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A New Direction – Multiuse at Moana

After many discussions between SNCA and City of Reno staff members, it was announced that the City has a potential grand plan for the site of the old Moana pool and its surrounding areas - a multigenerational facility including the aquatics center that SNCA has been pushing for. Much larger than the plan SNCA had originally presented to the City, the new plan includes facilities and areas for all types of recreation, including the possibility of multiple pools. SNCA is excited about this project proposal and plans to support the planning and creation of this new community highlight.

With SNCA's mission of promoting, facilitating and coordinating aquatic opportunities, this project is something SNCA wants to get behind and hopes others do too.

SNCA plans to help garner support and coordinate efforts within the aquatic community to help move this project forward. Recently backed by the City Council, the project can now move forward in its preliminary planning.

In case you missed it, here is the September 24, 2010, article from the Reno Gazette Journal, written by Susan Voyles:

City cites many uses for Moana

By Susan Voyles • September 24, 2010

Touting multigenerational uses at the city's Moana Lane property has been endorsed by the Reno City Council as a new approach to raising money to build a new aquatics center and other recreational facilities.

In all, the city owns 22 acres on Moana, including a fire station, pool, an old stadium, a large baseball field and three smaller ones and several large parking areas.

Since mechanical failures forced the closure of the indoor, geothermal-heated pool in November 2007, the city has been struggling to raise money to rebuild with the help of the Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics group. But money has been difficult to raise because of the recession.

Touting multigenerational uses -- serving both the young and old -- would cast a wider net, Councilwoman Sharon Zadra said.



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"It's a huge opportunity to move forward with partnerships with strong players," she said.

Chip Hobson, with the aquatics group, said his group is in support as long as an aquatics center remains a major component.

"Because of the unique resources, multigenerational makes sense," he said.

Therapeutic pools, for instances, could be part of the swimming program, said Jonathan Skinner, a city recreation manager.

New plans for the entire site could also pack in more uses, he said. Space could be made available for a community garden appealing to young and old. A rock-climbing wall could be put in an lobby.

Renewable energies also would be an integral part of the project to save on operating costs. New pools and other facilities could make use of geothermal heating while solar and wind energy also could be utilized, he said.

Reno Continental and Reno Youth Sports Association have contributed \$17,500 for planning the facilities, Skinner said. Plans alone are estimated to cost \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Current stakeholders that have signed off on the approach include: Reno Astros, an adult baseball team that uses the stadium, Q-Essence, a hydroponics company, Veterans of Foreign Wars that owns nearby property, the Reno Youth Sports Association, South Reno Babe Ruth, Reno Continental Little League and the aquatics group.

Moana Recreation Site

- » 1960: The pool opens
- » 1962: Moana Stadium opens
- » 1966: Jack Tighe Fields open
- » 2007: Pool closed after major equipment failure
- » 2008: City approves a recreation facilities infrastructure plan but has little money to fund it
- » 2009: City entered into several agreements with interested partners, including Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics, for planning and fundraising efforts.

Up and Coming

SNCA Capital Campaign

Please stay tuned for Sierra Nevada Community Aquatic's launch of their new capital campaign. The campaign will be designed around raising money to further the launch of a new aquatics facility here in our area. Plans are expected to move quickly and we hope to raise the dollars in order to make our dream come true. Please help us spread the word about our drive to bring this much needed and missing element to our community! For more information, please contact us or keep up-to-date by following us here, on our website or on Facebook.

