



Community of South San Francisco,

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the **City of South San Francisco** and **ELS Architecture and Urban Design** facilitated the second of a three-part-series of community workshops to develop the design of the new Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center. During Workshop #2, the community participated in a tabletop design session to narrow down three potential concepts to one preferred concept. Each of the three concepts revealed various pool designs; an option was also proposed with a large indoor warm water fun pool and an outdoor 25-yard x 30-meter lap pool. At the conclusion of Workshop #2, the community's overall preference was split between an all-indoor aquatic center or the larger indoor/outdoor design concept.

The Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center project is funded by Measure W and is targeting a final construction cost of \$34 million. It will be built at Orange Memorial Park and is set to include two pools. Its state-of-the-art design will meet CAL Green Building Code requirements with the goal of reducing energy use. The design is targeted for completion in the spring of 2023, with construction to follow; a grand opening is targeted for 2025.

**Concept A** is an *all-indoor* facility; a 2,150 sf warm water pool kept at or above 80°F with a zero-depth beach entry and two lap lanes. The second pool is a 25-yard fitness water lap pool kept below 80°F.

**Concept B** is an *indoor/outdoor* facility; a large indoor warm water pool (+80°F) measures 5,100 sf, with a zero-depth beach entry and six lap lanes. An optional pool design with more play area and fewer lanes was also presented as an alternative. The outdoor fitness water lap pool (-80°F) could become a 25-yard x 30-meter pool, including 12 lap lanes. This outdoor pool would offer increased space to host swim meets, water polo, synchronized swimming, and many other programming opportunities.

**Concept C** holds the same *indoor/outdoor* pools as in Concept B, with the building's layout changing slightly. In this scheme, the multipurpose room is moved from the corner of Orange Ave and Tennis Drive to the northern side of the building to face the park. This option moves the pool mechanical equipment to the front corner of the building, where the equipment would be hidden behind a solid surface wall. Concept C explores the multipurpose room's visibility from the park with no views to the street; an alternate version shows activities within the building through a glassy façade, as seen from Tennis Drive and Orange Avenue.

In all three concepts, the building has an entry lobby, locker rooms, family changing rooms, pool mechanical room, offices, activity/training room, pool storage, and a multipurpose room. The multipurpose room can be available outside of pool operating hours and is a space to host events, City meetings, trainings, and other community gatherings. While there was some concern about the design providing more community gathering space than necessary, especially given the proximity of the Fernekas Building, City staff is able to show past use demand data that justify the space allocation. There was consensus that the entry to the new aquatic center should be from Tennis Drive, and that views of the pools be seen from Orange Avenue.

While construction is taking place, the current Orange Pool is intended to remain in operation. The City is discussing options for the Orange Pool site, once the new facility is built and in operation, which includes additional parking with ADA accessible spots or an additional park area. Another point of consensus was the need for a "drop-off zone" near the entry to the center.

For this project's next steps, ELS will continue to advance the programming and conceptual design effort. The City will have several additional community focus group meetings to further develop community consensus and guide the design to a preferred scheme. This work will be ready for presentation, comment, and critique as part of **Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center- Workshop #3, which will be on June 11th from 10am – 12pm**. Workshop #2 presentation materials and more information on the final Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center Workshop can be found at <http://ssf.net/newpool>. Community members will also have an opportunity to provide comments and speak with project staff on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 700 Linden Avenue, as part of the South San Francisco General Plan outreach event.

As the City and ELS Architecture and Urban Design work to develop the preferred scheme, we need your input! If you missed Workshop #2 or if you would like to add additional comments, you can view the three design concepts, rank your desired programming opportunities, type your comments, and vote for your preferred scheme in this survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OMPAC\\_Workshop2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OMPAC_Workshop2)

We appreciate our community's readiness to attend these important workshops. Your thoughts are invaluable to this process.

Thanks,

The City of South San Francisco