



City of Yakima

News Release

Subject: Input sought for MLK Jr. Park pool feasibility study

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The City of Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission will seek community input for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park pool feasibility study during its regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 13th.

"I look forward to hearing comments and questions from the public during the Commission's meeting," said Councilmember Kay Funk, the City Council's liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The City of Yakima has hired the consulting firm Counsilman-Hunsaker to conduct the feasibility study. Miklos Valdez from that firm will make a presentation during the March 13th meeting, followed by an opportunity for the community to comment.

"Mr. Valdez will be in Yakima Wednesday and Thursday (March 14th) to gather information and receive input from various groups for the feasibility study," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets in Council Chambers at Yakima City Hall, 129 North 2nd Street. The meeting will be televised live on Y-PAC, Charter Cable Channel 194, and streamed live on the City's website at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream/>

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

Terms of the feasibility study contract include identifying three possible schematic designs for a community outdoor pool at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, as well as construction and operational costs for each of the pool designs.

The Parks and Recreation Commission was originally scheduled to discuss and receive input on the feasibility study last month, but the February 13th meeting was canceled due to severe winter weather conditions.