



TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: January 3, 2025
RE: Proposed 2025 General Obligation Bond Proposition

The Parks & Recreation Department is proposing a general obligation bond in the amount of \$15 million be included in the 2025 Municipal Election. Funding would be used to complete major repairs affecting continued operation of the Dimond Park Aquatic Center, as well as construction of Jackie Renninger Memorial Park.

Dimond Park Aquatic Center Repairs – \$7.3 million

The HVAC system at the Dimond Park Aquatic Center is failing due to corrosion of one of the large air handling units. Emergency repairs were completed several years ago, including installation of a new epoxy floor and additional drains inside the air handler. Despite these efforts, excessive moisture and the corrosive environment have caused the air handler to deteriorate beyond the point of repair. Replacing the air handler will require opening an exterior wall of the building, resulting in significantly increased cost. This project would also replace obsolete building control systems. **Estimated cost: \$4.7 million.**

In addition to the HVAC system, this project will replaster the leisure pool, including the zero-entry area, therapeutic resistance channel, spray features, and short-course swim lanes. The existing plaster in this area is failing due corrosion of the underlying steel rebar. Additionally, the plaster is discolored because of corrosion in pumps and related systems shortly after construction. **Estimated cost: \$2 million.**

Finally, this project will replace failed lighting systems, natatorium doors, domestic hot water heaters, and replace tile/grout in the hot tub. **Estimated cost: \$600,000**

Jackie Renninger Park Construction - \$7.7 million

Jackie Renninger Park is located near the intersection of Egan Dr. and Glacier Hwy., in a neighborhood that currently has no nearby access to parks, playgrounds, courts, or other recreational facilities. The Pipeline Skate Park is located in the park, but is in poor condition and experiences significant vandalism and other behavioral issues. The Assembly previously funded a project to engage the community to design a new Community Park for this four-acre parcel. This process was completed in 2024, and included multiple public meetings attended by over 100 residents. The preferred design incorporates many of the features requested by the public, including:

- A new skate park, including covered and uncovered areas with a variety of park and plaza skating experiences.
- Eight pickleball courts to meet growing demand for this sport.
- Juneau's first covered playground, as well as additional play equipment for children ages 2-12.
- A multicourt for a variety of activities, including basketball, volleyball, and more.
- A fenced dog park.
- A walking path with stations for outdoor fitness equipment.
- New restrooms.
- Improved lighting throughout the park.