 a.m.) and the evening peak period (4:00 to 7:00 p.m.). The applicant has provided program schedules showing that the programs already offered at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center will continue to be offered during their current time slots at the new facility and any new programming will be scheduled to avoid those peak times. No new programs will be introduced during the morning or evening peak periods.

White Flint Sector Plan Impacts

The White Flint sector plan was approved by the County Council in March 2010. Negotiations involving various land-use scenarios consistent with the approved plan are underway. This process will likely affect Wall Park. Accordingly, the proposed use is anticipated to be of a temporary nature and only a short-term lease will be considered. The applicant has been advised of and accepted this condition. The applicant has already had preliminary discussions with the County's Department of Recreation about incorporating a dryland diving training

facility into the program of requirements for the expanded Community and Aquatics Center being explored as an option at that site.

Code and Permit Requirements

The applicant will be required to conduct an assessment to determine the structural integrity and condition of the structure and make sure the building is up-to-code, meeting all life safety and ADA requirements. In addition, it will be the applicant's responsibility to apply for, obtain and pay for the relevant permits for the project, including a Use and Occupancy permit and a Park Construction permit. All proposed renovation work will be reviewed and approved by Park Development staff before any work begins. In May 2012, Park staff met with the applicant on-site at Wall Park to review the proposed plan and provide input. The applicant was then asked to submit architectural drawings showing the proposed renovations. These drawings were submitted in June 2012 and have been approved by Park Development staff (see circle pages 27-28). The applicant will be required to obtain all necessary permits before a Park Construction Permit will be issued.

Lease Terms

As described above, active planning for the redevelopment of Wall Park is underway as part of the White Flint Sector Plan process. As a result, the use of this facility will be considered temporary, and the length of the resulting license agreement will be established with consideration given to the anticipated redevelopment dates. The license agreement will require the applicant to pay fair market rent and a Common Area Maintenance (CAM) fee for their use of the building. The actual amount will be negotiated pending approval of the proposed project by the Planning Board.

Community Use and Outreach

Notice signs were posted on the handball court facility in May 2012 to notify current users of the proposed public-private partnership project and provide them an opportunity to comment (see circle page 31). Emails and phone calls were received from nine members of the public in opposition to the proposed project, citing their regular use of the handball courts for racquetball. Copies of the emails received are attached to this memo (see circle pages 32-40 and 43). In response, a public meeting was held at 7:30pm on June 18, 2012, in the meeting room at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. An email invitation was sent to all those who had contacted us prior to the meeting date (see circle page 41), and they were encouraged to spread the word among the racquetball community and invite anyone else who might be interested in retaining racquetball as a function at Wall Park.

Staff from Montgomery Parks and the County's Recreation Department hosted the meeting. Three members of the public attended (see circle page 42) and expressed their desire to keep the courts available for racquetball. In response to questions posed by the attendees, staff made the following points:

- A tax-funded capital investment to improve the handball courts for racquetball play would not be considered while the park is under active planning for redevelopment.

- In considering the two competing uses – racquetball and the MDC aquatic programs – priority is being given to the use with greater demonstrated demand.
- Aquatic Center staff, Park Police and Park management have reported that the existing handball courts are currently underutilized, which has resulted in frequent vagrancy and vandalism in this unstaffed building. Park Police and operational staff are in favor of introducing a more active use to mitigate these issues.
- The racquetball community was encouraged to demonstrate public support for the long-term inclusion of racquetball in the expanded Community/Aquatic Center at Wall Park through the redevelopment process. The appropriate contact information was provided via email following the meeting (see circle page 44).
- As alternative options in the short term, the Sport & Health Club in Bethesda does have racquetball courts available to non-members for \$20/hour, and Montgomery Parks will be making minor improvements to the public handball courts at Olney Manor Park (which are also used for racquetball) to address the needs expressed by some Wall Park users.

PROPOSED TIMING AND DESIGN

The applicant is proposing a phased approach to the improvements:

- **Phase I:** This phase would occur within a few days following the execution of the license agreement and would consist primarily of locating mobile equipment within the existing structure to accommodate current programs. The applicant hopes to complete this phase prior to July 12, 2012, as the USA Olympic Diving Team has indicated an interest in utilizing this facility for dryland diving training immediately prior to their departure for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.
- **Phase II:** This phase would occur during July and August 2012 (assuming all necessary permits have been obtained) and would involve removing most or the entire interior non-load bearing wall that now separates the two handball courts. Two architectural drawings are included in this packet (see circle pages 27-28), one showing partial removal of the wall and the other full removal of the wall; both options have been approved by Park Development staff. The final decision will be made by the applicant based on cost. The exterior footprint of the building will remain untouched.

The applicant will be making a full presentation with more detail to the Planning Board on the improvements proposed in both phases.

COSTS AND OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

All costs of this project will be covered by the applicant, and a rent in keeping with that charged for other similar facilities will be negotiated should this project be approved by the Planning Board. There is no operating budget impact anticipated, though vagrancy and vandalism are both expected to decrease once the building is more actively used, reducing time spent by both Park Police and the Park Manager patrolling and monitoring the property and removing graffiti.

CONCLUSION

Staff recognizes that approval of this project will displace one user group in favor of another. While that makes this a more difficult decision, it does not change our recommendation to approve the public-private partnership project as proposed by the MDC. There is a current need and significantly greater population served through the aquatic programs offered by the MDC at KSAC. The Vision2030 data clearly shows demonstrated public demand for added, expanded, and/or improved indoor aquatic centers, whereas racquetball was not mentioned. There are six public handball courts in Olney Manor Park that are available for racquetball use. Two of these will be improved by Montgomery Parks to provide a smooth playing surface on the back wall as requested by the Wall Park users. Staff has encouraged the existing racquetball players who utilize the Wall Park courts to demonstrate the public demand for this sport and advocate for the long-term inclusion of racquetball courts as an amenity in the redeveloped Wall Park.

Repurposing Wall Park Racquetball Courts
A Public Private Partnership Proposal



Presented to M-NCPPC
February 3, 2012
by
Built by Beavers, LLC



PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Submitting Organization: Built by Beavers LLC

State of Incorporation: VA Tax ID: 27-2619504 Non-Profit? Yes No 501(c)3? Yes No

Contact Name (First, Last): Douglas W Beavers

Contact Address (Street, City, State, Zip): 5628 Mount Burnside Way, Burke VA 22015

Contact Phone Number: (571) 247-2487 Contact Email Address: MDCBeavers @ Gmail.com

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

Name of Proposed Project: Repurposing Wall Park Racquetball Courts

Preferred Park Location: Wall Park

Summary Description of Proposed Project (please type or print clearly):

Built by Beavers (DBA Montgomery Dive Club) is currently contracted by the Montgomery County Recreation Department to manage all county springboard and platform diving programs. These diving programs are nationally recognized for excellence, but have been hamstrung in the past by a lack of dryland training facilities. The top divers in the world spend 50% or more of their training time in a gymnasium setting. We believe that the racquetball courts at wall park represent a perfect opportunity to create such a dryland training site. In addition, the creation of this site would allow for: considerable program growth, creation of new programs, hosting of special events, creation of educational opportunities for the local acrobatics community, and alleviate deck space issues at the adjacent Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center (see Attachment E).

In cooperation with the MCRD we intend to turn this facility into a hub of activity for a broad spectrum of county residents. Our plan is to offer senior citizen health and wellness classes, special needs physical education, strength training for adults and children, and staffed special event use. All of this activity is above and beyond our effort to serve the local diving community. We see this project as a proof of concept as we look toward expanded acrobatics facilities in conjunction with the White Flint Sector Plan construction of an indoor recreation center on this site.

Recently we were contacted by the USA Diving High Performance Director, Steve Foley. He has asked if Montgomery County would be able to host the USA Diving Olympic Team immediately prior to their departure for the 2012 Games in London in mid July 2012. This event will be considerably enhanced by the team identifying dryland training facilities to use during their stay. We see an amazing opportunity to promote this newly created partnership by hosting this event. To do so, we would need to begin installation of equipment 2-3 months prior to the event, which is scheduled for July 12-15, 2012.

Our hope in submitting this application is that the M-NCPPC will allow MCRD and Built by Beavers to take over responsibility for the racquetball courts at Wall Park. MCRD and Built by Beavers will then coordinate to retrofit the facility for its new purpose, accepting responsibility for any associated expenses.



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M-NCPPC Public-Private Partnership

Preliminary Proposal Application Continued:

I. ALIGNMENT WITH PARK PRIORITIES

Please provide a statement describing how your project aligns with:

- 1) **The M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks mission:** This project is clearly aligned with the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks mission, specifically the intent to “offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles.” Our organization teaches people of all ages the value of exercise and physical fitness from an early age, and encourages divers to engage in the sport as a life-long activity. Our participants range in age from 5 - 75 years old.
- 2) **The Park master plan for your preferred park location -** We understand that, as outlined in the White Flint Sector Plan, the MCRD intends to expand in the immediate area, building a larger more comprehensive indoor recreation facility very near or even on the site of the Wall Park racquetball courts. We have had preliminary discussions with MCRD and have communicated our strong desire to conduct dry land training and acrobatics activities in this new facility. We see our use of the racquetball courts as an opportunity to demonstrate the value of the acrobatic programs we propose and as an opportunity to develop audiences for expanded indoor recreation facilities at this location in the future. We understand that the racquetball courts are a temporary site for use until the new facility is opened under the White Flint Sector Plan.
- 3) **The parks and recreation needs of Montgomery County identified through the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and by the lowest Levels of Service (LOS) in the Vision2030 study.** According to the 2005 PROS Plan and the Vision 2030 Study, the county submitted aquatic centers as one of its higher projected needs to the state. Our project will expand the capacity of the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center (formerly Montgomery Aquatic Center), considerably increasing the number of participants in the diving program, and expanding the number of programs offered at the facility. The 2005 PROS Plan also identifies extreme sports as an area of consideration for expanded facilities. Our project would be well-suited to offer instruction in extreme sports such as trampoline and parkour.



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The Vision 2030 Strategic Plan identifies indoor recreation facilities as a gap in level of service. As stated in 2) above, our organization intends to be a part of this project.

II. FINANCIAL/COMMERCIAL VIABILITY

Please provide a statement describing:

- 1) **The preliminary cost estimates to implement and operate the proposed project:** We estimate that our organization will invest approximately \$50 - \$75,000 in the facility over the first three years of operation to make it a viable site for all of the activities we envision.
- 2) **The estimated capital value of the assets once the project is completed:**
To be determined
- 3) **The costs being covered by the proposing organization to implement and operate the proposed project:** MCRD, Montgomery Dive Club and the MDC Boosters will cover all costs associated with this project.
- 4) **The resources M-NCPPC is being asked to contribute to implement or operate the proposed project.** M-NCPPC is being asked to hand over responsibility for the building to the MCRD. No other resources are requested.
- 5) **The source(s) of the financial resources being contributed by the proposing organization:** Montgomery Dive Club will work in conjunction with the MDC Boosters, a 501(c)3 booster club that supports the county diving programs to pay for the equipment. The MDC Boosters have already expressed willingness and currently possess funding to make the site operational. Montgomery Dive Club and the MDC Boosters will engage in fundraising activities to continually improve the facility in preparation for the 2012 US Olympic Diving Team Event and beyond.
- 6) **Market research supporting the need/demand for the proposed project/services:** Montgomery County and the National Capitol Area combine to form one of the largest developmental diving communities in the world. There are thousands of participants in the Montgomery County Diving League, the Central Maryland Diving League, the Country Club Swimming and Diving Association and the Northern Virginia Swim League's Diving Division. Many of these kids are looking for opportunities to grow in the sport during the school year. Our organization attempts to



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satisfy the demand for diving instruction, but, particularly in the region around Wall Park, there is more demand than there are available facilities. This project would be one step toward meeting that demand.

Please also attach:

Preliminary business and/or operational plan outlining proposed programs - See Attachment A.

III. DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS

Please provide a statement describing:

- 1) **The size, type and quantity of the proposed park improvements - 1600 square feet, indoor recreation area, single location. Very minimal changes to the structure of the racquetball courts. Installation of gymnastic and diving equipment within the existing structure.**
- 2) **Proposed utility needs - Existing electrical**
- 3) **Impacts to existing transportation infrastructure - None**
- 4) **Parking needs specific to the proposed project - Shared use of Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center parking lot.**
- 5) **Potential environmental impacts - None**
- 6) **Compatibility with zoning and adjacent land use - No issues**
- 7) **Anticipated noise levels or issues - No issues anticipated**
- 8) **The need for nighttime lighting - Indoor lighting only**
- 9) **The full list of permits needed for this project - Building and electrical. Others to be determined in coordination with construction partner.**
- 10) **Map of Proposed Location and Footprint - See Attachment B**
- 11) **Facility drawings - See Attachment C**
- 12) **Construction Timeline - See Attachment D**
- 13) **Pictures of Sample Facilities - See Attachment E**



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III. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Please provide a statement describing:

- 1 **The proposed programs and services to be provided by the proposed project** - trampoline, dryland training for divers, senior wellness, Mommy & Me, pre-school tumbling, Crossfit, Crossfit Kids, Pilates, yoga, staffed birthday parties and event rentals.
- 2 **The target audience for the proposed services and programs** - All ages
- 3 **Description of any reduced fee, discount, or free programs or services to be provided** - Free dive coach training, others TBD
- 4 **Any accommodations made to meet new ADA regulations** - To be determined - one court may be specifically adapted for special needs access.
- 5 **Accommodations, if any, to address the needs of users with limited English proficiency or those requiring ASL or other similar assistance** - Diving instruction for hearing impaired with ASL fluent instructor.

IV. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide a statement describing:

- 1 **Profile, experience, and qualifications of the proposer and all proposed subcontractors** - See Attachment F
- 2 **Descriptions and samples of similar projects performed within the past five years** - See Attachment G
- 3 **Most recent audit or tax return for the proposer** - See Attachment H
- 4 **References with contacts, telephone numbers, project descriptions, contract duration, contract amounts, and the date of project for all similar projects listed above** - See Attachment I
- 5 **If a non-profit, include mission statement and list of Board members** - Not Applicable



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Attachment A: Preliminary Business and Operational Plan

Repurposing Wall Park Racquetball Courts - Operational Plan	
	Key Activities
Transition Period: 7/12-8/12	Initial operations focused on dry land training for diving. Use of dry diving boards, trampolines, spring floor. Staffing shared by diving programs at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. Begin marketing of Fall 2012 trampoline and dry land diving classes. Identify trampoline/gymnastics specialist.
Year 1 - Quarter 1: 9/12-11/12	Addition of trampoline classes. Hire one trampoline/gymnastics specialist. Begin marketing of Mommy & Me classes. Installation of space-heating to allow use in winter months. Installation of acoustic treatments.
Year 1 - Quarter 2: 12/12 - 2/13	Installation of video replay equipment. Begin marketing of Diving Day-camps and Pilates/Yoga classes. Identification of Pilates/Yoga instructor.
Year 1 - Quarter 3: 3/13 - 5/13	Addition of Mommy & Me classes. Installation of fans to allow use in late spring/summer. Installation of bungee rigging over trampolines in Court 2. Begin marketing of birthday parties and special events. Conduct Marketing Plan review and begin comprehensive marketing drive for year two.
Year 1 - Quarter 4: 6/13 - 8/13	Addition of birthday parties and special events staffed by existing employees. Addition of Pilates/Yoga Classes. Addition of week-long day-camps for diving. Begin marketing of Pre-School Tumbling programs. Identification of Pre-School Tumbling Instructor. Full review of Operational Plan
Year 2 - Quarter 1: 9/13 - 11/13	Addition of Pre-School Tumbling programs. Begin marketing of Senior Wellness Programs. Identification of Senior Wellness Instructor.
Year 2 - Quarter 2: 12/13 - 2/14	Begin marketing of Crossfit classes. Identification and training of Crossfit Instructor.
Year 2 - Quarter 3: 3/14 - 5/14	Marketing Plan review and begin comprehensive marketing drive for year three.
Year 2 - Quarter 4: 6/14 - 8/14	Addition of Senior Wellness Programs. Full review of Operational Plan.
Year 3 - Quarter 1: 9/14 - 11/14	Addition of Crossfit, Crossfit Kids programs. Programs at full operation.

The table above shows the key activities undertaken during the first 28 months of operation, including marketing, staffing and new program development.

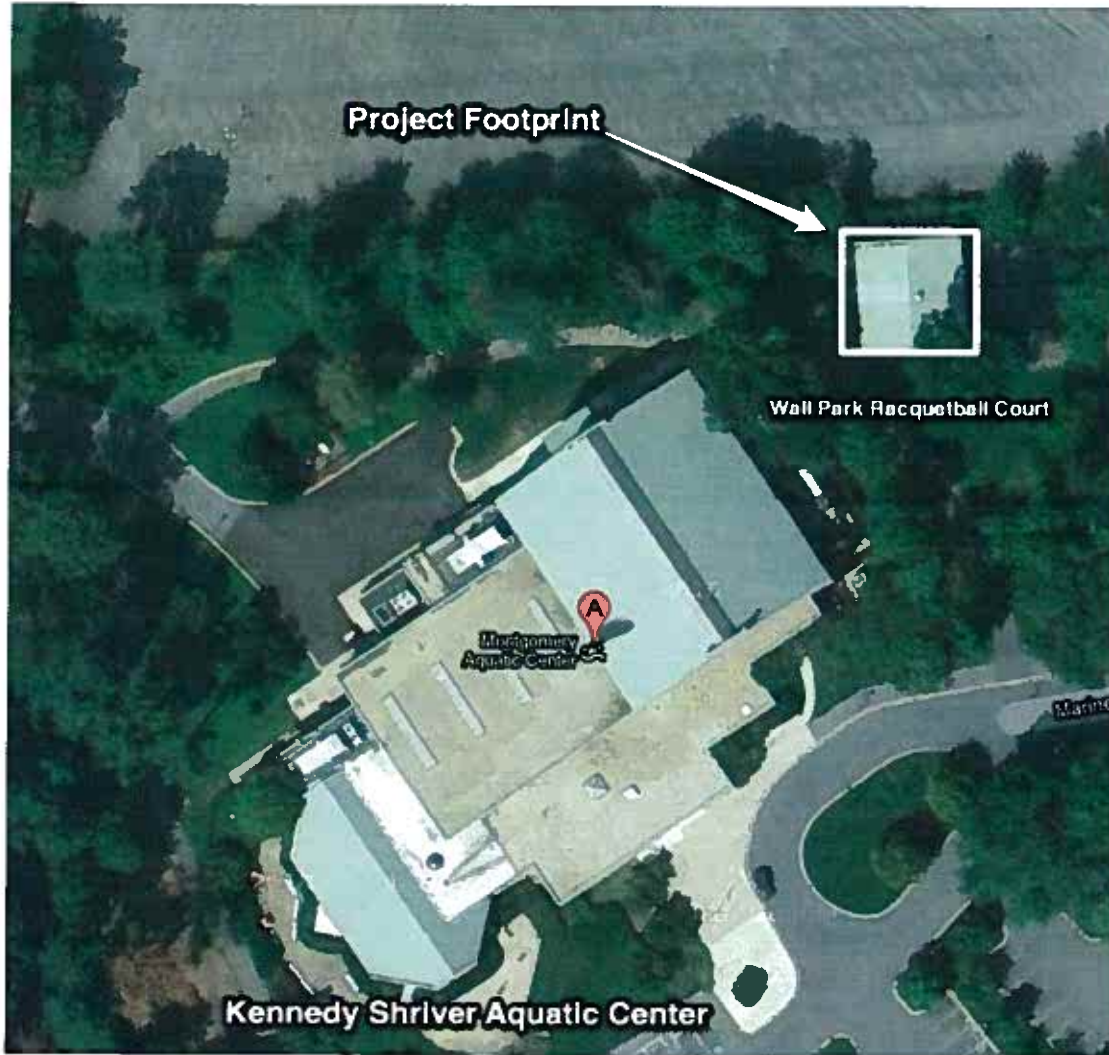
On the page that follows, we have provided a pro forma of year three when the facility is running all programs.



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Attachment B: Facility Location and Footprint

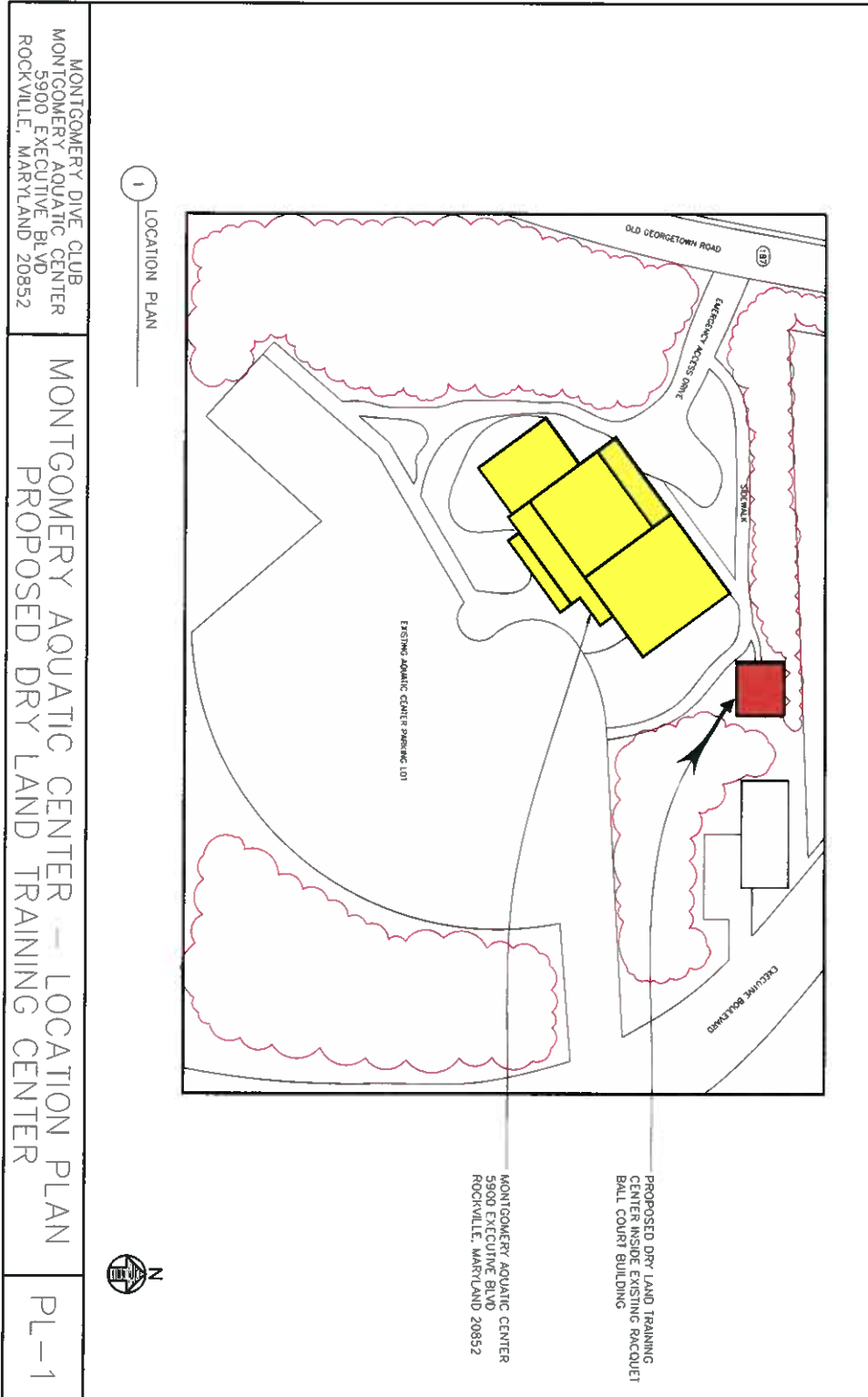




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Attachment C: Facility/Construction Drawings

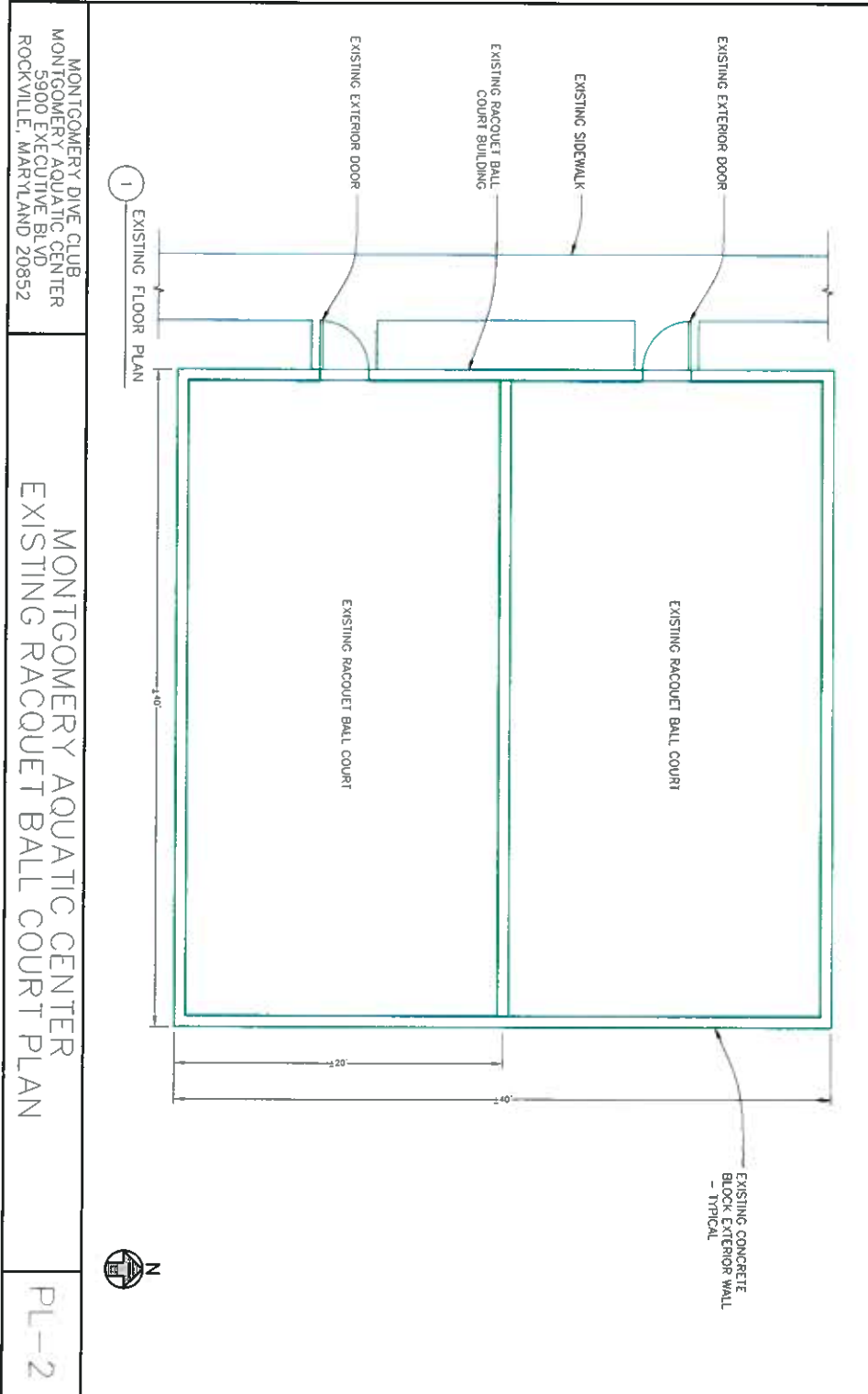




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Attachment C Continued: Facility/Construction Drawings





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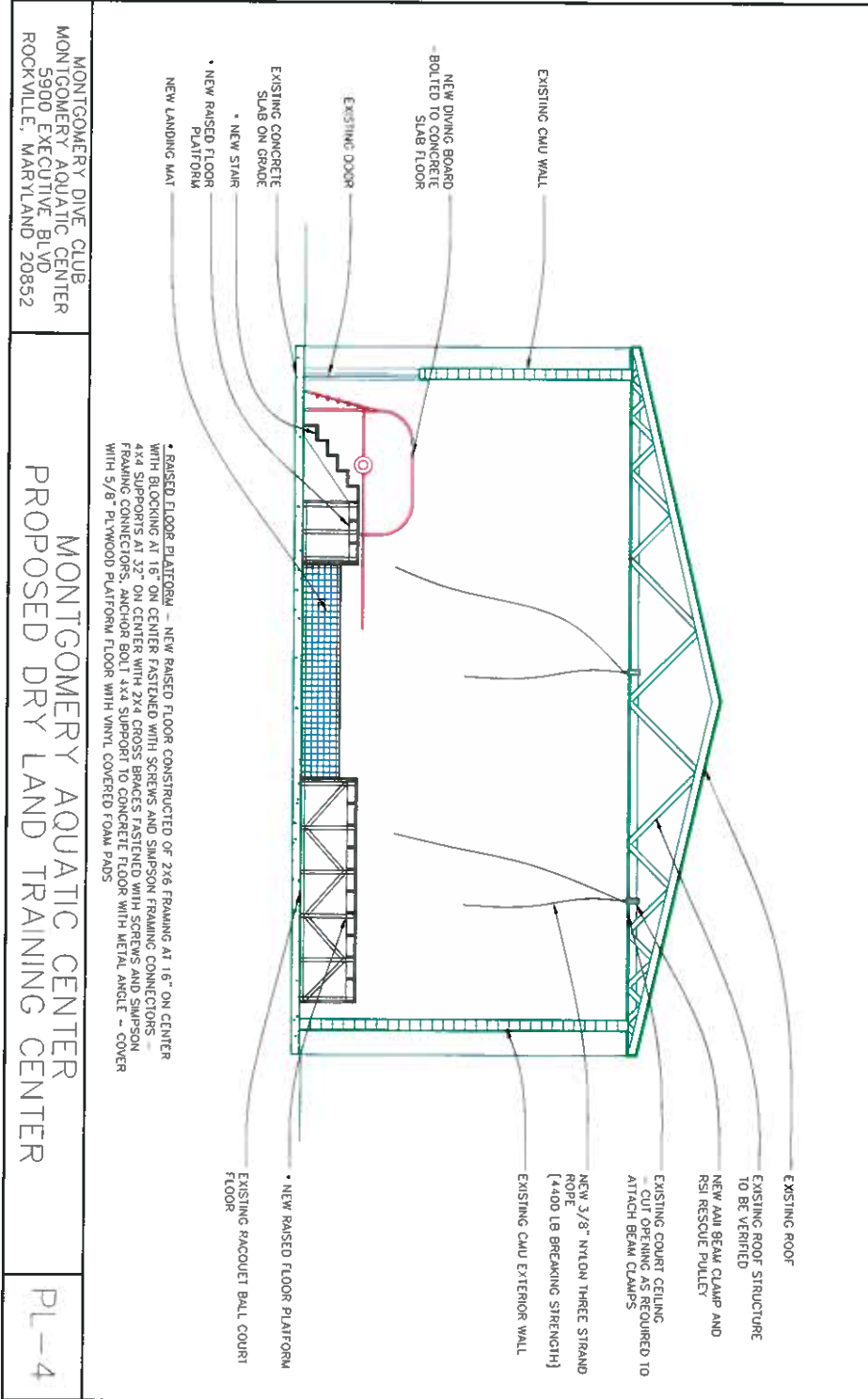




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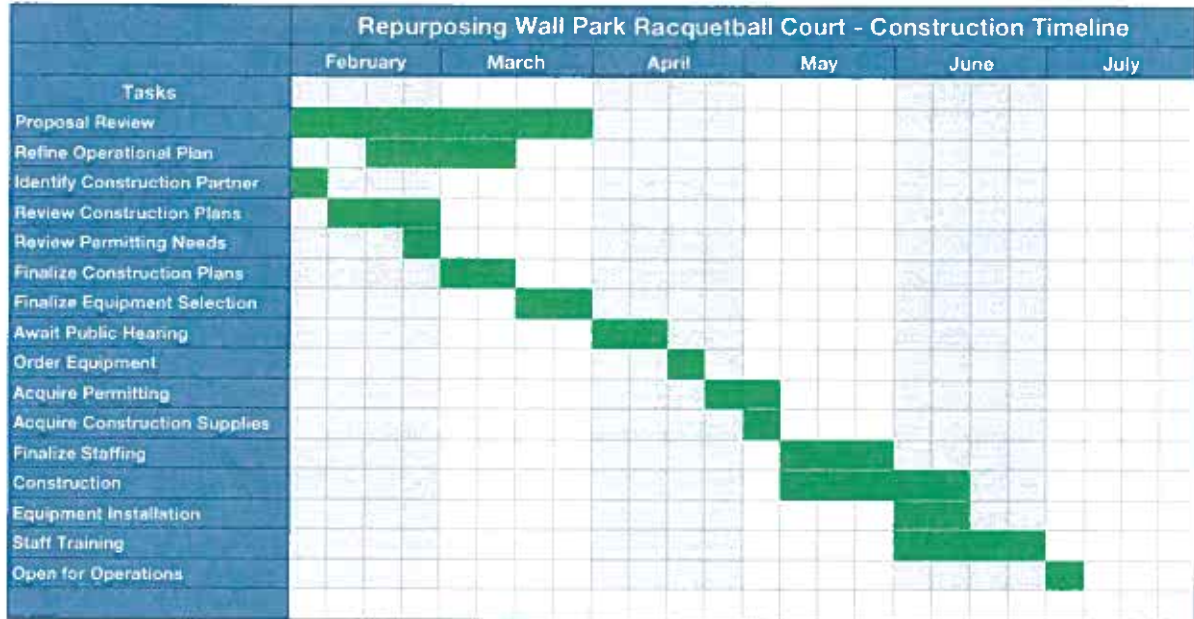


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Attachment D: Construction Timeline

The timeline below illustrates the sequence of key events in preparation for opening the acrobatic gym at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. We have factored in additional time to each of the steps in order to allow for a certain margin of error.

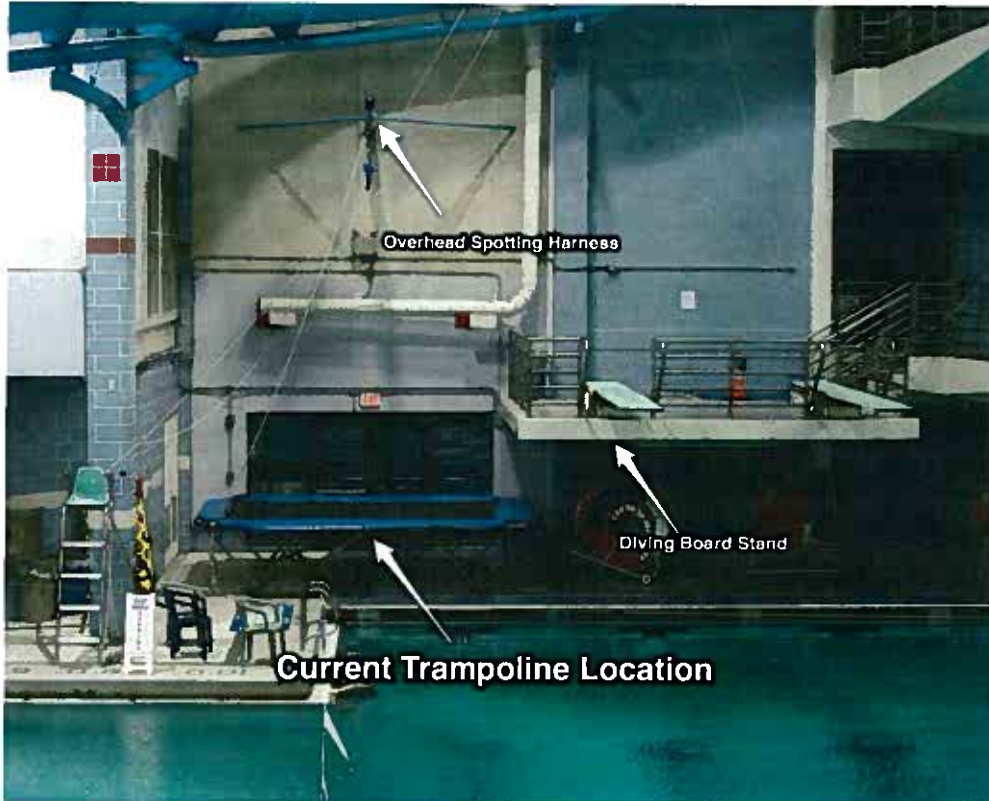




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Attachment E: Current Trampoline Location at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center



We use trampoline with overhead spotting harness as a critical component of the training process for divers at all levels. At the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center the only viable location for year-round use of trampoline is less than ideal. In its current location the trampoline restricts but does not block access to the pump room and one of the facility exits. The trampoline's proximity to the diving board stand creates an additional hazard.

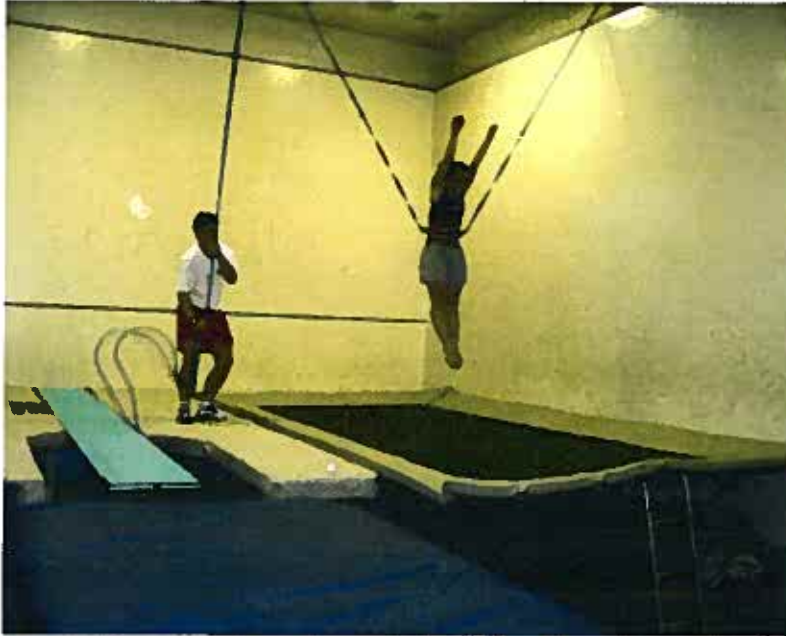
Deck space is a limited resource at any aquatic facility, and at KSAC it is particularly scarce. Moving the trampoline and other equipment into the racquetball courts at Wall Park will free significant space on the pool deck and improve safety for participants.



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Attachment F: Pictures of Sample Facilities





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Attachment F Continued: Pictures of Sample Facilities



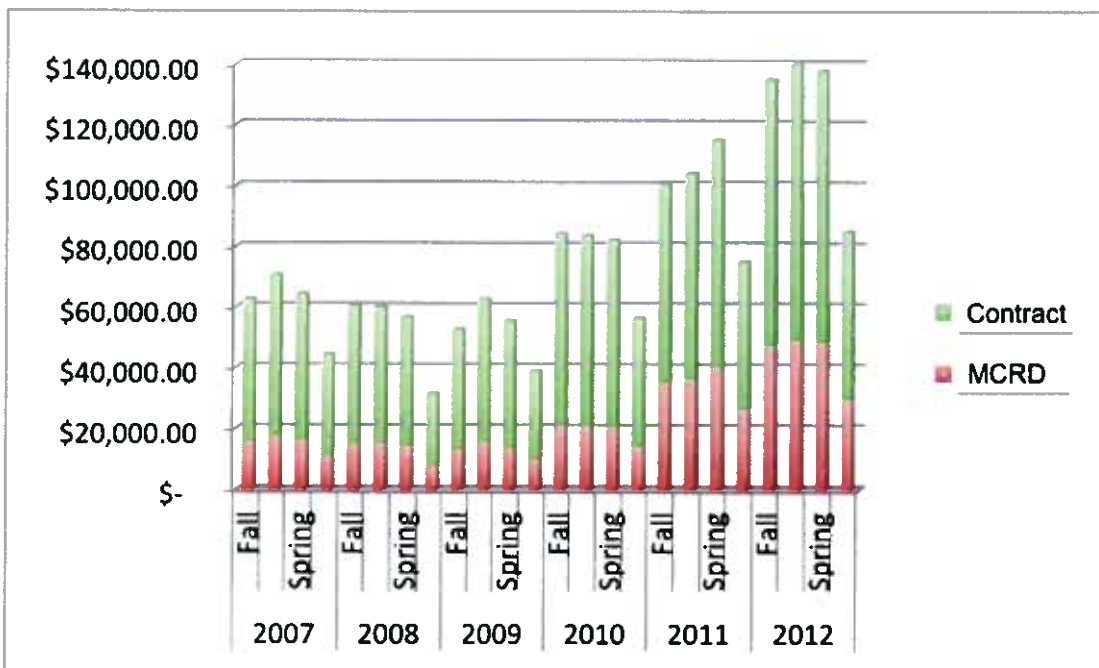


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Attachment G - Profile, Experience, and Qualifications of the Proposer

“Built by Beavers (DBA Montgomery Dive Club)” is the legal name for Montgomery Dive Club (MDC). MDC is contracted by the Montgomery County Recreation Department (MCRD) to provide programming for all of the County’s springboard and platform diving programs. This programming includes classes designed for participants from absolute beginners through international competitors. MDC has a long history of competitive excellence, producing hundreds of National Qualifiers, countless National Finalists and Champions, and even a few Olympic Trials Qualifiers.



Note that winter, spring and summer 2012 revenues above are projected.

In September 2010, Built by Beavers took over operation of the MCRD Diving Programs. By the Fall of 2011, diving program revenue had increased 100% over the same time period in 2007. This increase is directly attributable to changes implemented by Built by Beavers LLC. Year over year revenue is illustrated in the graph below, including data from the first and second quarter of 2011.

This growth was accomplished through the creation and execution of a comprehensive marketing and strategic plan implemented by the staff of Built by Beavers/Montgomery Dive Club. We know that there is a market for continued growth, and we see the dry land center at Wall Park as an integral component of that growth.



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Attachment G Continued: Profile, Experience, and Qualifications of the Proposer

In just over a year, Montgomery Dive Club has established a sound reputation for excellent customer service, attention to detail, and quality of instruction. Our team has implemented financial processes to ensure that the organization is fiscally prepared to take advantage of growth opportunities such as this dry land center and the expansion we expect to see with the White Flint Sector Plan implementation.

Montgomery Dive Club is led by three nationally respected professional diving coaches. Doug Beavers serves as the MDC Program Director, overseeing the Contract Management, Business Administration and Business Development in addition to his daily coaching duties. Jeff Stabile is MDC's Director of Competitive Diving and an MDC National Team Coach. Stabile is responsible to ensure that the highest levels of competitive excellence are being met in our organization. Robert Ketrick is MDC's Technology Coordinator and an MDC National Team Coach. In his role as Technology Coordinator, Coach Ketrick ensures that we implement appropriate technologies to manage competitions and facilitate high quality instruction.

MDC Boosters

The MDC Staff frequently works with the MDC Boosters, a 501 (C) 3 founded to promote amateur diving in Montgomery County. The MDC Boosters assist our staff with event management,, fundraising, social events, team outfitting and other special projects.

MDC Boosters is led by Board President Michael Becker. Michael is a Services Executive at Dell Computers, and has been the MDC Boosters President since September of 2010. He is supported by Lee Richter, a Research Physicist at NIST, Blair Shelton, Senior Manager of Supplier Quality at Qiagen, and Denise Reitan, a Developer who works as a contractor for NASA.

Key Leadership Bio's

Doug Beavers, Program Director

Responsibilities: Contract Management, Program Management, Program Administration, Business Development, External Relations, Marketing, Communications.

Doug Beavers has been managing health and fitness programs for over twenty years, with a strong focus on acrobatic sports such as trampoline and competitive diving. He has also participated in Senior Health and Wellness Research, and has five years of corporate experience as a Business Development Consultant. As an assistant for Northern Virginia Dive Club, Beavers played a critical role in the project to build Virginia's first indoor platforms at the Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton, Virginia. He also played a key role in marketing and coordinating the 1992 "DIVE" Exhibition at Oak Marr Recreation Center, which featured three members of the 1992 US Olympic Diving Team.



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Coach Beavers later worked at the University of South Carolina as Head Age-Group Coach and Assistant to the University Diving Coach, growing the existing Junior Olympic Team by over 150% in two years. During that time he worked with US Olympians Melisa Moses and Michelle Davidson, as well as Puerto Rican Olympian Vivian Alberty.

In 1996, Beavers was asked to serve as the first Director of Diving Programs for the City of St. Peters, Missouri. In this role, he designed and built a full spectrum of programming for diving and trampoline instruction in cooperation with city administration. In his first year he oversaw the installation of dryland diving equipment at the facility, designed and staffed programs to utilize the equipment, and grew the team to over 75 participants.

In his second year Beavers initiated a \$100,000 project to renovate the diving well at St. Peters, bringing the facility into contention for world-class diving competition. Shortly after the project's completion, the St. Peter's REC-PLEX hosted the USA Diving West National Championships.

The program quickly became a nationally recognized USA Diving Club, capturing a USA Diving West National Championship in 2001. Beavers played a significant role in capturing and hosting the 2004 US Olympic Trials for Diving in the City of St. Peters, Missouri.

In September 2010, Doug founded Built by Beavers LLC, and was named Diving Program Director for Montgomery County Recreation Department. Since taking over, Montgomery Dive Club has enjoyed unprecedented growth. Revenue for the diving programs in Montgomery County have increased over 100% since coming under new management.

Jeff Stabile, Director of Competitive Diving

Responsibilities: Oversees National Training Programs, coordinates competitive events for Montgomery County Diving, coaches National Team divers, and travels to competitions.

Jeff Stabile started diving in 1980 with two-time National Age Group Coach of the Year and 2000 Olympic Team Leader Van Austin. As a diver, he won a then-unprecedented four NCAA Division III crowns (sweeping both springboards in 1985 and 1986) while representing University of California San Diego. After his sophomore year, he transferred to UCLA and reached the NCAA Division I Championships before graduating with a BA in Psychology. Jeff continues to compete on the Masters level, and has won nine individual titles and four synchro titles at Masters Nationals over the last 10 years.



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Attachment G Continued - Profile, Experience, and Qualifications of the Proposer

Jeff started coaching professionally in 1990. At the collegiate level, he has produced 16 Conference Champions, eight NCAA Zone Qualifiers, five NCAA qualifiers, and 2 NCAA All-Americans at Occidental College and UC Santa Barbara.

On the club level, Jeff has developed many national-level divers, including 30 Junior National finalists and 10 Senior National qualifiers in 1996-1998. He was named Zone D Age Group Coach of the Year in 1993, serving as Southern Pacific Association President 1997-1999, and being named to the East/West All-Stars International Coaching staff in May 1999.

Over the past five seasons, Jeff has coached over 35 divers to more than 70 Aloha State Games medals, three divers to 25 top-twelve finishes at U.S. Diving Junior Regional Championships, one diver to five appearances at various East/West Championships, three divers to the finals of the AAU National Championships, and one diver to the finals of the US Junior and Senior Nationals.

He continues to be active in United States Diving on the coaching and administrative levels. Within USD, he has served on the Junior Olympic International Subcommittee and Nominations Committee from 1999-2000 and 2005-2006, the Finance Committee from 2002-2005, the Junior Rules Subcommittee in 2002-2004, the Long Range Plan Review Committee in 2003, and is currently a member of the Governance and Rules Committees. Stable is also fluent in American Sign Language, and has a wealth of experience working with the hearing impaired community.

Bob Ketrick, NTP Coach, Technology Coordinator

Responsibilities: National Team Coaching, program design and administrative consulting, technology design and implementation consulting, talent identification.

Bob Ketrick has been involved in competitive diving for 32 years, with over 30 years of coaching experience from which to draw. Bob started as a diver at the Vestal Senior High School in Vestal, NY. He competed for the Vestal Golden Bears for three seasons and was a state finalist two of the three years. Upon completing his New York State High School Regents Diploma, he was awarded a partial scholarship for diving and he matriculated to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

While working toward his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering Bob qualified for and participated in three out of the four NCAA Championships between 1980 – 1984. While on student work blocks during Spring and Summer of 1983 and 1984, Bob trained under such highly respected coaches as Glen McCormick in Long Beach, California, and U.S. Olympic Coach Ron O'Brien in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



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Attachment G Continued - Profile, Experience, and Qualifications of the Proposer

Bob began coaching in 1980 as a senior diver/assistant coach at the Monroe Community College age-group diving program in Rochester, NY. He finished his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and then spent 2 years as the NCAA diving coach at RIT while he completed his Master's Degree in Computer Engineering.

Bob then moved to Reston, Virginia and started coaching at South Lakes High School. From that small group of 6-8 high school divers, Bob formed a US Diving club, which grew over the next several years to become a top USD program. The Northern Virginia Dive Club (NVDC) was a comprehensive age-group diving program owned and operated by Bob with the support of four assistant coaches.

NVDC produced 4 National Champions, 146 National qualifiers, and had one diver, Kristin Link, compete at the 1996 Olympic Team Trials on 10-Meter.

In the 1995-96 season Bob traveled to Rostock, Germany; Guangzhou, China and Fukuoka, Japan as the U.S. National Team Coach at the Junior and Senior World Diving Championships.



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Attachment H: Description of Similar Projects

As Program Director of Montgomery Dive Club, Doug Beavers will be responsible for oversight of the design installation and programming of the repurposed racquetball courts at Wall Park. Beavers is well-suited for this role, as he has a wealth of experience leading organizations through similar projects.

In 1993, Beavers played a key role in a project to renovate the diving well at Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton, VA. This project involved replacement of all springboard standards with concrete pedestals, as well as the installation of Virginia's first 5-meter diving platform. His primary role was in marketing and fundraising for the project.

From 1996-99 he had a more significant role in the design and renovation of the diving facilities at the St. Peters REC-PLEX in St. Peters, Missouri. As Director of Diving Programs for the city, he was the driving force behind the installation of concrete pedestals for the one and three-meter springboards, partial redesign of the platforms, installation of trampoline, dryboard, and spotting rigs. Beavers was intimately involved with all stages of these projects, leading the St. Peters REC-PLEX to become a viable site for world-class diving events, and culminating in the City hosting the US Olympic Trials for Diving in 2004.

From 1996 - 2005, Beavers was responsible for the development of brand new programs for the St. Peters REC-PLEX, including beginner - elite level diving, tumbling, and trampoline instruction.

From 2005 - 2010, Beavers worked as a Federal Healthcare Business Development Consultant, developing and implementing business and marketing plans for various corporations including United Healthcare and SAIC.

With a combination of experience in the fields of acrobatics and business, Beavers is well-suited to lead this effort. With the considerable support of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, the MDC Boosters, and the local community, we are confident that this project will be a success.



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Attachment J: References

Darin J. Barr, Associate, Ballard*King & Associates - Former Recreation Director at St Peters REC-PLEX, St Peters, Missouri. (573) 673-6597. Direct Supervisor to Doug Beavers from 1996-2001.

Jean-Phillipe Graff, CEO, Epona Logistics - Business Development Consulting Client (703) 629-7716. Business Development Client of Doug Beavers from 2006-2009.



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Attachment K: Letters of Support



USA DIVING
132 E. Washington Street
Suite 850
Indianapolis, In 46204
317-237-5252 Phone
317-237-5257 Fax
www.usadiving.org
usadiving@usadiving.org

January 21, 2012

www.usadiving.org

M-NCPPC
6611 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, MD 20737

To Kate Stookey and the M-NCPPC,

As part of our preparations for the 2012 London Olympic Games, USA Diving hopes to use the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center for our domestic pre-Olympic Games training camp for 2012 USA Olympic Diving Team in July 2012.

I do have one concern with regards to conducting our pre-Olympic Games Camp at your wonderful facility, and that is the availability of dry land training facilities. It would be very valuable for our Olympic Team to have access to a dry land facility as part of our preparation. I have spoken with Doug Beavers, the Montgomery County Recreation Department's Diving Program Director, and he has suggested that a dry land facility could be established in nearby racquetball courts and that the Montgomery Diving Club, in cooperation with the local diving community, could equip the courts with the necessary apparatus if permission was granted.

Not only would this project be a great asset to the USA Olympic Team in our preparations for the London Games, but it would also serve as a wonderful long-term benefit to the local diving community. The Montgomery Dive Club is recognized throughout USA Diving as an exemplary program that consistently produces top-quality diving talent. The addition of proper dry land training facility would be a considerable step in taking the program to an elite level.

USA Diving strongly supports this project, and encourages the M-NCPPC to move forward with a public-private partnership with Built by Beavers LLC. In doing so, we envision this location becoming a fantastic educational and training opportunity for hundreds and thousands of children to learn about the sport of diving.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Foley - High Performance Director





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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Gabriel Albornoz
Director

January 19, 2012

Ms. Kate Stookey
Chief of Public Affairs and Community Partnerships
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
9500 Brunett Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Dear Ms. Stookey:

This letter is to express support for the "Repurposing Wall Park Racquetball Courts" Public Private Partnership Application submitted by Built by Beavers LLC. The Montgomery County Recreation Department is working closely with Doug Beavers and his organization to grow the sport of diving in our county. By converting the Wall Park racquetball courts into a site for acrobatic training, we will considerably expand the capacity of the diving program, significantly improve the quality of training for divers of all levels, and alleviate demand for deck-space at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. The establishment of dry-land training facilities will serve as a perfect complement to our already exceptional diving facilities at this site, opening the door for additional high profile events such as the USA Diving Olympic Team Tour this summer.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. The Montgomery County Recreation Department is looking forward to seeing this project advance.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Albornoz
Director

Office of the Director

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MDC Boosters, Inc.

TO: M-NCPPC Public-Private Partnership Review Board
FROM: MDC Boosters
RE: Repurposing of the Racquetball Courts at Wall Park

The MDC Boosters is a 501c3 non-profit organization established to support amateur diving in Montgomery County. Over the years we have worked closely with the Montgomery Dive Club and the Montgomery County Recreation Department and have played an important role in bringing the Montgomery County diving program to national prominence. I am writing this letter to express our organization's whole-hearted support for the "Repurposing Wall Park Racquetball Courts" Public Private Partnership Application submitted by Built by Beavers LLC.

Built by Beavers LLC has managed the Montgomery County Recreation Department's diving programs since September 2010, and in that short time the program has seen tremendous growth. This comes as no surprise to those of us familiar with the established track-record of Program Director Doug Beavers. He has a strong reputation in USA Diving for building and managing successful organizations. Much of our diving program's growth has been centered on the Shriver Aquatic Center, where the majority of our divers train. The potential for growth at this site is tremendous, but we are running into some space limitations that this project would address perfectly. With so much interest in the sport of diving in the National Capitol area, we see the addition of these dryland facilities as a great benefit to the entire diving community - a place for information sharing and training at all levels of the sport.

We also recognize that this project would encourage organizations like USA Diving and AAU Diving to host major events at the Shriver Aquatic Center. An obvious example would be the USA Diving Olympic Team Tour, scheduled for this July. It is our sincere hope that the project can be completed in time to help Team USA prepare for their trip to London for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Upon approval of this partnership, MDC Boosters intends to be deeply involved with funding and installation of equipment at the site. We have earmarked a considerable sum of our funds for this project, and we are looking into ways to raise additional funds for future improvements.

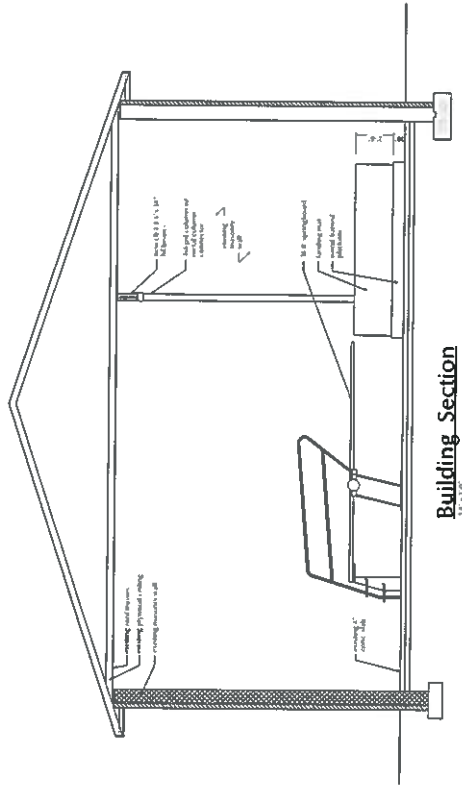
We are, along with Built by Beavers LLC and the MCRD Aquatics Team, committed to seeing this project succeed over the long term. We hope that you will join us in this effort to grow the sport of diving in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

The MDC Boosters, Inc. Board

Michael Becker, President

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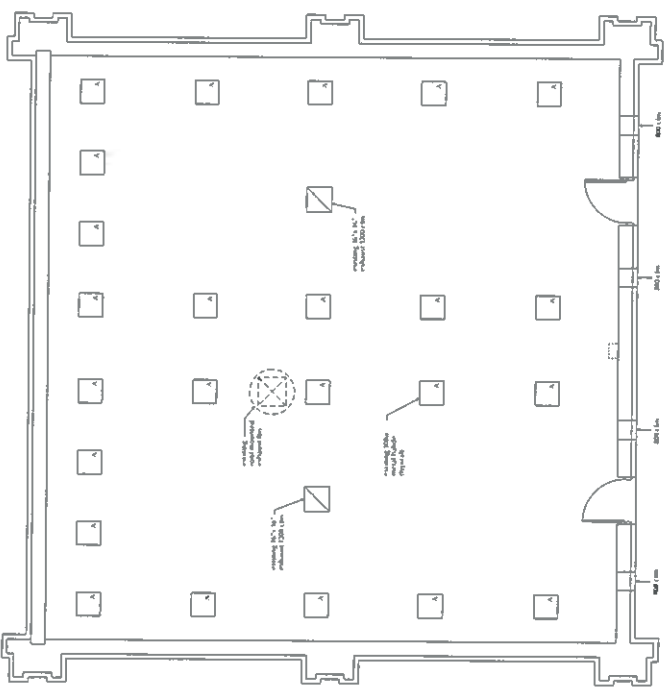


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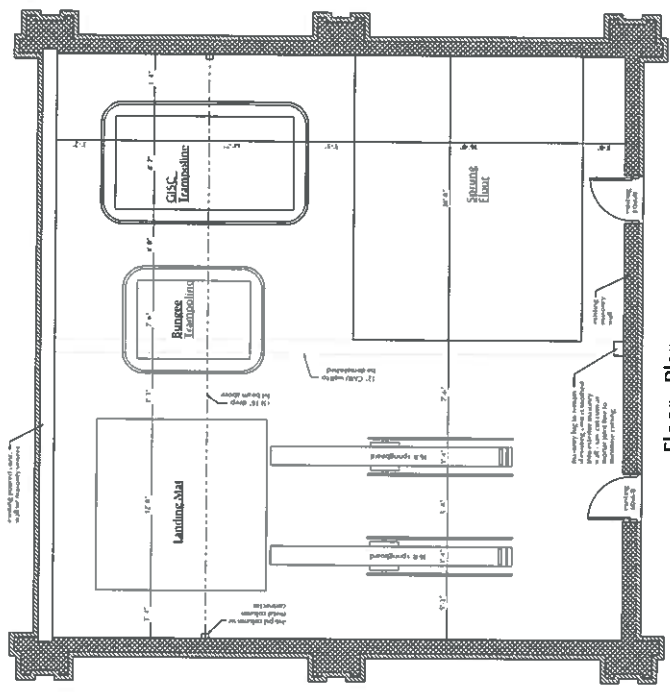
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Floor Plan
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Montgomery Dive Club
Dryland Training Facility
The Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center
5900 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD

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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
WWW.AITKENARCH.COM
15489 CABERS BRANCH WAY,
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850
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FIGURE 8
IMPORTANCE OF FACILITIES TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD

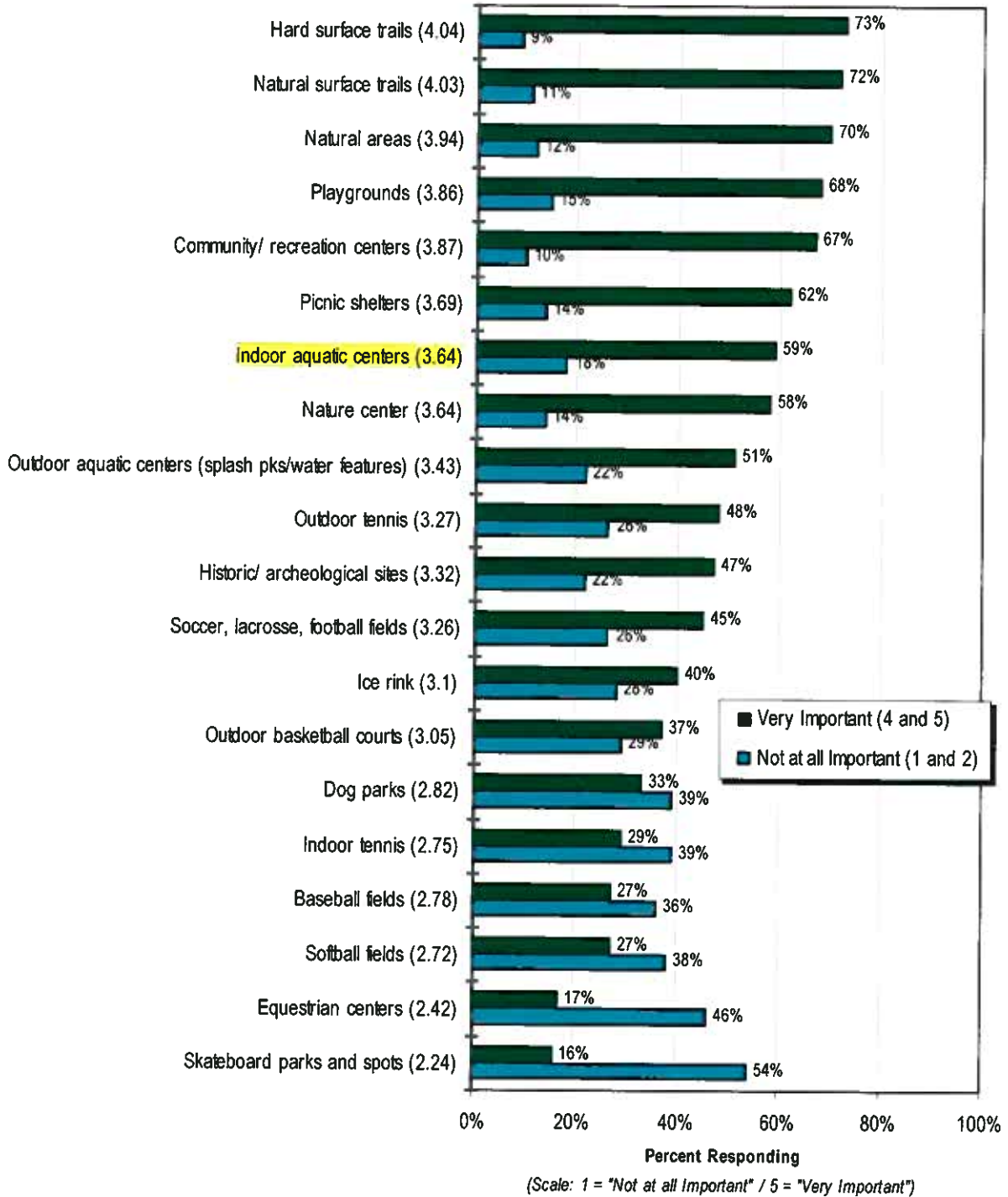
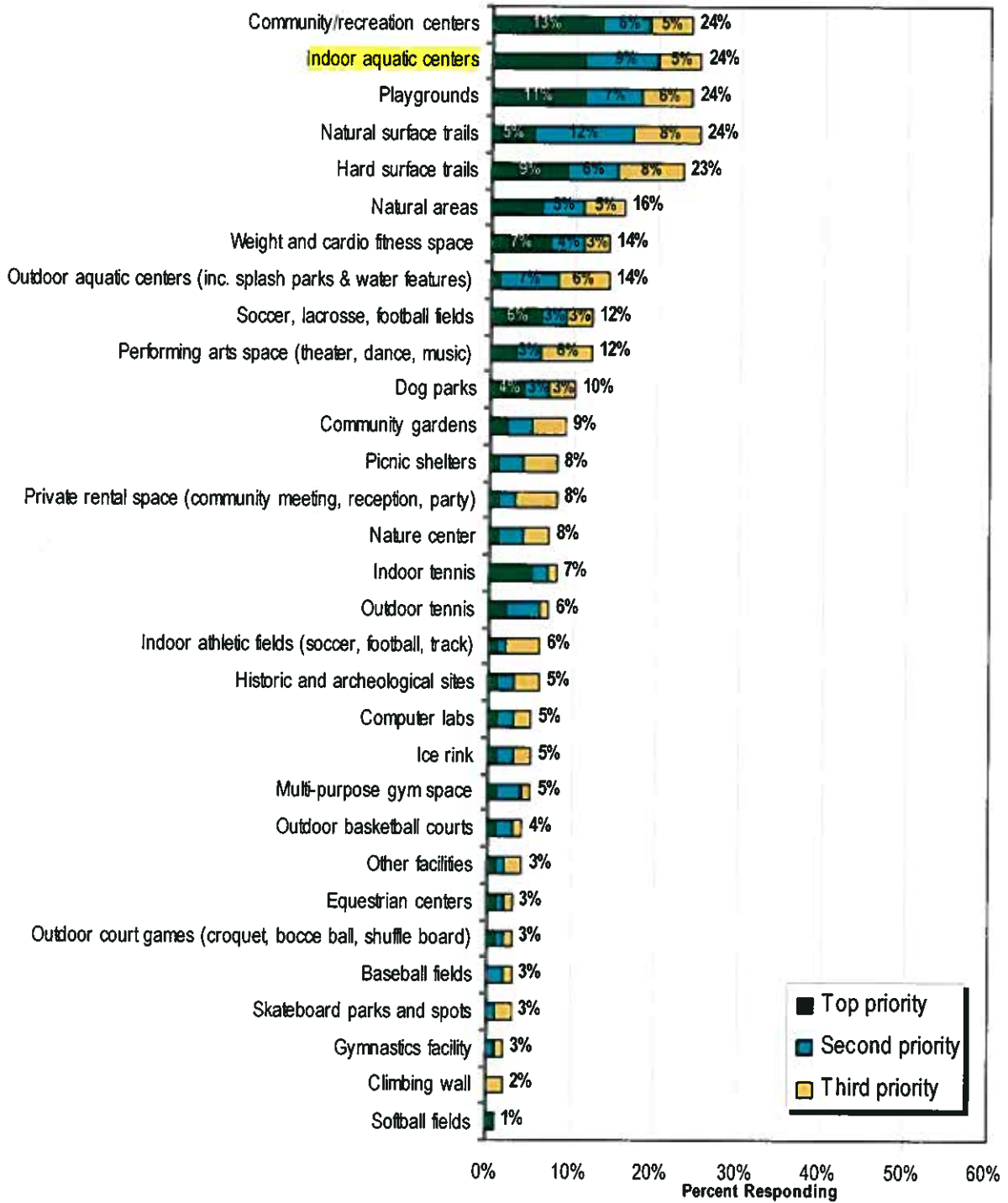


FIGURE 22
IMPORTANCE OF ADDING, EXPANDING, OR IMPROVING FACILITIES (TOP 3 PRIORITIES)



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NOTICE

A public-private partnership proposal has been received for this site

A public-private partnership proposal has been received for this site. The proposal would repurpose the handball courts into a dryland diving training facility to support Montgomery Dive Club programs offered through the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

For more information or to comment, please contact Kate Stookey, Chief, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships at 301-650-2892 or Kate.Stookey@MontgomeryParks.org.

All public comments must be received by June 8, 2012.



M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Public Private Partnership

Stookey, Kate

From: Mike Staiano <mastai@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 12:51 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Shriver Park Racquetball Courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Ms. Stookey,

I recently noticed a sign posted at the Shriver Park racquetball courts of a possible use of the site for diving training. I am a regular user of the courts (and have been for many years) and strongly object to their alteration. While I am certain that a diving facility would have greater use, I suspect that the racquetball courts have more users that may be evident. (I only noticed the sign in the last week and have spoken to others at the courts who had not seen the it--it's above the normal field-of-view and readily taken as the existing sign. The point is that any response to the posting is likely to miss many of the court's patrons.) In any event:

- The racquetball courts are an existing, used, and (evidently) low-maintenance facility
- The only other County courts I'm aware of, at Olney Manor Park, are far inferior--e.g., with chain-link gate in rear wall!
- Ample space exists at Shriver Park to accommodate a diving facility in addition to the existing courts
- Destroying an existing low-operating-cost use in favor of a presumably high-cost use is questionable priority in a time of budget constraints

I regret that I will be out of town for the next several weeks and will not have an opportunity to discuss this with you. I hope that you reconsider this proposal and reject it. Thanks.

Mike Staiano

1923 Stanley Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20851

Stookey, Kate

From: jfwat@mindspring.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Montgomery County Racquetball Courts at Wall Park

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Ms Stookey -- A sign posted some time in May 2012 at the Wall Park racquetball court structure invites comments on a recent public/private partnership proposal that would repurpose usage of this structure from racquetball to a dryland diving training facility supporting the extensive springboard and platform diving facilities in the adjacent Shriver Aquatic Center building at Wall Park.

I have enjoyed playing racquetball at the Wall Park courts on a regular basis, year around, for many years.

A Google search on "dry diving practice facility" produced useful relevant website references to www.springboardsandmore.com/ and www.gatorzone.com/ which describe the equipment and facilities involved. A second search using keywords "dryland diving training facility" was more efficient.

From these brief searches, a dryland diving training facility involves trampolines, springboards, padded landing pits and harnesses connected to overhead cables to suspend the trainee athletes under supervision of experienced spotters. It apparently is quite similar to a training facility for gymnasts. The purpose of dryland diving training is to minimize the number of actual wet dives, which involve a number of minor injuries and ailments as well as, occasionally, some more serious injuries which can occur due to poor diving technique.

The Wall Park racquetball building consists of two relatively large courts with overhead lights. It is a masonry structure. There are ventilation grilles at floor level adjacent to the entry doors, with additional air circulation vents in the roof. Otherwise, there is no climate control. In the middle of winter the courts are meatlocker cold, and by August they have become suffocatingly hot and humid.

Much better that a dryland diving training facility should be constructed as an addition to the large Shriver Aquatic Center building at Wall Park, where it can share the climate control already in place. If the racquetball building were to be repurposed, it would require installation of a standalone heating, ventilation and air conditioning system which probably would make the overall cost of the conversion prohibitively expensive.

The fact that you are soliciting an early round of comments from players using the Wall Park racquetball courts suggests that you might also want to determine how many people are using this facility in its current form. One way you could do this with more accuracy and over a longer period of time would be to replace the free windup timer switches for the overhead lights with coin-activated timer switches, like those that have been in place for many years at the six small County racquetball courts at Olney Manor Recreational Park. Charge some nominal rate like 25 cents for 15 minutes, so a typical two-hour session costs two dollars. No worse than a suburban parking meter. Collect the quarters once a week, once a month, whatever. Then you get a more accurate picture of court usage -- John F Waters, 7019 Poplar Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912-4675

Stookey, Kate

From: Duston Barton <duston07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:04 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: racquetball courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Ms. Stookey-

I'm writing about the proposed removal of the racquetball courts at the Montgomery Aquatic Center. I strongly recommend that you reconsider the proposal. Montgomery County already has great diving facilities. It has no racquetball courts. The only courts nearby are in Olney and the are unusable. I've lived in Montgomery County for five years and a group of us play at the courts at least once a week. We will be terribly saddened by the removal of the courts.

I think a better and far less expensive option would be a restoration of the courts and greater publicity. It took me almost two years of looking for public courts in the are before I found them at the MAC. A little more outreach would increase their use tremendously.

Thanks

Duston Barton

Stookey, Kate

From: Aaron Cummings <acummings79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:19 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Handball/Racquetball Courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hello Ms. Stookey,

I am writing concerning the handball/racquetball courts at the Montgomery Aquatic center. My understanding is that your department is considering turning that into a diving practice room. I strongly feel this is a grave mistake. A group of my friends has been coming to those courts for years to play racquetball. We have enjoyed the courts and continue to use them every week. Montgomery county has plenty of aquatic facilities, but there is a definite lack of facilities for racquetball.

Your sign indicates that if the racquetball courts are converted into a swimming practice facility, it will be a public/private partnership. This seems to imply that at least some public funds will be spent to convert the facility. I think the funds would be better spent maintaining the racquetball facilities. In fact it would probably be much less costly to maintain the current facilities then to convert them into a diving practice center.

If your concern is that the racquetball courts are underutilized, then an effort should be made to publicize the courts. My friends and I stumbled across it. We would have been there much quicker had the courts been better publicized.

Please do not close the racquetball courts.

Sincerely Yours,

Aaron Cummings
Resident of Montgomery County

Stookey, Kate

From: Jan P. Lookingbill <jlookingbill@elcbethesda.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:42 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Re: Repurposing of handball courts at the Aquatic Ctr.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Kate,

I've left a voice message as well as now sending this email to protest the "repurposing" of the handball courts near the Aquatic Ctr. Off Old Georgetown Rd.

As a Pastor of a Lutheran Church here in the County, I have been using the courts for many years and appreciate the county's capital investment for this sport. I continue to use the courts on a regular basis with the youth and young adults of the congregation, for good health and teaching skills. I think there is adequate space on that property for any needed diving team practice and that losing the opportunity to play racquetball on the facility would be a loss for the community. From my point of view, destroying one facility to support another is usually bad policy.

I recommend selecting another site for any anticipated diving team facility and keeping the courts open and available for our community use.

Many thanks for your concern for our community, for soliciting our opinions and considering our needs.

Sincerely,
Jan P. Lookingbill, Pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Bethesda, MD
301 365 5733

Stookey, Kate

From: Ryan Parker <rbparker12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:08 PM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Racquetball Courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Kate,

I regularly play racquetball on the courts located adjacent to the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center in Rockville, Maryland. They are the only public racquetball courts in the area. I noticed this last week a sign on the courts explaining that the County is considering demolishing the courts to make room for additional swim facilities and providing your phone number and email address for comments.

I am writing because I would hate to see the County tear down the racquetball courts. There are numerous pools and aquatic facilities in the County, but for those of us who enjoy playing racquetball, the options are very limited. I play weekly with a regular group, and we often encounter other players making use of the facilities. The public racquetball courts are enjoyed by members of the community, and it would be a real loss is they are destroyed to make way for yet another swimming pool.

Please let me know if you plan to hold a public hearing on this issue, as I would be interested in attending.

Thanks,

Ryan Parker

Stookey, Kate

From: Rick Nicholls <rijnichol@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:01 PM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Racquetball Courts at MAC

Follow Up Flag: FollowUp
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Kate,

This email is to request that you do not repurpose the racquetball courts at the MAC. I play there with a rotating group on a weekly basis on Wednesday or Thursday nights.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to ensure the courts are not repurposed.

Sincerely,

Richard Nicholls
10200 Leslie St.
Silver Spring, MD 20902
(703) 717-2930 cell

Stookey, Kate

From: Carey Nuttall <lawnutt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 3:01 PM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Raquetball Courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Ms. Stookey,

Please keep the raquetball courts open at the MAC. My friends and I play there nearly every week. We appreciate the opportunity to get some good exercise while playing a game we enjoy. Public raquetball courts are scarce in Montgomery County, and without the courts at the MAC we would probably not be able to play with any frequency.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

-Carey Nuttall

Stookey, Kate

From: Ben Bishop <bnjmnbshp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: In support of the racquetball courts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Ms. Stookey,

My name is Benjamin Bishop, and I am a Montgomery County resident. I live in the North Woodside neighborhood and work at the "White Oak" FDA / Federal Research Center.

I love to play racquetball and enjoy teaching my children and friends to play. Instead of repurposing the courts, please consider my voice as one in support of maintaining them so that we can continue to play this wonderful sport.

Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of the parks and MC.

Sincerely,
Ben

Benjamin Bishop

Stookey, Kate

From: Stookey, Kate
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:24 PM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Meeting to discuss Wall Park Public-Private Partnership Project

Hello, everyone,

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Please share this invitation with anyone else you think would be interested. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best regards,
Kate Stookey

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Wall Park Public Meeting
Proposal for Public-Private Partnership
June 18, 2012

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Stookey, Kate

From: Ryan Parker <rbparker12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:27 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Re: Meeting to discuss Wall Park Public-Private Partnership Project

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Kate,

I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the meeting yesterday evening. I spoke to my friend Duston Barton, who was at the meeting, and understand that a decision on the future of the racquetball courts will be made in the next few weeks. I want to again express my hope that the courts can be saved. Duston and I play at least once a week at Wall Park with a group of half dozen other players. We are not aware of any comparable public courts in the area, and if the courts are torn down or repurposed we won't have anywhere we can play racquetball.

We have tried to play at the courts in Olney but most of the lights didn't work and the chain link doors prematurely ended many of our rallies and made playing matches difficult. The courts at Wall Park are better and much more convenient for our group, but if they cannot be saved, please consider fixing the Olney courts so the lights work and don't require quarters and the courts are fully enclosed. I believe there are many people, like me, who enjoy playing racquetball, and I hope the County will make providing racquetball courts a priority as it makes decisions about the future of Wall Park.

Thanks,

Ryan Parker

On Mon, Jun 11, 2012 at 1:25 PM, Stookey, Kate <kate.stookey@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

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Stookey, Kate

From: Stookey, Kate
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Follow up information on the proposed Wall Park Dryland Diving Training Facility

Dear Supporters of Racquetball at Wall Park,

Many thanks to those of you who joined us for the public meeting on Monday, June 18, at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. Your attendance and the resulting discussion was greatly appreciated.

The proposed Wall Park Dryland Diving Training Facility public-private partnership project, submitted by the Montgomery Dive Club (MDC), the organization that offers diving and aquatics programs for county youth at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center on behalf of the County's Department of Recreation, will be presented to the Planning Board next Thursday, June 28, for their consideration. That presentation is currently scheduled to take place at 11:30am. I have prepared the staff packet, and it does recommend approval of the proposed partnership for the reasons we discussed at our meeting on Monday night. For those of you who were unable to attend, a summary of the proposed project as well as an overview of the public meeting discussion is contained in the staff packet (link provided below). The staff packet also includes all of your emails in support of retaining the courts for racquetball use.

Here is the link to view the Planning Board's agenda for June 28:

<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2012/agenda20120628e.html>. You will be able to view the staff packet by clicking on the agenda link for "Item 4: Public-Private Partnership Proposal: Wall Park Dryland Diving Training Facility" – the link should be live by the close of business tomorrow, Friday, June 22. If you would like to sign up to testify at the Planning Board presentation, here's the link: http://www.montgomeryapps.org/planning_board/testify.asp.

As we discussed at the meeting, the White Flint Sector Plan will likely impact the future layout of Wall Park and provides an opportunity to incorporate racquetball facilities in the expanded Community/Aquatics Center being explored as an option at that site. If you are interested in seeing racquetball courts included in the redeveloped Wall Park, you will need to demonstrate the public need for racquetball by reaching out to Mr. Jeffrey Bourne, Chief, Division of Facilities & Capital Programs, at the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. You can reach him via email at: Jeffrey.Bourne@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov. If you would like to learn more about the planning process that's underway, here's a link to the page on the White Flint Sector Plan: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint/>.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 301-650-2892 or by responding to this email.

Sincerely,
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From: Michael Becker <thenewyorkmets@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Stookey, Kate
Subject: Support for Handball Court Transition to Dryland

Kate -

My apologies for not getting this to you yesterday. I was locked out of my email account by the folks at hotmail. I hope it is not too late.

The proposed transition of the handball courts at KSAC into a dryland facility for our county residents will be a major step in providing our athletes with facilities that match those of the best diving programs in the country. MDC has a long tradition of training Olympic caliber divers all the way through beginners and this will benefit all of those athletes tremendously. Hundreds of athletes will benefit from this transition as will our coaches.

We appreciate your support in this effort,

Michael Becker - President, MDC Boosters