

Healthier Together
Aquatic Center Task Force
March – June 2024

Purpose:

This task force is an effort to get a different perspective on the prospects of building an Aquatic Center in Jefferson County. It is an advisory board to the Healthier Together Steering Committee and directly to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) with the following specific goals:

To research the feasibility of building a Jefferson County aquatic facility in the Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA).

To research alternative construction techniques for the construction of an aquatic facility in Jefferson County, specifically Sprung construction pool enclosures.

To discuss the viability of adding other Jefferson County projects to the PFD.

To evaluate rehab/rebuild/expand options for Mountain View Pool.

Report findings and recommendations to Steering Committee, City of PT, BOCC.

Composition:

6 members appointed by Jefferson County Board of Commissioners: 2 from each commissioner's district.

2 At-Large members representing the Jeffco Aquatic Coalition supporters who reside outside the City of Port Townsend.

Any existing Healthier Together Steering Committee members:

Staff

Carrie Hite, Director, Parks and Recreation Strategy, City of Port Townsend

Mark McCauley, County Administrator, Jefferson County

Carolyn Gallaway, BoCC Clerk

Research

1. Review existing Opsis proposal
2. Review Mountain View Pool reports

Work Product

1. The task force will report on the feasibility of building an aquatic center within the Port Hadlock UGA answering questions about specific available sites, financing costs, public infrastructure, traffic analysis, and market analysis focused on expected usage.
2. The task force will report on the viability of Sprung construction pool enclosures for a new aquatic center in Jefferson County, specifically comparing the overall lifecycle costs compared to traditional construction.
3. The task force will discuss the viability and report on the possibility of adding other County projects to the PFD.

The task force will present its summary research to the Healthier Together Steering Committee, City Council, County Commission and to the public. The final report from the task force will be to the BoCC to inform their decision about forming a Public Facilities District (PFD).

Meeting Protocols

It is expected the task force will invite input and information from a wide variety of expert sources.

The task force will meet twice a month, convening beginning of April with an expected completion date of June 30th, 2024.

Task force meetings will be Open Public Meetings with written public comment for every meeting. The meetings will be a hybrid format with the task force predominantly meeting online.

The application includes a one page letter of interest from the applicant. Each respective County Commissioner will review applicants from their district and select two task force members.

The County will publish an open application on March 11, 2024 initiate an application process for their appointees to happen during the month of March. Everyone is welcome to apply. Appointments will depend on the selection criteria, which will include, in no particular order of priority:

- Familiarity with the work of the steering committee
- Able to commit the time, every other week for three months to begin at the end of March
- Geographical representation
- Diverse representation (including age, socioeconomic status, ethnicities, gender, etc).
- Balance of skill sets; i.e. construction, finance, etc. preferred
- Familiarity with aquatics, i.e. part of an advocacy group, worked in the profession, were part of previous efforts to rebuild the pool.
- An interest in finding a path to a new public pool in Jefferson County