

City of Valley Center

Aquatics Facility & Recreational Center



TOWN HALL MEETING: October 14, 2020 @ 7:00pm

ELECTION: November 3, 2020

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www.valleycenterks.org or (316) 755-7310**

Question & Answers

Q. What is the cost of the proposed new aquatics facility and recreation complex?

A. The project budget for construction and design services is \$10.5 Million.

Q. How will we pay for the construction of and operation of the new aquatics facility and recreation complex?

A. The City of Valley Center will be asking registered voters to consider a ballot referendum. A vote on a 1.0% sale tax increase will be held on 11/3/2020.

The 1.0% sale tax will be setup to cover the construction, furnishings, and equipment for the new aquatic facility and recreation complex. Additional funds for the construction, furnishings, equipment, and annual operations will be provided through a potential 2-mill increase through the Valley Center Recreation Commission that would have to be voted on by the USD-262 School Board.

Q. What is the sales tax rate in other communities?

A. If Valley Center adds the 1.0% sales tax the total rate will be 8.5%. Other communities are:

- Sedgwick 8.5% - 9%
- Goddard 8.5%
- Mulvane 8.5%
- Haysville 8.5%
- Newton 8.5%
- Wichita 7.5% - 9.5%

Q. Where will the facility be located?

A. Three (3) potential sites were evaluated:

- ~ Lions Park
- ~ McLaughlin Park
- ~ City Property on Ford/77th Street

McLaughlin Park and the Ford & 77th Street property require significant infrastructure improvements (sewer, power, water, roads) to support a new facility. This would be a large financial investment ranging from an estimated \$2 - \$2.5 million. Lions Park already possesses the necessary infrastructure. Therefore, Lions Park allows more of the project budget to be dedicated to the facility amenities and programs.

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Q. Will any park be left at Lions park or just buildings and parking?

A. Green space and playground equipment will remain core components of the Lions Parks. These features are critical for maintaining the park's essence. New playground equipment will be added during the project.

Q. What is wrong with the existing pool?

A. The existing pool was built in 1971 and has many issues. Significant repairs are required. Additionally, the pool and bathhouse do not meet the requirements for accessibility for disabled individuals. The issues are:

ISSUE	CONCERN
ADA - Bathhouse	Does not meet standards
ADA - Wading Pool	Does not meet standards
Main Pool	Daily water loss (pipes, basin & gutters)
Disinfection (Chlorine)	Antiquated
Filtration System	Outdated per current codes
Electrical	Antiquated, needs updating

Q. What NEW features will be included in the Recreation Center ?

A. The proposed Recreation Center will feature gymnasium space, walking track, fitness areas and equipment, indoor aquatics, kid's space, rental/party rooms, and group exercise.

Q. Will there be enough parking for a new complex at Lions Park?

A. During phase I, the current pool parking lot will be removed and a new 103 stall parking lot will be added. During future expansion projects there will be an additional 42 stalls added at that time.

Proposed Valley Center Aquatic Facility & Recreational Complex



- Lions Park
- Gymnasium
- Walking track
- Individual fitness area
- Cardio machines
- Group exercise area
- Kid-Care area
- Indoor pool
- **Renovated** outdoor pool
- Green space
- Outdoor basketball
- **New** playground
- Picnic area
- Room for expansion

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