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City to Host Public Open House to Discuss Design, Location of New Community Swimming Pool

The City of La Vista has begun exploring the feasibility of building a new community swimming pool in a new location, Central Park.

The City will host two public open houses to gather feedback on designs and amenities. The first open house will take place on Thursday, October 24, 6:30-8 p.m., at the La Vista Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.). The second and final open house will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

The public is invited to drop in at any time during either event to view possible amenities and ask questions of staff and consultants.

La Vista’s existing swimming pool was built in the early 1960s and is nearing the end of its useful life. Over the years the City has addressed safety concerns and made functional and cosmetic repairs to prolong its life. However, as those fixes have become more costly and more frequent, it is clear that a longer-term solution is necessary.

The City brought forth two ballot initiatives to fund a new pool in its current location that were narrowly defeated in 2008 and 2012. Despite the ballot results, surveys of residents have consistently shown the continued desire for a public swimming pool in La Vista, leading the City to seek alternative solutions.

In 2014, the City was approached by the Nebraska Multisport Complex regarding the potential of a new community swimming pool as a component of a state-of-the-art championship athletic complex to be developed northeast of Giles Road and Eastport Parkway. The City worked with the non-profit to pursue this opportunity to the extent possible; however, the project has not materialized as planned, and it is necessary to change course.

With the current pool location no longer an option, due to its age and the 84th Street Redevelopment Project, a new pool site is needed. Central Park has emerged as the preferred location for the facility because of its scenic and central location.

For more information on this project, visit the City’s website, www.cityoflavista.org/poolproject.

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