



City of Yakima

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Subject: Community Input Meetings Set for Possible MLK Jr. Pool

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Two community input meetings will be held Wednesday, June 12th, regarding the possibility of a community swimming pool at the City of Yakima's Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

The first meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 12th at the Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center, 1211 South 7th Street. It will be followed by a second community input meeting at 5:30 pm on June 12th at Yakima City Hall, 129 North 2nd Street. The 5:30 pm meeting will be held during the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for that night.

Three conceptual swimming pool designs will be presented during both meetings by Miklos Valdez of the consulting firm Councilman. Hunsaker.

Designs for the possible pool are based on the information provided from the Community Swimming Pool Ad Hoc Committee meeting notes from 2017 and all of the input Valdez received during the community input meetings, small focus groups, Yakima City Council Ad Hoc Committee and Park and Recreation Commission meeting in March of this year.

Members of the Yakima City Council Ad Hoc Committee are Mayor Kathy Coffey, Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez and Councilmember Jason White.

"Miklos will share the concepts at the June 12th meetings and then answer questions and gather more input on the three designs," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "He will also share estimated costs to construct and operate the possible pool."

Martin Luther King Jr. Park currently has a splash park, one of two the City offers.

During its regular meeting on January 15th, 2019, the Yakima City Council agreed to a feasibility study contract with Councilman-Hunsaker for a pool at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The cost for the study is not to exceed \$35,000. It will be paid for with Real Estate Excise Tax 1 funds.

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