

Community & Aquatics Center Public Comments

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My name is Kenneth Kennedy. I currently serve as the Shorecrest Boosters President, as well as the Brookside Elementary PTA Treasurer. My wife Hailey serves on the Brookside PTA Board and works as a substitute in the district. We have four Shoreline School District students (1 at the Early Childhood Center, 1 at Brookside and 2 at Shorecrest), and in our heavily involved capacity with the district, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle.

We realize there would be additional cost for these enhancements but the biggest cost is the project itself. Additional costs would be incremental but the enhancements would fully benefit not only the students but the community going forward.

Please use this opportunity to build a pool that meets the needs of **all** of those in our community.

Thank you,
Kenneth and Hailey Kennedy
Shoreline School District Parents

1. Name (optional)

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Last Name	Lintz

2. Address (optional)

Street Number	
City, State, Zip	Lk Forest Pk

3. Contact Information (optional)

Phone Number	
Email Address	

4. Do you represent an official neighborhood group or organization?

No

5. If you answered, "yes" to the question above, what organization do you represent?

Not answered

6. We welcome your comments in the space below.

I am part of a group of people who play table tennis three times a week at the Spartan Rec Center. We were previously at the Shoreline Senior Center, with its disadvantages of a carpeted floor and low ceilings.

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We moved to the Spartan Rec Center and now have hardwood floors, high ceilings and excellent lighting, this enhances the playing experience. We now have all ages join our group and as the number of people increases we have room to increase to four tables with excellent spacing. The exercise and hand eye coordination from table tennis is great for all ages and we have a good social interaction between all of our participants. The dance rooms at the SRC work great for our space concerns and we want to see these areas created in the new Community & Aquatics Center.

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First Name Allan
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Street Number
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Phone Number Not answered
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No

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Please take the time to do this project right. The City of Shoreline deserves a quality aquatic center, something along the lines of the Snohomish Aquatic Center. This intelligently designed pool is 25 meters by 25 yards allowing for both long and short seasons.

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No

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Not answered

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I want to encourage the City of Shoreline to design a new Community & Aquatics Center that features:

Eight lanes that are not too shallow

A pool that supports large swim & dive teams and efficient, fast swim meets

A pool that supports water polo teams/clubs

A robust viewing area – to support the revenue potential that comes with the ability to host club swim & dive meets

A pool that allows for multi-use and increased lesson capacity

A dive tank – to support high school swim & dive teams, and allow as many student athletes as possible to participate in non-cut teams

I encourage the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Public Schools to partner in building a state of the art facility that supports the current and future needs of our students and families. Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, and North King County need a facility that can comfortably host regional swim meets, maximize participation of year-round swimmers, support the non-cut swim & dive teams from both high schools, and attract an increasingly diverse population into the swim community.

Thank you for considering these comments.

1. Name (optional)

First Name Steve
Last Name Not answered

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Street Number Not answered
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Please do not build this. We already have at least 6 gymnasiums within 1 mile of this proposed facility. Do we really need another one? If you are going to build a pool, why build another inadequate pool like the other two nearby indoor pools? If you are going to build a pool, build it right so that at least you can have competitive swim meets.

Dear Shoreline School Board,

We are parents of a current Brookside Elementary fourth grader. With high school upon the horizon we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well and viewing area to cheer on the Scots & Thunderbirds. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Its also one of only two non-cut sports in our district. We ask that you use this opportunity to ensure our upcoming Shorecrest and Shorewood students have a pool that meets the needs of the swim teams as well as meeting the needs of all within our community.

Thank you
Danielle Lynch & Chris Gurnee
Brookside Elementary Parents

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1. Not Applicable
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 3. Carrie Sanford
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 7. Dear Shoreline City Council,

As parents of two Brookside Elementary school children that are also avid swimmers, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to

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cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest and Shorewood students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of all of those in our community.

Thank you,
Carrie and Paul Sanford
Brookside Elementary School Parents

Hello,

I'd like to request that the planned Shoreline Pool be 8-lanes, include a diving well, and a large viewing area. Not doing so limits the number of groups the pool can serve. This would not be in line with the City of Shoreline's values especially with regard to inclusivity.

These changes need to be made now. Changing or modifying the design now is a soft cost investment that's minimal when compared to the hard costs needed to construct the facility. This upfront design investment is a good one and will produce a facility configured with features that don't hinder its use. Once it's built, retrofitting it to include 8 lanes, a diving well, and large viewing area would be cost prohibitive and unrealistic and we'd be stuck with a lacking facility for the next fifty years.

The City of Shoreline, with a population of about fifty thousand, is larger than the British Virgin Islands, a country in the United Kingdom. We will grow denser and have a larger population. Because of this it's our responsibility to plan for the future to meet the needs of our growing community. We also need to meet the needs of our existing community which includes the Shoreline School District.

I believe the City and School District should work together to develop a mutually beneficial solution to address the needs we have now, and the ones we expect in our future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew B. Behnke, Shoreline Resident

Dear Director Friedli,

I have been swimming on swim teams for about 6 years, with both the Dale Turner YMCA Orcas and the Shorewood HS Girls T-Birds. Swimming, competing, and building community through these activities has helped me to grow and thrive in all aspects of my life.

So that current and future generations of Shoreline residents can enjoy the benefits that my family and I have gained by being involved with competitive local swim teams, I would like to advocate for a competitive, fast pool (not a lap pool), which allows for flexible usage, with the following features:

- 8 lane competition pool – this will attract users!

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- Separate Diving well – allows for diving, warm-up and cool-down capacity (key to a competitive pool)
- Robust Viewing Area and deck space – minimum of 500 person spectator capacity
- Adequate depth – which allows for starts, turns, and water polo.

Shoreline deserves a facility that can comfortably host regional swim meets, maximize participation of year-round swimmers, support the non-cut swim & dive teams from both high schools, and attract an increasingly diverse population into the swim community.

Please include these features in the design plan for our new community pool. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely, Hayley Trimmer

Dear Director Friedli,

My daughter has been swimming and on swim teams for about 6 years, with both the Dale Turner YMCA Orcas and the Shorewood HS Girls T-Birds. Swimming, competing, and building community through these activities has helped her to grow and thrive in all aspects of her life. So that current and future generations of Shoreline residents can enjoy the benefits that our family has gained by being involved with competitive local swim teams, I would like to advocate for a competitive, fast pool (not a lap pool), which allows for flexible usage, with the following features:

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely, Rosemary Trimmer

Dear Mr. Friedli,

I am the parent of three swimmers, one of my girls will be a team captain next year for Shorewood High School, and another who will swim as a freshman next year, and my son swam for Shorewood as well. The swim team is so important as it is one of the few no cut sports offered, and so gives more kids a chance to join a school team sport. It is unfortunate that club sports have increased competitiveness and have made joining school teams very difficult for many kids. Please ensure that our schools will not narrow this opportunity! I was a diver at

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Shorewood High School myself, and losing the diving program would be very sad. A pool that will support large, diverse swim & dive teams for our High Schools is imperative!

Thank you,
Kristen Lunde
Shoreline School Parent and Substitute Teacher

Dear Eric,

As parents of two Brookside Elementary school children that are also avid swimmers, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest and Shorewood students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of all of those in our community.

Thank you,
Carrie and Paul Sanford
Brookside Elementary School Parents

Dear Shoreline School Board,

As parents of three Brookside Elementary school children who love to swim, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle.....not too mention the possibility with college 8) Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest and Shorewood students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of all of those in our community.

Dear Shoreline School Board,

As parents of two Brookside Elementary school children who are also avid swimmers, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest and Shorewood students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of all of those in our community.

Thank you,
Ginny and Jim Skurski
Brookside Elementary School Parents

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Dear Shoreline School Board,

As parents of a Brookside elementary school and a Kellogg middle school student who are both avid swimmers, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School and Community Swim Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest, Shorewood, Gators & Cascade swim team students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of **all** of those in our community.

Kathy & Andrew Griffard
Shoreline School District Parents

Dear Shoreline School Board,

We are parents of two Brookside Elementary school children who are also avid year round swimmers who are already looking forward to swimming on the Shorecrest Swim Team. We are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a valuable sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. We were born and raised in this community and swam competitively year round on community teams, city-wide teams and the Shorecrest swim teams. Not having access to a competitive swimming pool would be a huge detriment to the youth in our community. Please use this opportunity to ensure our high school students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of **all** of those in our community.

Thank you,
Hillary & Nathan Bendiksen
Brookside Elementary School Parents

Hi Eric,

As a community member and a parent of four avid swimmers, we would ask you to consider a design for the Shoreline Pool that meets the following specifications:

1. **An eight-lane pool** – to support large teams and efficient swim meets, plus increase potential for multi-use and increase lesson capacity
2. **A dive tank** – to support high school swim & dive teams, and allow as many student athletes as possible to participate in non-cut teams
3. **A robust viewing area** – to support the revenue potential that comes with the ability to host club swim meets

Thank you,
Lindsey & Tony Crawford, MD

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Dear Eric,

I grew up as a competitive swimmer in an area where pool facilities were never in short supply. Having moved here I have found it increasingly difficult to find adequate pool availability to continue this life long passion. I've passed a love of swimming on to my own two children, but have always felt they've been shortchanged in the amazing opportunities a vibrant pool facility brings to a community.

There is no question that the current Shoreline pool has severe limitations in lane count, diving well space, viewing and event space on the pool deck as well as enough pool space during reasonable hours in the day for children and adults to participate in the wonderful world of aquatic sports. I was excited to hear Shoreline was exploring a new pool facility and hoped that all of the problems with the current pool would be rectified.

What a huge disappointment. The current pool design is extremely shortsighted and under designed. While the architectural design is lovely, the program of the space does nothing to alleviate our current problems. We are simply creating like for like and not resolving any of our current problems with the one addition being a pretty package to house it all in. The limitation of the new design will not allow Shoreline to grow as a community or a regional resource. We have an opportunity here to create a pool that will enhance our community and provide multiple families and individuals with a facility that answers all of our needs. Pools are wonderful spaces for people to come together to interact and play; to learn the much needed skill of swimming; to develop that skill and create a passion for lap swimming and even competitive swimming (young and old); to direct that interest toward diving and waterpolo.

An adequately sized pool facility (8 lanes with sufficient depth, diving well, open deck space, etc.) opens doors for people in ways you would never imagine. It allows that older person a safe place and manner in which to get exercise without being jostled by faster swimmers. It allows space to teach a young child or grown adult this life saving skill. If you weren't aware, our high school swim teams are no-cut sports, therefore swim team creates a sense of belonging and self-esteem boost that less athletic high school students need. More pool space would allow the school district to continue with their 'no-cut' policy and benefit countless teens. More pool space would allow our waterpolo teams reasonable practice hours instead of into the late evening hours. These poor kids are exhausted with early classes and late practice times. More space would allow our Masters Program to grow and open up space for other competitive groups to train.

Another boost to a larger, deep 8 lane competitive pool with a diving well and deck space would be the revenue it would bring to the city. It would be a draw for swim meets, water polo matches and diving competitions throughout the region. A more adequate pool facility would bring much desired revenue to the city in the form of club team rentals, shopping for local businesses and dining at local restaurants. Shoreline is already a desirable area to live in with more and more families choosing to raise their kids here. If anything, a larger pool facility would be addressing the growth we will be experiencing especially with the light rail moving north.

Please don't let this valuable opportunity disappear. We need this facility to address all of our current needs as well as allow for future growth.

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Jeri Jacobsen
Shoreline Resident

Dear Shoreline School Board,

We are parents of one Brookside Elementary child and one child that attends the Shoreline Children's Center. Both of our boys are strong swimmers and our oldest recently participated on the Gators swim team with the Shoreline Pool this past summer. We are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool that has a diving well and viewing area. We are hopeful that Shorecrest and Shorewood students will continue to have the opportunity to have a swim team. We also are hopeful that the pool will meet the needs of all of those in our community.

Thank you,
Kristin and Brian Johnson

Dear Shoreline School Board,

As parents of two Brookside Elementary school children and one future Brookside student, we are writing to urge you to support building a competitive, fast 8-lane pool. We ask that the pool have a diving well, a robust viewing area for community members to cheer on our local Shoreline School Teams, and adequate depths to allow for starts, turns, and water polo. Swimming is a sport that is accessible, encourages teamwork as well as individual goal-setting, and supports a healthy lifestyle. Please use this opportunity to ensure our Shorecrest and Shorewood students have many future years at a pool that meets the needs of all of those in our community.

Thank you,
Laci and Tim Graciano
Brookside Elementary School Parents

January 12, 2019

To the Shoreline City Council:

Every day someone in Shoreline reaches retirement age. One by one, they discard the trappings of work, take a deep breath, look around, and ask, "What's next?"

My neighbors purchased a home on wheels to traverse the country. Others globe-trot to exotic places for sought after adventure. Yet others find contentment closer to home – they convert a yard into a showplace or edible garden or pursue deferred passions – arts, culture, literature, crafts.

All are not so lucky. Some assume the role of nanny to their grandchildren. Rather than chase their dreams, they chase toddlers – creaky knees and all. Others devote themselves to the care of truly ancient parents. And still others fall down the rabbit hole into lives arranged around doctors, illness, surgeries, recovery, and diminishing quality of life.

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One in five Shoreline residents is negotiating the world of aging and no two of us are exactly alike. Our interests and needs vary. However, we do share certain things:

- Whatever our ability, we need to keep active in mind, body, and spirit.
- We seek social interaction with peers, and enjoy the company of younger people.
- Our life work, experiences, education, grasp of historical events, and concern about the current state of affairs adds value to the civic life of the community.
- We want places to gather.

For these reasons, I implore you consider the addition of 6000 square feet of dedicated space for senior programs in our proposed community center. This space must include a commercial kitchen for full meal preparation – a need not for only seniors but for the benefit of many other groups who desire to conduct cultural events organized around familiar food.

The space must offer services provided by an array of knowledgeable providers. This may eventually include the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center, but, may also locate various other senior activities under one roof. Seniors will have the benefit of all other services available at the gym and pool, plus ready access to transit, shopping, and medical care.

Two scary things worry seniors: the dreaded fall and the dreaded call to hand over the car keys. Independently or together, these events trigger the loss of mobility and the downward spiral to social isolation. By adding dedicated space for seniors in our new facility you will reduce these risks and enhance the lives of a population of aging people who wish to live out their active retirement years and eventual old age in Shoreline.

The additional \$5.7 million dollars barely increases the overall cost to taxpayers. We are worth it and I plan to encourage others to implore you to make it happen.

Thank you,

