

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Tukwila Metropolitan Park District

TO: Tukwila Pool MPD Board President

FROM: Rick Still, Parks and Recreation Director 

DATE: October 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Tukwila Pool Safety and Hygiene

ISSUE

Tukwila Pool issues brought forth by TPAC

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

BACKGROUND

The Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee has voiced concerns regarding pool operations; this memo identifies the concerns and staff's response.

DISCUSSION

TPAC recommended the following in the chairperson's report dated September 9, 2014:

TPAC recommends that the MPD Commissioners direct the 3rd Party Operator to address a workable list of safety and hygiene issues provided below to correct or minimize possible serious injury potential and protect pool users. The updates on how the issues have been resolved are in regular font and are listed under each of TPAC's comments.

- A) *Wet children standing alone on wet benches to dry off and put their clothes on.*
Staff recommends patrons address safety concerns regarding children in locker rooms immediately with staff if they are not comfortable speaking directly to families. It is common practice for parents/guardians to set young children on a bench to dry and dress children. If it is a concern that needs immediate attention, patrons should report it immediately to staff.
- B) *Separate spectators from pool users to minimize deck/pool contamination.*
Staff has installed stanchions to address this issue and improve traffic flow on the pool deck.
- C) *Slick locker room floors especially when contaminated with body powders.*
Staff walks through the facility during rotations and addresses issues as they occur. The floors have also been deep cleaned and acid washed to assist with traction and will be included in the routine maintenance plan.
- D) *Men's ADA shower seat is broken and not usable by those in a wheelchair.*
Staff ordered and installed a new seat has been installed and used multiple times by one of the regular handicapped patrons.

- E) *Periodic walk thru's by staff with sign-off sheet to improve locker room safety.*
Staff complete facility walk-throughs throughout the day during lifeguard rotations and at opening and closing each day.

- F) *Exterior side entry door is being blocked open.*
Staff has removed the door block and is investigating options regarding the door being propped open.

RECOMMENDATION

Each issue on TPAC's Workable List has been addressed and completed by Staff therefore no recommendation is needed.