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2019 Project Nomination Form

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Nominations will be accepted from **August 12 to October 11**. Please fill out the nomination form as completely as possible. If a section does not apply to the project you are nominating, please leave that section blank. Please attach additional relevant information to this nomination packet as appropriate. There is no limit to the number of projects that can be submitted.

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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE): <u>Friends of Mary Siah</u>	
AFFECTED DEPARTMENT: <u>Parks & Recreation</u>	
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Name of Proposed Project: Aquatic/Recreational Center

Project Scope/Description:

This project would house two pools, a 50 meter & a smaller & warmer pool, such as Mary Siah. Both pools would have walk in access. The larger pool having such features as water slides, climbing wall, lazy river, & diving boards. The smaller pool would be designed to better serve children, those with disabilities, and the aging. Other features to be included would be room rentals, exercise/weight room, jacuzzi/hot tub, sauna, locking lockers w/options-monthly rental & lifetime, walking track, indoor playground, & coffee/snack bar.

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SAFETY AND CODE COMPLIANCE

1. Does the project reduce or eliminate a health or safety risk?

Yes No

Please explain:

New building.

2. In your opinion, what is the current condition of the facility?

Poor This is a new facility
 Fair
 Good
 Excellent

Please explain:

3. Does the project improve accessibility compliance? (For example: parking lot design, doorway design, counter height, floor access, restroom access, etc.)

Yes No

Please explain:

New building.

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FACILITY CONDITION

4. How old is the facility since original construction?

- 41+ years This is a new facility
 31 - 40 years
 21 - 30 years
 11 - 20 years
 0 - 10 years

5. Does the project replace an existing facility?

- Yes No

If yes, please identify the building it would replace and any other supporting information, including the condition of the existing facility (poor, fair, good, excellent):

This project is to replace Mary Siah Recreational Center & Hamme Pool. The Bettisworth Report can address the condition of Mary Siah. Our organization was told at the time Mary Siah was scheduled for possible demolition Hamme Pool was only 3-4 years behind Mary Siah.

PROJECT FUNDING

6. What is the status of project funding?

- Fully funded
 Partially funded
 No funding

Please identify the source and amount of any funding that is already secured in support of this project:

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7. Are there grant, foundation, sponsorship, or other alternative sources of funding available for this project?

Yes No

a. If yes, is there a match requirement?

Yes No

b. If a match is required, how much? Please choose the most applicable option.

1 - 10% match required

11 - 20% match required

21 - 30% match required

31 - 40% match required

+41% match required

Please identify the potential funding sources, how the project is eligible for such funds, any work done to commit such funds (i.e., application or proposal submitted and/or approved), and any additionally relevant information:

Not that we are aware of at this time. We will be looking into possible grants and helping in any way we can to secure funds for this project.

8. If applicable, does your organization plan on contributing any funds?

Yes No

If yes, please identify the amount and source of funds planned in contribution of this project:

We are unable to contribute funds at this time. We would be willing to help accrue funds from outside entities & search for possible grants.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

9. Will the project clean up contamination (such as lead, asbestos, fuel contamination, etc.)?

Yes No

Please explain:

New construction.

10. Does the project improve air quality?

Yes No

Please explain:

New construction with updated heating units.

11. Will the project reduce storm water runoff?

Yes No

Please explain:

New construction.

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12. Will the project improve groundwater quality?

Yes No

Please explain:

13. Will the project improve energy efficiency?

Yes No

Please explain:

One facility instead of the two existing facilities will definitely improve energy efficiency. Updated heating units, lighting, appliances & fixtures will add to more efficiency.

PUBLIC USE

14. Will the project improve the customer experience?

Yes No

Please explain:

The new recreational center will offer pools with more features plus other added features enhancing the customers experience.

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15. Is the project served by a fixed transit route?

Yes No

Please explain:

We can only assume that a new recreation center will be on a fixed transit route to serve as many residents as possible.

16. Will the project improve facility capacity?

Yes No

Please explain:

New building.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE COST

17. Will the project reduce utility expenses on a cost per square foot (\$/SF)?

Yes No

Please explain:

New construction with more updated heating units, lighting, water efficient fixtures should reduce utility expenses.

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18. Will the project reduce maintenance expenses on a cost per square foot (\$/SF)?

Yes No

Please explain:

Maintenance on one facility versus two should help maintenance expenses.

19. Will the project extend the life of an existing facility?

Yes No

Please explain:

This project replaces two existing facilities.

PLANNING AND DESIGN

20. Does the project have complete designs?

Yes No

Please explain:

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21. Have there been any project scope and/or engineering studies done?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain all work that has been done on this project to date. Please attach and submit all relevant information as part of the project nomination packet.

BUDGET IMPACT

22. How will the project impact the operation budget for the affected department?

- Increase the operating budget
 Maintain the operating budget
 Decrease the operating budget

Please explain:

Again replacing two existing facilities for one.

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POPULATION REACHED

23. What type of population will be served by the proposed project?

- Regional areawide users
- Single community
- Multiple neighborhoods
- Single neighborhood

Please describe the area, population served, and the need that will be met by this project:

This project will serve the greater FNSB, providing an indoor recreational center that is so needed in the long winter months here. Again, we would like to stress that this project serves the whole community, which includes the most vulnerable, children, the aging, and those with disabilities. Two pools would accomplish this goal. A larger pool for more general use and the smaller warmer pool equipped with the needs for the vulnerable part of our community. The physical, medical, mental, and social well-being of our community can be met by this project being seen to completion.

SUPPORT

24. Please select all applicable form of support this project has:

- Resolutions of support (agencies, governments, etc.)
- Letters of support (groups, businesses, organizations, etc.)
- General public support or letters from residents

Please explain levels of support identified above and provide specific examples:

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25. Does this project meet any goals or objectives that are identified in any Borough plans (such as the Comprehensive Plan)?

Yes No

If yes, please identify which goals and objectives in specific plans that this project meets:

The FNSB on going goal of reducing costs.

PROJECT COST

26. What is the estimated project cost? \$ No idea.

Please explain why this cost is reasonable and should be allocated to this project:

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by Emily Attwood April 2015



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Of all the municipal recreation programs that suffered budget cuts during the Great Recession, perhaps no area has taken a bigger hit than aquatics. Public pools have never been a profitable line item in recreation budgets, bogged down by expensive initial construction costs and ongoing maintenance needs. Public pools drained their waters left and right to save on operational costs, and even with budgets rebounding, deferred maintenance has caused expenses to increase to the point where many programs have no choice but to close down indefinitely.

Despite the grim recent history, municipal recreation departments continue to see the benefits of aquatic programming outweighing the costs. The approach to new aquatic construction or renovations has changed, however, as more cities look to operate their aquatic programs as a business. "Outside of the Pacific Northwest and areas of the South, there aren't a lot of municipalities looking to develop a standalone aquatic facility, for the simple reason that they aren't going to be self-sustainable," says Darin Barr, a senior associate with recreation programming consultants Ballard*King Associates, headquartered in Highlands Ranch, Colo. The focus of most programs is to pair the aquatic component with other revenue-driving amenities that can help offset the cost, such as a fitness center, gymnasium or athletic fields.

"The programming of those facilities — whether standalone or paired — is off the charts in that there's not anything people aren't willing to try," Barr says, "and that's driven by wanting to generate as much revenue as possible."

DESIGN FOR EVERYONE

Design of new aquatic facilities aims to be as multifunctional as possible, catering to competitive swimming, leisure use and fitness. "The most popular space in any aquatic center is shallow warm water," says Justin Caron, vice president and principal with Carlsbad, Calif.-based Aquatic Design

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Group. "You have to have that competitive course, but in order to offset that, you have to have as much warm shallow water as possible."

The most cost-efficient approach is to offer a leisure pool with lap lanes, Barr says, rather than offering multiple pools for each user group. "You're still seeing all of the mainstays — group swim lessons, group exercise classes, open swim, lap swimming, swim team practices, diving, water polo — but you're also starting to see more integration of traditional dry-side group exercise programs into the water.

People doing Pilates in the pool, or early-morning yoga on the pool deck, putting a paddleboard in a pool and doing yoga."

Indoors or out, lazy rivers have seen a lot of repurposed utilization, according to Barr. "We're seeing people do really specific group exercise programming — moving with or against the current channel. You can have your swim lessons, all that traditional stuff going on, but you can also have 20 or 30 people come in on a weekday morning to walk in the river. That becomes as much of a social time as anything, especially for retirees or baby boomers."



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THINK OUTSIDE THE RECTANGLE

Newer aquatic construction might be all about packing as much functionality into the design as possible, but older, traditional rectangular pools or those designed for competitive and lap swimming can borrow some of the same design concepts and user amenities after the fact. "Programming-wise, these pools are doing fine with swimming lessons and swim teams in the morning hours, but in the afternoon, there's not a lot to draw anyone to the pool," says Barr.

There are ways to change that, of course. Inflatable structures or obstacle courses are one option becoming more popular, Caron says. "They're pretty inexpensive, a lot of fun and can generate some substantial revenue, whether you're charging to use them for a birthday party, or charging \$10 and handing out wristbands to allow people to use them for a certain period of time, or just providing something to do in a big pool that will draw people in during the middle of the day."

And of course, they can be quickly and easily removed, transforming a body of water from leisure use back into an environment focusing on fitness or competition. "Anything portable — climbing walls, toys, inflatable bubble balls — these types of amenities are becoming pretty popular," Caron says.

Amenities are one way to go, and actual events are another. When the University of Arizona wanted to get more users at its 50-meter outdoor pool, administrators invited local campus DJs to come play music at the pool on Friday afternoons. "Those DJs had a following and would say, 'Hey, we're going to be on the pool deck this Friday, come on out,' and that really helped activate that space," Barr says. "We've encouraged municipal operations to seek out that type of opportunity."

Hosting events such as themed days — a luau or Christmas party in winter — or family movie nights are also ways to make the most of any pool, according to Barr. "Anything you can do to change that environment, make it more exciting," he says. "You're only limited by your creativity."



Party rooms are incredibly valuable spaces. Done properly, they're meeting rooms, wet/dry classrooms, lifeguard training rooms, community rooms. (Photo by Josh Meister Photography) [+]

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PRICE IT RIGHT

Municipal aquatic centers are first and foremost about serving the needs of the public — offering swimming lessons, exercise classes, recreational swimming opportunities — at an affordable price. But there are members of the public willing to pay more for extra service, an opportunity that aquatic operators would be remiss to overlook. "The golf course industry has shown a paradigm shift from revenues from greens fees and memberships to trying to make money in other ways — parties, rentals," Caron says. "We're seeing that shift in every form of business."

Party rooms, clubhouses, outdoor cabanas and other variations are becoming a mainstay of aquatic programs, as they should be, says Caron. "Party rooms are incredibly valuable spaces. They aren't just party rooms. Done properly, they're meeting rooms, wet/dry classrooms, lifeguard training rooms, community rooms. Similar to water space, the key is flexibility — design it to do many different things."

Users may also be willing to pay extra for access to specific aquatic amenities during special times. Though a FlowRider may be an expensive add for many facilities, the surfing simulator is an enticing attraction for both regional and local users. "For folks who are close by, they might really like to use that amenity, but they don't want to use it when it's open to the general public," says Barr. "Form a FlowRider club where you sell 'X' number of passes and people can come in before the facility opens or after it closes to use that space."

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As much as monetizing individual amenities of an aquatic complex can add up, it's still important not to overlook membership revenue — and the task of actually getting people to want to come to the pool. Membership pricing structures can get complicated, setting different price points for different types of users, but the key is to create as many opportunities as possible, from seasonal memberships to single-use fees. "Maybe you charge \$3 daily for a resident, \$8 for a non-resident," says Caron. "Or maybe it's the entire family for \$15, or a package for \$20 that includes concessions."

Such events involve a bit of extra work and cost, but the payoff can extend beyond the event itself. "Getting a lot of people to your facility not only increases exposure of your facility, but then you also have more opportunities to market what other events you've got going on, whether it's use of the space in general, or programs you've got coming up," Barr explains. Staff can hand out flyers promoting upcoming events, scannable business cards from which users can download a coupon or schedule of activities.



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A DOLLAR SAVED

When it comes to improving aquatic program profitability, increasing revenues is only half the story. "It's not necessarily a revenue issue, let's look at your expenses," says Barr. "You have to take a look at the full operation."

Whether year-round or seasonal, maintaining an aquatic facility is no light expense. Preventive maintenance, repairs and replacements should all be included in an operating budget. Spending the money to keep equipment in prime condition or replacing it with more efficient equipment results in operational cost-savings that benefit the facility in the long run. "More efficient pumps, heaters, variable-frequency drives, any number of other means of providing energy controls can reduce expenses," Caron says. "It really comes down to keeping your facility humming at the optimal level."

Ignoring repairs becomes a slippery slope — a run-down facility is less appealing to users, driving down revenues. Letting the cycle go on too long turns a community asset into a burden. "The key is communication," says Caron. "If you're adamant in communicating with a supervisor or city manager in saying, 'This is the reality of the situation. This is the amount of money we charge, the revenue, the expenses. If you give us \$100,000 to replace equipment in our mechanical room, this is the effect it's going to have on revenue and expenses.' If you don't communicate these things, and you're just handing out bills, you're going to close."

Equally important is keeping the facility's staff in the communication loop. "Are you showing your head lifeguards your budgets so they understand the impact that sending someone home early might have?" asks Barr. "You don't want to tell somebody to send anybody home if it's sacrificing safety, but you haven't had more than 10 people all day, do you stay open the last three hours, or do you close? Sometimes those are difficult decisions to make, but you have to talk with your staff and make sure they understand the impact of staying open."

"Municipal aquatics are such a valuable thing to offer," Caron says. "There are so many opportunities that you can't do on dry land — injury recovery, regaining quality of life. That all goes away if the facility is mismanaged."

This article originally appeared in the April 2015 issue of Athletic Business with the title "Life Preservers"

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RESPONSES FROM MARY SIAH PATRONS WHEN ASKED, "WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A NEW AQUATIC CENTER?"

- Diving boards, water slides, steam bath, hotter sauna.
- More family showers.
- Longer hours, dedicated swim laps always open, lounge/view area, separated showers.
- Yes! A new facility that would better accommodate programs that exist currently. MSRC lacks a true shallow end.
- Wider swim lanes, handicap out fitted bars & pool access.
- Better air circulation, windows, communication improved for guards on deck to office. 50 meter pool, lazy river.
- Workout room, rental space.
- Steam room, hotter sauna.
- Kids locker rooms.
- Keep Mary Siah! No new aquatic center.
- Water slides, diving boards, steam bath, hotter sauna.
- Keep the center just the way it is.
- Keep a separate facility if possible.
- Locking lockers, 8 lane 50 meter pool.
- Full sized family changing/shower room, locking lockers (pay with quarters).
- You can't be serious.
- For the dressing room-a spinner unit to dry out suits.
- Hot tub for all who don't like the Jacuzzi.
- The current offerings at Mary Siah meets many needs of the community. So a pool, hot tub/Jacuzzi, sauna, showers, on deck shower, wheel chair drops.
- 50 meter competitive pool, 25 yard recreational pool, weight lifting area, water slides, nice lobby, snack bar/deli, staff showers.
- Lap pool/aquacize pool. Warm pool for adults & kids, similar to Valdez.
- More family showers for parents of several young kids over 5 years old.
- Warm pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, exercise room, water slides, for kids, room for exercises, aquatic exercises for adults on the floor.
- A building with two pools-one standard size & a pool the size currently at Mary Siah. The small pool allows exercise & visiting. Perfect for those recovering from surgery. Money is going to be tight now that the state is losing BP income, so just replacing the small pool would be welcome. Make the locker rooms larger.
- Sauna, hot tub, more senior classes with warmer water, more things for seniors to do.
- Jacuzzi, lap-swim area with warmer water temperature.
- Mens shower equal to womens , in private.
- A shallow area like at Hamme & Wescott for the little kids to play in. Kids that little do not like how deep Mary Siah is.

- Family changing room so that moms can change older boys & not send them to the men's locker room.
- Larger deck space in case of an emergency, so there is room to backboard someone out of the pool. Make pool friendly for kids/old people to get out of without having to use stairs.
- There is nothing wrong with Mary Siah. Just maintain it.
- We need bathing suit dryers-at least 2 please!
- The YMCA'S in CA have placed mirrors to sit with hair dryers attached to the wall.
- I definitely want an aquatic center. A steam room would be great since no water in sauna.
- MSRC currently doesn't have good space to perform rescues, more space would be great.
- Hot tub, more showers, swimsuit ringer.
- Sauna & hot tub. A schedule that would start at 6:00 or 6:30. Same temp pool as now. Workout room. Include aquacise classes as you do now.
- Keep it functioning with warm water & pleasant people. No change necessary except what is necessary to have this happen. Would be nice to have the squares back in the pool to reduce the sound.
- Lap swim laps, at least 2 open all day.
- Bigger jacuzzi with a few more of the massage style jets. Only two of these massage style jets currently. These jets are absolutely healing in nature for muscle & any collagen based tissue damage, from back injuries. Please incorporate these massage style jets into any new construction.
- Mat room with weight machines & room for group lessons-yoga, Tai Chi, QiGong, etc. (senior friendly).
- ADA, child, senior friendly. Keep warm water. Lobby area with couches.
- Look at the Hood River, Oregon public pool, they are replacing an old facility with new one-might give insight into planning & transition.
- Salt water or therapy pools (mineral baths).
- Look at Missoula, MT public pool for a variety of community needs being met with one facility.
- Not the moving river! Takes up too much room and is boring.
- A swimsuit spin-dryer would be amazing.
- Please spend the additional \$650K to keep Mary Siah open & at the same location. The \$650K is cheaper than the interest on the proposed new \$40,000,000.00 center former FNSB mayor wanted.
- Swimsuit ringer, steam room or hot Jacuzzi.
- Love it now. Sauna, hot tub/Jacuzzi, pool, meeting rooms.
- Continuous and continuing operation of: warm pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, locker rooms, 9AM-9PM.
- Kid friendly area, shallow, benches or steps for sitting on in various depths. (Nikiski aquatic center is set up really well for this.
- Walking track.
- Outdoor Jacuzzi in summer & covered in winter to see northern lights.
- We need to think about our budget. If we could afford a SUV, everyone would have one – use Mary Siah.

- A pool with lots of slides, whirlpool, and a separate lap pool.
- Family locker rooms.
- We need more slides.
- I would like to see improvements to the facility and would like it to maintain its wonderful family and community presence.
- Water slide, salt water pool, warmer building, warmer pool.
- Pool, slides, wave pool, hot tub, diving board, good showers, family locker rooms, and climbing bars.
- Better price even ADA! More showers w/seats and handheld showers.
- Deep and shallow end steps need improvement.
- One pool like Mary Siah and one pool like Hamme.
- This is a great facility and a community asset. Needs to be open, well-staffed and well-maintained. Thanks "Mary Siah People."
- Mary Siah is vital to my continued improvement/movement after a stroke. Thank God for aquacise and senior fitness.
- Separate changing rooms for families, men, women. This includes a lockable room with toilet & shower. Also, a bench with mirrors on the wall with hairdryers attached to the wall. Also separate changing room stalls with curtains.
- Love this facility...all of it. Locker room functional yet provides privacy enough. Floor drainage is excellent. Love pool size and functionality. Hot tub and sauna are super and a main reason I come, plus the warmer pool temperature. Bigger would not be better.
- They need to do it in such a way as not to have long closures. There is really no adequate alternative available for this facility. Now with people leaving because of budget cuts, it's even more important to maintain this facility. The military have access to their own pool & rec center. Sounds wonderful, but with the large budget cuts & a political atmosphere that does not want to improve this state-this place becomes even more vital.

October 6, 2019
Sunday,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of the Friends of Mary Siak. I have used the pool at Mary Siak 3 or 4 x a week for the past 14 years. We all need to exercise to remain healthy. The pool has provided this service,

When or if the facility needs to be replaced it is important to have another facility to take over.

Besides the daily aquacise classes (sometimes twice daily) there are classes for all ages for swimming instruction plus family swims.

This facility is an important part of our community.

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October 4, 2019

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Capital Improvement Program
Ref: Mary Siah Recreation Center

To Capital Improvement Program Selection Board:

The State of Alaska has the fastest growing senior population of all the states, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough is no different. As a community, we need to begin planning for the future. Due to our aging infrastructure, some of the borough facilities will need replacing.

The Mary Siah Recreational Center (MSRC) is one such facility. This facility is loved and has served the seniors, as well as the community at large, for many years. The aging population uses this facility to continue physical activity, therapy for those recovering from knee and hip replacements, and to recover from heart attacks and strokes. Another important factor is the mental and social well-being that MSRC provides.

North Star Council on Aging, aka Fairbanks Senior Center, supports the Capital Improvement Project proposed by the Friends of Mary Siah. Replacing the existing facility, with one of similar nature, continues to serve the seniors, and our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Darlene Supplee
Executive Director

1 October 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the FNSB Capitol project to build a replacement for the Mary Siah Recreational Center. I have been part of the Fairbanks community for over 30 years, and have utilized the current rec center for much of that time. We know the aging center is rapidly reaching a point where replacement is a more viable option than continuing to repair the existing facility.

The new center is needed to meet the needs of many underserved in our community – elderly, low income, and at risk youth. Fairbanks senior population is growing, and the recreation center provides a way to help support both physical and mental health – pay attention to your health now or pay for illness later. Mary Siah's current location makes it accessible for families and youth in the neighborhood to have a safe and productive way to spend quality time. However, it is utilized by many outside of the neighborhood so it is truly a community facility – we've commuted from Chena Ridge & have many friends from Fox to Ester who have also benefited from Mary Siah facility. Finally, the swimming lessons for all ages that have been provided at Mary Siah over the decades have saved lives.

Both of my sons took lessons at Mary Siah from the time they were three years old. They are now 20 and 23, and still live in Fairbanks – one with a six month old daughter of his own who will hopefully start lessons soon. Two years ago, the youngest son went overboard on the Yukon River. Even though he had a life vest on, we believe it was 100% due to the swimming lessons that Keegan remained calm and was able to survive the very cold and violent river.

Yes, there are other borough recreational facilities, but Mary Siah has been unique in serving the needs of our community, and it is in the Borough's best interest to replace this facility rather than simply abandon it and the community patrons. Therefore, I and my family strongly support the funding and construction of a new recreational facility. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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To Whom it may concern,

I would like to share the experiences that I have had at Mary Siah. I have been going to this pool since I have moved to Alaska. It is the first place I felt I could be myself and not be judged. The people the staff as well as peers have made me to feel welcomed.

I am a full-sized person and have knee issues and climbing the regular pool ladder is difficult for me. The low-rise stairs make it somewhat easier but the walking or roll in entrance would be a great addition to Mary Siah. It would help people that have mobility issues to feel better about controlling things as the need to get put into the chair to get into the pool would be eliminated. Sometimes the sheer need to ask for help to get in is paralyzing.

I work for a non profit locally and meet my weight loss support group there to take part of water aerobics. Some of us have mobility problems and it might increase our numbers if they had the walk-in pool entrance.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you,



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