

Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 01/16/2025

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Gary Miller, Committee Chair

Present: Gary Miller, Vivian Koroknay, Tracy Reddell (via Microsoft Teams), Nancy Kaplan

Public Attendees via Microsoft Teams – Mary Hastler (New applicant to Aquatics Committee awaiting Board approval)

I. Motion to approve the agenda: Agenda accepted

II. Review/Update of 2024 suggestions:

The following suggestions for repair were submitted last year:

I. Repair to pool ladders at YC and Mumfords landing pools:

Steps at both locations are metal and slippery. Pool ladders at Mumfords Landing are difficult for most people to use due to being built into the side of the pool.

It was suggested that new ladders would be installed before the start of the 2025 season. What is the status of getting new ladders? There has been no response from the Aquatics Board liaison at this time.

II. Pool facilities that require maintenance/repairs:

There were a number of pool facility areas in need of maintenance that were brought to the Board's attention. The Aquatics Advisory Committee's (AAC) interpretation of the term "facility" includes the buildings that support the pools and aquatics programs. Previous response from Rick Farr, AAC Board Liaison, indicated facilities not included in the scope AAC responsibilities. The bylaws include the term facility in identifying AAC scope of concern. Further, the AAC has made suggestions regarding the pool buildings in the past, and these were acted upon by OP. The AAC asked for a clarification of that from the Board. There has not been a response from the Board liaison at this time.

Committee discussed the pool facilities and affect on overall aquatics experience for members. Further, association members come to AAC members voicing concerns about the pool facilities. Decision made by AAC to continue to notify Board of facility concerns.

III. Evening Aquatics Classes:

a) Discussion regarding offering evening aquatics classes. These classes were very popular in past summers and well attended. Multiple requests have come to the AAC to offer aquatics classes in the evening. Very popular with summer residents who would take advantage of the "drop in" fee to attend.

Committee will continue to explore this request and provide a proposal to the Board to offer at least one evening aquatics class next summer.

IV. Discussion of Survey Results:

a) Recent OPA survey results were shared and discussed. Updated version (with additional responses) will be shared with committee by Gary. Preliminary results indicate many comments refer to the pools and aquatics programs. Many responses from association members request a fitness center, with some suggesting it be located at the Sports Core Pool.

Suggestion made to partner with a medical center (such as Tidal Health) or a local fitness company (such as Pure Fitness or one of the other local gyms).

AAC will review all final results and may propose a fitness center be considered as part of the Aquatics program at OP.

- b) Preliminary results also indicate many OPA members unhappy with the increase in rates for pool memberships and daily pool fees. Committee members expressed concerns that this may actually decrease utilization of pools and overall affect pool revenues.
- c) Other survey results indicate that many OPA members are unhappy with the appearance of the pool facilities. This supports the AAC decision to bring facility concerns to the Board over the previous year.

The committee notes an apparent disconnect from AAC suggestions and Board responses. This has been mentioned by other Board Advisory Committees as well.

- d) One area of discontent in the survey was with the bathrooms (addressed in previous AAC meetings and proposals), and specifically the beach club bathroom. The committee feels that a swipe card entry to the beach club bathrooms would eliminate the need for an attendant and would limit use of bathrooms to OPA residents and guests only.
- e) Further discussion on using swipe card entry for pool members to all pools (negates those with pool memberships from waiting in line). It is noted that a swipe card entry is in use at the racket facilities. AAC will consider this suggestion to the Board at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the AAC meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM,

Next Aquatics Committee meeting is February 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian Koroknay
Secretary, Aquatics Committee