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**CHRISTOPHER HIGH SCHOOL AQUATICS CENTER OPERATIONS 850 Day Road, Gilroy**

## **Questions and Answers from Extended Deadline**

- 1. Who's involved in the negotiation of the pool use schedule with the School District?** It will be between the City and members of the school district that typically includes the athletic director, a representative from the District office, and the swim and water polo coaches.
- 2. Has the City ever operated the pool year-round?** Yes, in the Fall 2012, when it opened. Unfortunately, the drop-off in attendance from summer was significant enough that it didn't operate that Fall and it wasn't tried again. However, it could be attributed to the fact that it was a new pool and there was a lack of sufficient public outreach.
- 3. Are there any swim clubs that are not affiliated with the school and use the pool on a regular basis?** To our knowledge, the only private group who has used it are the Gilroy Gators. However, the primary location the Gilroy Gators use is Gilroy High School. When Gilroy High School is not available, they may use Christopher High School.
- 4. Are there locker rooms?** No lockers or locker rooms, just restrooms for men and women. There is space for patrons to change their clothes in the restrooms.
- 5. Can we use the City's pool equipment such as life jackets and tot decks?** Yes, you may, however, the City will not replace the equipment once it's no longer usable.
- 6. What are the typical weekend numbers for recreation swim?** In 2019, we averaged 220 people on the weekends from June 1 to August 4. In July, the average was 260.
- 7. How many lifeguards are on rotation during recreation swim between the two pools?** There are 13 lifeguards plus 2 managers (also certified lifeguards) to supervise. Please see attachment (the attachment only shows the rotation of the 13 lifeguards). See attachment, "Guard Rotation Layout Summer 2019."
- 8. Who is responsible for training the lifeguards?** The operator is responsible for staffing the facility which includes lifeguard/staff training.
- 9. How many swim classes can you offer in the "catch pool" simultaneously?** Depending on the experienced level of the students, in past years the City has offered as many as three classes at one time.

- 10. Can you provide the pricing for swim lessons and recreation swim when you last operated?** In 2019, recreation swim costs \$8 per person during the week (M-F) and \$10 on the weekend. Swim lessons were four days, 30 minutes each, and costs \$60 per participant. For more information review previous Questions and Answers on RFP website.
- 11. How many staff do you normally hire for a summer season?** Somewhere between 40 and 45 people. This includes lifeguards, pool managers, and cashiers. To augment the duties, the City created a junior lifeguard program made up of volunteers who supported the staff by helping with selling snacks and issuing height check wristbands to use the waterslides.
- 12. Is the competition pool open in the evening during summers?** Possibly. It will have to be negotiated with GUSD. The negotiations occur in December or January between the City and GUSD. The City will negotiate on behalf of the operator.
- 13. Does the school have a water polo team? Swim team? How competitive are they?** Christopher has boys and girls water polo and swim teams. They host meets and have practices throughout their season in the competition pool. They have been known to be quite competitive among the local schools. There has historically been a boys water polo club that trains during the summer on weekdays from 8-11am. A girls water polo club has training on Wednesday evenings and we shared the competition pool with them.
- 14. How do lap swimmers access the pool during recreation swim?** They would enter the same way the public does—through the entry gate, across the activity pool deck, through the gate and into competition pool, where four lanes were set aside for lap swimmers.
- 15. What are the school hours?** The pool is not available to serve the public during school hours. Pool access would be available prior to 7:00 a.m., which is when school begins. Although there is a 7<sup>th</sup> period, which goes until 4:20 p.m., historically we have been allowed to operate from 3:00 p.m. and onward. This too can be negotiated.
- 16. What is approximately the high temperature for the pool?** It's 86 degrees.
- 17. I understand the mechanical and maintenance aspects are not our responsibility however what about the pool deck and grounds regarding cracks in the coping. If I am the lessee but you are maintaining the grounds, who is responsible for a potential slip and fall because of a crack? Page 14, section 16 you note pressure washing being included. Does this mean the City is making sure that the deck is safe and that any cracks do not exceed a quarter of an inch?**  
The City and GUSD are responsible for the maintenance of the grounds and facility including the pool deck. The operator's responsibility is to report any facility safety or maintenance concerns to the City. If the issue poses an immediate danger to the public, the operator should do its due diligence to section-off the unsafe area until the City or GUSD respond.
- 18. Who is responsible for day time and night time security of the premises?** GUSD provides security at all its campuses, including Christopher High School. There is a security alarm for the office and breakroom. However, it is the responsibility of the

operator to make sure that the pool facility is properly locked and all valuables inside the fenced area are safely stowed and secured.

**19. Page 15, section 18., the verbiage, "shall operate and maintain the facility at no cost to the city," conflicts with the addendum. Does this also include the parking lot and potential fencing, automobile repairs?** This was unclear and we apologize for any confusion. The intent was to explain that the day to day custodial service is paid for by the operator. The City will consider a management fee to an operator in exchange for pool management services.

**20. Page 15, section C., Are there any meters that we are responsible for?** No, the operator is not responsible for any meters. GUSD receives the bill for the meters and then bills the City for their portion. The City will pay this bill.

**21. ADA access claims: its quite easy to be out of compliance with ADA. We are not the pool builders. Activity pool has no ADA access pertaining to lifts. zero depth entry but there are no water wheelchairs available. Who is responsible for ADA compliance?** Since the operator is not responsible for the facility and its amenities, anything (including ADA compliance) related to those features would be the responsibility of either the City of Gilroy or the School District. However, if facility and/or grounds are obstructed due to the operator, which, for example, prevented wheelchair access, then the operator would be responsible. With regards to providing programming and other similar functions as explained in the RFP, the operator shall be in ADA compliance.

**22. This contract does not seem to apply to this type of service [management of the pool], does the City require this contract to move forward or can our council draft a contract that is contractually clear pertaining to indemnification and acts/omissions?** This can be discussed with the selected vendor.

**23. Some of this section (page 13, section 12) does not seem relevant to the job at hand. For instance, electrical safety plan, hearing conservation. Please advise.** The items listed on page 13, section 12, are relevant to the pool operator and past plans will be provided by the City. Specifically, the electrical safety plan has to do with the operation of the water slides (i.e., lock out, tag out); Hearing conservation also has to do with waterslides (i.e., providing ear plugs to the slide dispatcher).

The operator can edit and/or adjust the past plans to best suit its needs.