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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager 
Date: April 16, 2019
Initiated By: Matt Earman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Re: Dublin Community Pool North Project Update

Background

At the March 18, 2019 Council meeting, an update for the Dublin Community Pool North (DCPN) renovation project was provided, recommending next steps in the design process by reaching out to residents regarding the exploration of a pool enclosure to expand the operation year-round (Appendix A – 030519 Staff Report.) Following Council's guidance, on April 2, 2019 staff facilitated a public input session, which focused on the background of the project, requests to explore enclosure options, potential impacts to the neighboring residents and seeking feedback from the community.

The meeting was well attended with approximately 85 residents taking part in the discussion. The primary make up of those in attendance were neighbors within close proximity of the pool complex, members of the swim team community and others interested in the project for a variety of reasons. Also in attendance was Mr. Virgil Temple, whose leadership and support has led to the organization of the community in seeking funding to contribute towards additional aquatic facilities.

Following a brief presentation by staff, the meeting was opened up to residents for questions and feedback regarding the potential for an enclosed aquatic facility. Strong opinions were voiced by many in attendance with three main points of view:

1. Those representing the swim team community were interested in the City pursuing an adaptation to the original design of the pool complex by integrating an indoor/outdoor 50-meter competition pool with enclosure as part of the renovation project. The purpose of this facility would be to provide the ample space to host swim team practices, swim meets and other aquatic programs. The facility could be opened to the outdoor environment during the summer months and closed during the fall, winter and early spring months, serving the community year-round.
2. By and large, the neighbors surrounding the DCPN complex opposed such a facility, given the significant activities associated with the neighboring Wyandot Elementary School, Earlington Park and local churches near the site. Most residents expressed concern about increased traffic, lack of existing parking, noise and light pollution, loss of green space, and general interruption to the neighborhood. In addition, most felt that the size and appearance of the proposed enclosure itself was not aesthetically pleasing, did not measure up to Dublin's standards, and was not suitable for the area.
3. Staff does not recommend a 50-meter outdoor pool, with or without cover, as such a pool would not support the recreational swim and swim team programs intended for

the DCPN. A 50-meter outdoor pool would also likely draw more competitive swim attendees than the current site could support.

4. The City's aquatic facilities for year-round use by a combination of recreational, high school swim teams, lap swimmers, Masters Swimming programs and other competition/lap pool activities are deficient to serve the needs within the community. The community's general public recreational swim needs are met by current facilities, with replacement of the DCPN. While this particular site and enclosure were not received well by local residents, there was significant support for a more substantial (50-meter outdoor with enclosure or stand-alone natatorium) that would better serve the needs of the competitive swim community on a more suitable site.

Comment cards were available for those in attendance to provide additional input at the meeting. A complete list of comments can be found on the attached document (Appendix B – Meeting Comments). For a better understanding of residents who participated in the latest public meeting, also attached is a map of the City depicting households of attendees who provided their address (Appendix C – City Map).

Recommendation

Staff appreciates the great turnout by the various interested parties and their participation at the April 2nd meeting. The meeting was a most civil and professional discussion where all in attendance had the opportunity to express, hear, and learn about the various interests and concerns.

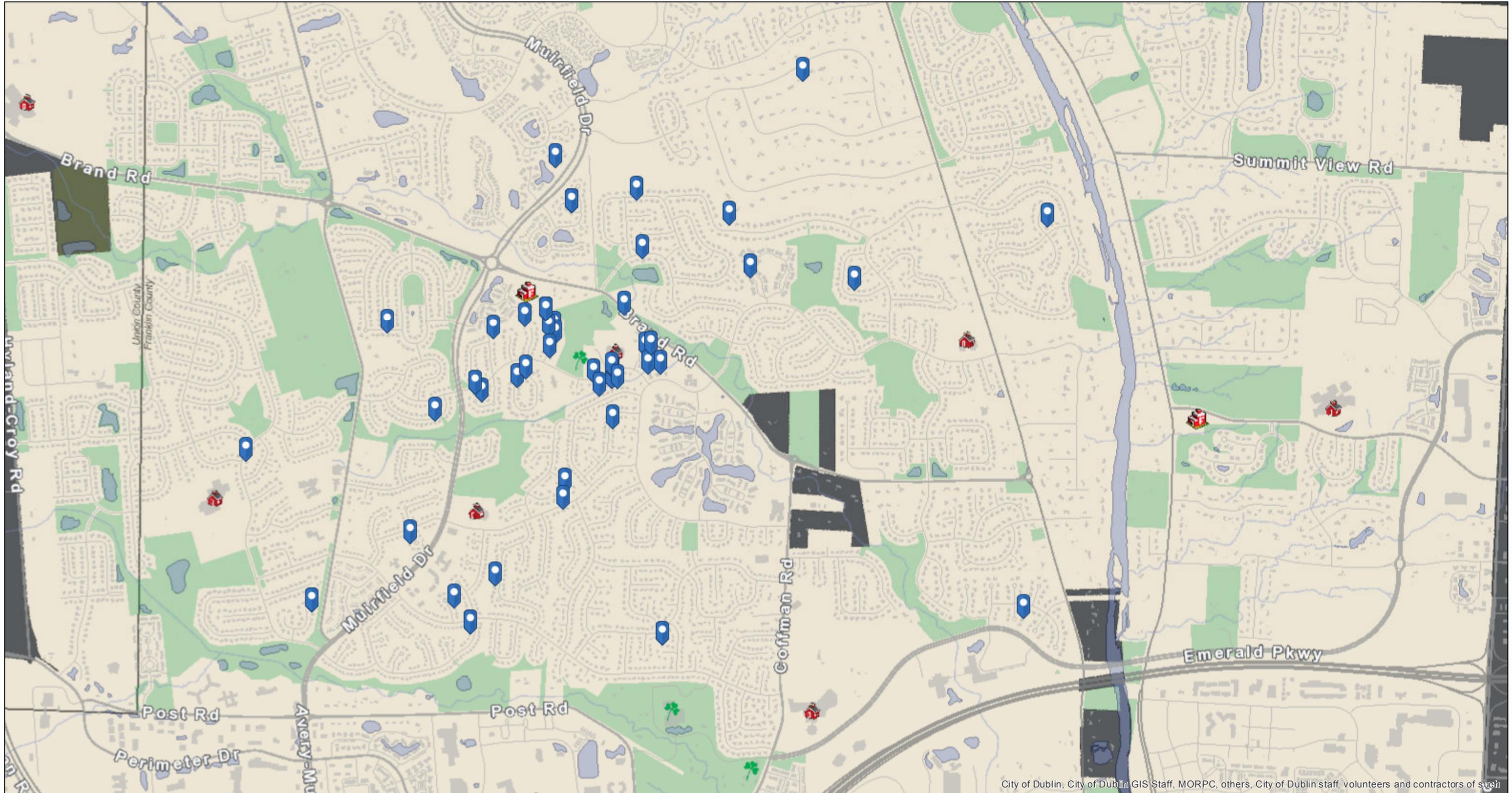
As a result of this input and discussion, staff recommends the following:

1. Replace the existing 25-meter DCPN with the same size outdoor pool, associated facilities and amenities, and as intended by the current funding in the City's five-year capital budget.
2. Implement the design process with the community immediately, in order that the intended replacement schedule be met. The initial public meeting for this effort will begin in May, 2019.
3. City staff will participate in a discussion regarding additional swim facilities to accommodate other swimming and competitive swim community needs, type of facility, location, and capital and operating costs, to be determined. Any contribution to such a facility by the City is not likely. However, staff appreciates the energy and leadership that has come forward to try to address this need and, if necessary, by others. Staff believes the potential for such a facility lies in and should include a very broad set of interests within and external to Dublin as an overall strategy, however a Dublin location would be preferable. This is yet to be determined as part of the discussion.

Please address any questions to me or Matt Earman.

Dublin Community Pool North - Input

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Name	Address	Comment	Email
Katie Ballay	7531 Bardston Dr	Thanks for Listening! Please do NOT put this pool or retrofit pool dome on Dublinshire North Pool. And please stop spending city dollars on proposals or designs for a domes pool or natatorium at the noth pool. Please stick to the plan to renovate the North Community Pool. And please find a way to build a natatorium facility somewhere else in the city. Possible ideas: partner w/ bridge park developer to build pool there, partner w/ OU, partner w/ schools, assess housing developers as they build new communities to help fund pool, get creative!	
Jeff Ballay	7531 Bardston Dr	Dublin is in need of a facility(other than the rec center) that can serve the community year round. I support this idea to expand. However, the north pool is not in the right location for a retro-fitted aquatics facility. It should not be next to an elementary school. It should retain a community feel and not endanger school children. Dublin needs a natatorium! We have long out grown our pools in this city!! Our community has grown and our pools have not! Please consider an all year round facility!	jeffballay@gmail.com
Carrie Malfatto	5988 Glenfinnan Ct	Thank you to the City of Udblín for organizing this meeting. As a resident of Dublin celebrating my families first year in Dublin I feel we made a great move! As a resident of Dublinshire the location is ABSOLUTELY NOT the right location for any option other than #1 (Replacement). If the city does this it needs to be done right! Natatorium on a location accessible to traffice, away from residential homes, and away from an elementray school.	
Kenneth Kitty	7508 Ashlord Ct	1)Retro-fitting the north pool to satisfy the swim team needs will only short-change the swim team and the community. 2) Consider building a pool at an un-used retail/office space such as Dublin Village Center. 3) Our growing community should not be limited to the number of pools it had 25 years ago. Plan for growth. 4) The schools should pay for part of a new facility because it will serve school teams.	
Elaine Borgerding	7667 Kestrel Way E.	Has the city looked into a natatorium and what impact it could have on the income of the city? Three day swim meets with people needing hotels and restaurants. I live near the pool and all 3 of my children are members of the community swim team. The city is in dire need of a facility. However, this is NOT the right location. I REALLY worry about the traffice near Wyandot, especially during dismissal time. This area is not meant for the colume of traffic this facility would bring. Please build this type of facility but please build it somewhere else.	
Megan Erwin Mark & Jan Hash	5601 Dublinshire Dr 5713 Dublinshire Dr	Not right for our community. Will go online and register more opinions.	
Bernadette Dinehart		Dublin has limits in place for signage on our busy streets and intersections-how can they justify the light pollution from this structure? What other companies build these types of structures?DynaDome's comet that they could build a structure twice as long as anything they have built so does not inspire confidence.	allabouts@att.net
Carolyn D		I'm worried about how we can keep the integrity of Earlington Park with the new renovations & parking lot as a glamore ct resident I understand the traffice problem fully-it's bad but we need those trees (mature trees) and I want to see that land stay mature, beautiful, and not a parking lot. Do you have a plan to save/perserve the park as much as possible? Is there a middle ground between the bubble a natatorium and a nice, simple, functioning high school pool added to one of the schools that is set to deal with traffice and large groups of kids & parents in an infrastructure sense.	dinehacg@miamioh.edu
Mike Arthur	5547 Voelcarb Dr	There is a single entrance to both Wyandot and the North Pool. Buses make the lap around the single parking lot. The lot serves all school activites night and day. It serves soccer, lacross and baseballparking. It serves community swimmer and swim meets. A year round swim area would negatively impact parents and students especially at arrival and dismissal times. Has the school administration been asked for input since this so closely impacts the 620 Wyandot students, staff and parents.	
Nancy Cody	7624 Catarbo	Inappropriate place for proposed facility. We love our community pool. The proposeed solution is ugly & costly. Please do not increase the size & scope of the North Pool to this year-round facility. This is a residential park and should not be built here. Wrong use at the wrong site	
Qobin Campbell	5565 Brand Rd		robin.campbell0503@gmail.com

Jan Hash	Dublinshire Dr	This is a community pool. It should continue to be just that No encluse. No 50M competition facility! Traffic calming is already in place on Dublinshire. To increase traffic on the street based on the "hope" that this area can accommodate a facility like that make zero sense.
Lorraine Adcook	7406 Wings Livery Rd	Good meeting. I hope our comments from the neighbor is taken into consideration. It is a neighborhood/community pool. I understand we have more swimmer than in last but it a community & schools stay as sch.
Tracie Bourquin	5569 Fawnbrook Ln	1) The combo pool will fail both the swim team & recreational community because neither will get what they really need. The N. pool should serve the community as a leisure pool first & foremost. zTO cate to 1000 kids over the 40,000 residents makes no sense. Kids need a place to play & have fun. Even the swim team kids need a pool to just play in. They are kids, too. 2) Traffic is awful already at Wyandot. It is insane to ADD to it. Come hang out there any day before or after school & see the nightmare it is. 3) If you want a natatorium do it right. Do it somewhere else. Every thing DUblin does is planned & classy. DON't skimp here. You'll regret it. 4) The fall meeting was entirely lopsided & biased & fully swim team members. Most residents are against this. You will have a lot of angry voters if you change the leisure pool to a competition mega plaex. Thank you for collecting resident feedback. THat is something the city does well & makes me happy to be a resident here I feel like you make an effort to listen. Thank you!
David Frostenhuo	5657 Dublinshire	A four-story structure that is 70 meter long and 30 meters wide made of glass that is lit up at night is not the way Dublin does things. It will be an eyesore in the middle of a residential community. Property values will fall and a public facility that is not asthetically pleasing will become an blot on the eighborhood. It will go doesn in history.
Dan Tyburski	5727 Dublinshire	Idea of a covered facility in this location is poor. Safety concerns for parents with kids for recreation usage, additional traffic, eyesore-report speaks of discoloration/potential mildew, light pollution Is this facility even feasible? It has never been built before to the size disuccres by this company
Niki Lombardo	5570 Parker Hill Ln	The city should not be spending the \$ to build a nat-there are many more rec swimmers than competetive swimmers. The city is NOT the school system and it is not the swim teams. A partnered build I can get behind but they would need to also pony up \$ for ongoing maitenance & staffing each year. 500-1000 kids is a tiny portion of the community
Jocelyn Alford	4820 Galway Dr	Renovate existing pool. Do not try to make it a 12 month/yr facility Good meeting tonight; Thank you. I believe it is clear there are 2 goals. 1) Rebuild North Community Pool 2) Increase pool space for lap swimming-competitive & recreational. For 1) I would like to see a 50M pool but still for recreation plus extra lap lanes-short term effort. For 2) I believe a Natatorium is need in next 5 years-long term effort.
Robert & Amy Lawson	7609 Catawba Pl	We live in villas of Earlingtong. Already way too much traffic on Dublinshire, we only have 1 entrance in & out. People already make it impossible at times to get in & out. We have elderly residents. Already block EMS & Fire. Park on both sided of 2 lane street making Dublinshire actually barely a one lane road but cars trying to go both directions. Noise factor in residential community no acceptable. Put pool near high school. Our parking areas not nearly enough now for all functions already at park, pool, soccer, baseball, etc. Improve current pool & school by bringing in off Brand Rd Not off Dublinshire! Night lighting horrible on neighborhood this is a residential area!
Steve Patton	7724 Glanmore Ct	Build over by Dancing Hares lots of land to build there Sounds like Cedar Point or Kings Island in midst of our residence. Detriment to our property values. No impact study. Parking overflow strains the eighborhood capacity as it is. Limited seating =limited recreational use. This will <u>fail the primary mission</u> of the current pool. When the swimming
Amy Zemper	7676 Glanmore Ct	I agree that there may be a need for an additional swim facility but the North Pool is already at capacity for the residential neighborhood. The noise, traffic and impact on Dublin residents is already significant. This pool is in my backyard literally and we already make considerable concession during summer swim meets ex. blocked driveways, traffic, early & loud announcements. Just not the right space.

Matt France	-	Has the school district agreed to this? Will a housing impact assessment planned? Does zoning have to change for 4 story building? What are school districts plans for natatorium? What is decesion process for final plan?
Heather Carlisle	5225 Aryshire Dr	We absolutely need an additional enclosed pool. Whether is be 25 or 50, we, need more year round space for swimming. And it is not only swimming-it is water walking and other water fitness activities.
Gloria Dawson	7653 Glanmore Ct	Build it somewhere else. Dublin needs to think of the residents & Wyandot students. This "huge" pool does not need to be built there. I worry about our neighborhood and our kids. Do <u>not</u> put it in a neighborhood.
Lynn France	7706 Glanmore Ct	Residential neighobor not suited for a 4 story non-residential building. Impact analysys of property value to neighbors when on the pool/school property line. What is foor print of additional parking, entrance changes, Dublinshire road changes? Whom is funding all the needs to make this building/property "esthetically pleasing" & meet DUBlin very high standard? Whom is funding ongoing maitenance? My home backs up to the pool. I support replacing the 25m pool. I don't want expansion of pool size or an eyar round option in current foot print because of noise, traffic, parking, looks/appearance and the negative impact on leisure pool functionalti. What are decisions criteria? Decision makers? and timing when decision needs to be made?
Terri Roy Jeff Goliver Xionghua Wu	7694 Glanmore Ct 5570 Parker Hill Ln 6306 Manteo	Could we renovate DCRC to support swim teams? Switch the location of the pool with Earlington Park using the brand rd as the entrance.
Amy Zarzour	5464 Stein Ct	Good luck Virgil! While we are at it, can we add a sand volleyball court? I live in Hemingway Village & often walk to the pool & park. I am in favor of the enclosed structure at the North Pool as long as there is a child area. Winters are tough indorrs and it'd be nice to have a local place for kiddos Go Virgil! I would like to see an outdoor competition pool 50 meters and an outdoor leisure pool & splash pad. I don't see us as neighbors supporting an all-year round pool. I would like to see a separate competition natatorium-maybe a partnership with Ohio University or another pool at the recreation center. We don't want to lose our community feel. I do think the 50 meter should be competition ready for diving at both ends. Divingboards should be able to
Betsy McCollum	7659 Heatherwood Ln	dive safely.
Shawn Barret Dave Redinger	7716 Glanmore Ct 7229 Sundown Ct	I would like to share that I am not in favor of any kind of enclosure or natatorium at the north pool location. I believe a natatorium in Dublin is needed, but not in this location. A 50M pool with indoor/outdoor usage would be a significant contribution to the community
Brian Greene	7709 Cashel Ct	Please do not try to build a 4 season structure at the north pool location. It does not fit in a residential location.
Suzanne S	6137 Holywell Ln	Please heat a few lanes 48" high water for people with disabilities or/and health issues. My son is in a wheelchair but can walk laps- but cold waeter is not beneficial.