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Community Workshop #1 Event and Survey Summary Key Themes & Takeaways

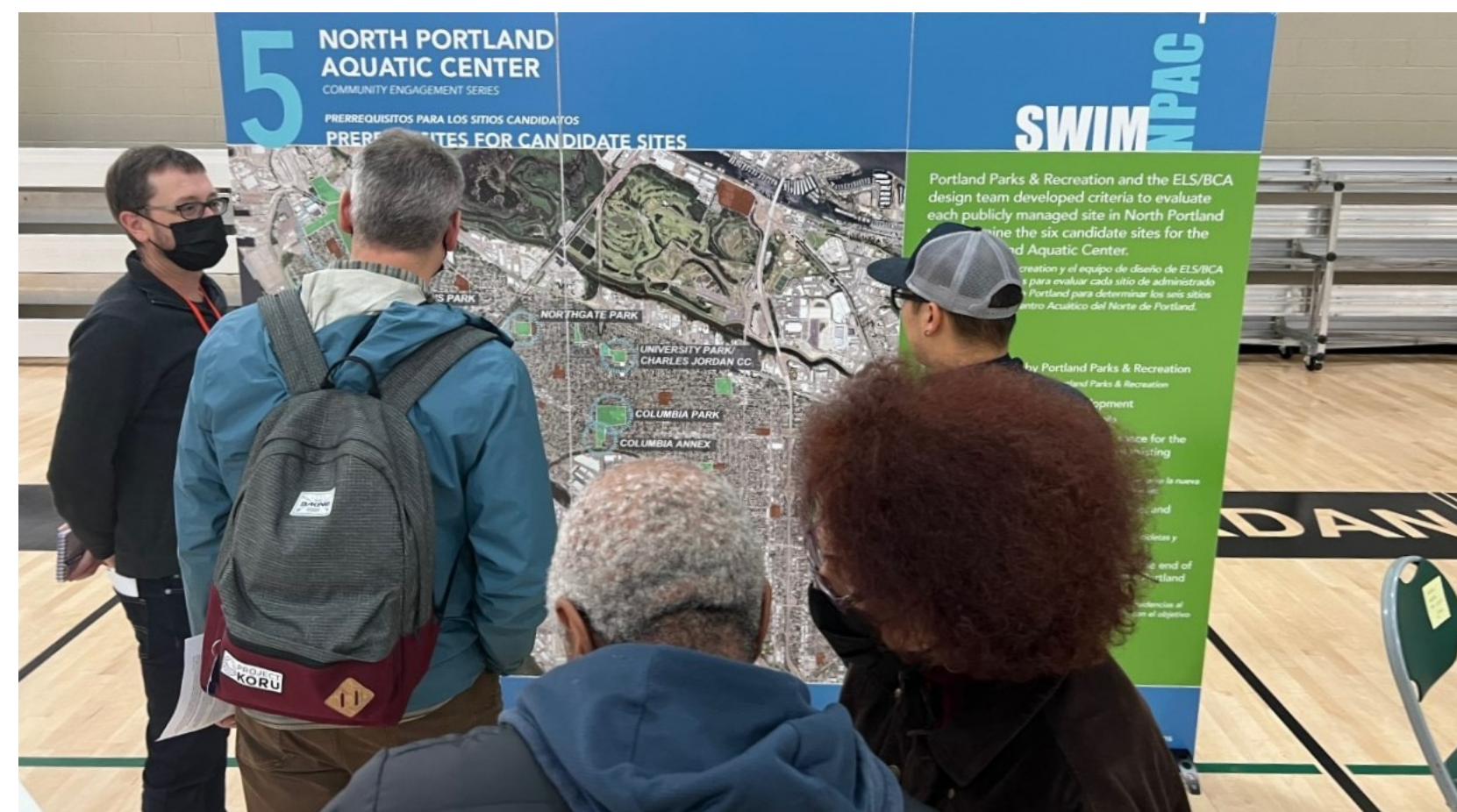
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Community Workshop #1 - December 10, 2022

On December 10, 2022, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) held the first, in a series of five, Community Workshop events for the North Portland Aquatic Center project. The event was hosted at Charles Jordan Community Center (CJCC).

At the event, 144 community members joined us to take a walk around the CJCC gymnasium to view the project "Gallery Walk" that consisted of 66 boards (each board 36"x84"). In all, there were 22 different stations throughout the gymnasium where folks could learn more about where the future state-of-the-art aquatic facility could be built, and what the amenities and programming could look like.

The event was staffed by seven Portland Parks & Recreation staff, and 16 representatives of the ELS design team. We heard, overwhelmingly, from attendees that the complex information on the "Gallery Walk" boards was easy to understand and expertly presented by the project team staffing each of the 22 stations.



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There were two questions central to this early engagement opportunity:

1. What criteria are most important to you in the siting of the future Aquatic Center?
2. What aquatic amenities and programming opportunities are most important to you in the future Aquatic Center?

In conjunction with Community Workshop #1, a Community Workshop Survey was launched on Saturday, December 10, 2022 and remained open until Jan. 2, 2023. Weekly reminders went out to the project stakeholder list (5,056 contacts), through PP&R social media accounts, and through community partners working with priority audiences.

Between the Survey Monkey version and printed copies, PP&R collected over 400 survey responses.



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NPAC Community Workshop #1 Survey questions centric to the siting of the future North Portland Aquatic Center facility

Question #1: In narrowing down the candidate sites from six to three, what criteria would you prioritize?

Question #2: What are the most important considerations in determining the final location for the North Portland Aquatic Center?

Question #3: Is there anything regarding site selection that we haven't considered?

The siting priorities in Community Workshop #1 Survey results are consistent with the public input that has been received in the previous 9+ months of community engagement. Overwhelmingly, community has expressed the following priorities:

- Ease of access (specifically for walkers, bikers, and public transit)
- Proximity to community resources (including near by schools, affordable housing, community organizations working with vulnerable and low-income populations)
- Minimizing negative impacts to the neighborhood and environment (tree loss, and loss of existing park amenities)



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NPAC Community Workshop #1 Survey questions centric to the programming and amenities of the future North Portland Aquatic Center facility

Question #4: What types of aquatic activities do you want to see at the North Portland Aquatic Center?

- The programming priorities in Community Workshop #1 Survey results are consistent with the public input that was received in the previous 9+ months of community engagement. Overwhelmingly, community has expressed the following priorities: Swim Lessons, Water Safety, Lap Swimming, and Water Fitness Activities.

Question #5: What type of pools do you most want to be included in the NPAC?

- Lap Pools: 38%
- Fun Pools: 30%
- Therapy Pools: 11%
- Competition Pools: 10%
- Other: 11%

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Question #6: Should there be further consideration of a 50-meter Olympic-size pool?

- Yes: 43%
- No: 20%
- Unsure: 37%

Question #7: What are your top three program elements?

- Swim Lessons/Water Safety
- Lap Swimming/Fitness and Aqua Aerobics
- Family swim/Open Swim Activities

Question #8: What kind of fun-water features would you like to see included?

- Slides: 58%
- Lazy Current: 53%
- Beach Entry: 38%
- Exterior Splash Pad: 37%
- Dump Buckets: 12%
- Other (Diving, Wave Pool, Hot Tub, etc): 22%

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Question #9: What other types of community spaces do you want to see in the North Portland Aquatic Center?

- Space for Community Events: 70%
- Reservable Party Rooms: 53%
- Other (Dry Fitness/Weight Room, Daycare/After School Classrooms, Etc.): 28%

