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South San Francisco Community Members,

On Saturday, April 9th, the City of South San Francisco and ELS Architecture and Urban Design began the first of a three-part workshop series to gather community input for the design of the new Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center. At Workshop #1, community members walked through a gallery-style exhibit where they could ask questions, share ideas, and give input. Eight information boards, displayed throughout the space, were accompanied by ELS and City staff facilitating a variety of exciting discussion topics.

The Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center project is funded by Measure W. It will be built at Orange Memorial Park and is set to include two pools. The state-of-the-art design will meet CAL Green sustainability standards with a goal of reducing energy and water use. The design is targeted to be completed in the spring of 2023; a grand opening is targeted for fall 2025.

Of the two pools, one will focus on a variety of deep-water and lap-swim activities, while the other, a warm water fun, learn-to-swim and exercise pool, will enable family-oriented enjoyment and a range of activities for people who may prefer the warmer temperature. At Workshop #1, the community voiced their interest in an array of programming ideas for the pools. A consistent theme in the comments was the importance of retaining and strengthening the facility's multigenerational and cross-cultural uses, which is a clear testament to South San Francisco's diverse community.

The aim of this first workshop was to collect more information. With upwards of one hundred community members attending, the community's dreams and aspirations for this venue were on full display. By the workshop's conclusion, its culminating station – a design tree with sticky notes available for thoughts and comments – was covered with a range of ideas.

For this project's next steps, the project team will continue to advance programming and conceptual design. This effort will support the development of a draft program and two to three concept plans. This work will be ready for presentation, comment, and critique as part of **Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center - Workshop #2, which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10am-12pm at the Joseph A. Fernekes Building at Orange Memorial Park.** More information on the two remaining Orange Memorial Park Aquatic Center Workshops can be found at <http://ssf.net/newpool>.

If you missed workshop #1 or if you would like to add additional comments, you can view the design display boards and type your comments in the space provided in this survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeMemorialParkAquaticCenterWorkshop1>.

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

Thank you,
The City of South San Francisco