

AQUATICS WORKING GP.

6/17/2025

Sharing - what brought you?
one good thing to share?

- desire to spread interest in swimming
- < fitness instructor - 25 years
- swim team coach BH. want lots of kids at pool
- Swimmer, local, want everyone in neighborhood to benefit.
- Local, access for all
- Believe that all ages should swim
- want to hear the feedback, hope the local neighborhood gets excited about pool
- Lifelong swimmer - want to understand financial challenges, share ideas,
- ✓ BH local, swimmer, RNNA president, want community to know about / use BH pool

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- want to dispel perception that BH residents "don't want to swim," they just need access, means to do
 - concerned about financial issues, seek solutions
 - water exercise user, hope for sponsors for BH swim team, funding for free/~~the~~ subsidized activities
 - PA res. - MP swimmer, supporter of swim team, want to see more kids at BH pool from local schools, community
 - BH resident - happy to see mailer and coupon - more of that;
 - Daughter on swim team - like the mailer/coupon
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③ Matrix of feedback / responses

Staff reviewed select responses
#2, #6, #8, #15, #18, #21,
#22, #30, #46, #47

Feedback

- Need Spanish speakers to help get info at Aquafit, other classes
- How has summer break attendance been?
[It has picked up w/ summer break and summer programs.]
- Why isn't BIG club at BH Pool?
They are going to other location for summer. Outreach to those programs.
- City contributes \$1m x the pool / year - at what point would the pool close for lack of funds?
- What does the maint. costs entail?
Who is paying? [City]
(operator pays for day-to-day operations)
- Why were Burgers hours reduced?
(control labor costs)

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- Can we get financial information about pool operations, shortfall.
- Pool is built by the City, Operator runs it.
- Facebook made gift contingent on their employees having access? [No.] (Focus is on hyperlocal residents, there is no special access for FB employees.)
- Bilingual lifeguards? [Yes, and working to hire more.] (Not always on deck, yet.)
- Swim team eventually can lead to youth lifeguards. [Certifications are earned as well.] (MSS is a competitive employer - large team, strong recruiting capacity.)
- Which schools are target for lifeguard recruiting? (Mostly M-A) but others too

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- Red cross website has info where youth can get lifeguard training.
[MSS offers ~10 lifeguard classes/year, in-house trainers]
- BBAF also give scholarships for lifeguard training? [Majority of MSS new hires are local]
- Water polo used to be robust; status update?
Could expand reach, bring revenue.
[BTH Pool is designed to support water polo in the future]
- Second comment / testimonial about the former water polo program & coach @ BH
Comment on stigma / different response by residents not from BH about BTH



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Marketing efforts in progress

[in agenda packet]

[distributed flyer/mailer]

- aquafit instructor outreach
- outreach to senior center program

~~WORD OF MOUTH PLANNING~~

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Feedback / suggestions

- Food trucks @ pool?
- Bday party rentals?
- BBQ, family celebrations

Local stores

public transit ads

BHCDc

Senior center

(WATER SAFETY MESSAGE)

Segmented marketing, targets

Talking points, tailored

Target Metra employees in morning? lunch?
and other employers

+ PRESCHOOLS

⑦ WORD OF MOUTH MOBILIZATION

LIAISON / VOLUNTEER	GROUP	# FLYERS
Eduardo H.	CRC	
	Nuestra Casa	
Miyko	BH Empowered	
Miyko	BHNA	
	BH CDF	
Miyko	BH Action	
	P. Bridge	
Miyko +	Local (BH) retail	
	Schools	
Arlene / alexin	Summer camp Girls 2 women	~25
Lalo	Ravenswood Health	
Rochelle	BIG club EPA food boxes - 2nd Harvest other info	