

PERC Community Online Open House
March 1-31, 2021
Online Comments Submitted

Overall/General Comments

Answered: 28 Skipped: 7

1. I am excited about the potential for an excellent facility for Poulsbo. A focus on the needs of the greatest number of uses is important. The plan for meeting spaces needs to be flexible to accommodate small as well as large groups, but numbers most likely don't need to be greater than 250.
2. I am not in favor of the PERC. If the PERC was a sound financial investment the private sector would already be building a facility for this purpose. The City of Poulsbo should be spending its limited resources on maintaining its current infrastructure. Thank you for listening.
3. I have already completed the survey and support the project moving forward. One additional thought to suggest for events is I'd love to see if it is possible to use this facility to show movies in the park (like the old drive-in theatres). Maybe the facility could be configured in such a way that movies could be shown, in the summer, but indoors so that the movies didn't start so late (often 10:00 p.m.) and weather wouldn't be such a factor. Could appeal to a broad range of age groups.
4. I am very excited for this facility. It will be fantastic for the community as whole!
5. Very excited about this project!! This will be a fantastic addition for our town.
6. If the PERC had lighted multi use fields (baseball/softball/soccer) like almost every other city along the I-5 corridor to host tournaments and games businesses downtown would also benefit. Youth sports bring an incredible amount of money to towns. We've been driving for years to every other city/county to play soccer and baseball and always find local restaurants and hotels to support.
7. I see this is now a house for our Parks and Recreation staff forever committing Poulsbo to funding this center. This should be wholly supportable by other funds than Poulsbo. Look at what happened to our city hall. We fund but Poulsbo residents dont even get preference for parking when we have city business. Honestly, unless we get preferential benefits we should not be putting permanent Poulsbo tax money toward this venture. This is sited for wide use and so the burden should not fall on our tax base. I never see my property taxes go down. Period. So all this nonsense that it will add to our revenues is just that..a way to spend more and still ask for more from local tax payers. When will you all understand that we can NOT afford it anymore. This should be a self sustainable project or not done at all.
8. You are still being deceitful about funding. Not once have you told people that the the new financing district is a new TAXING district. If you believed people that knew what a "district" was, you would not have left out that information. You are shamefully relying on the ignorance of the populace to know this. Sadly, you are probably right. But this lack of disclosure lets me know that this is a project filled with dishonesty and "pork" for someone else's pocket at our expense. There is not one community event and rec center that is not seriously in the red and needing massive amounts of tax increases. That information is also being kept from the public. And ancillary to the money issue is that a publicly funded facility will put several Poulsbo fitness businesses out of business. How can you live with yourselves?
9. Our family welcomes the PERC. Our community needs a venue like this for the public to use as well as for family and kids to use throughout the year. A space for after school programs, too. Outdoor lighted sport fields and track / path to use. An event space for performances and a daily cafe would be ideal.
10. Why is there no information regarding the tax burden for City of Poulsbo residents? In general, I would like to see more information about how this is expected to be funded. It's misleading to show a bunch of colorful concept drawings and suggest all the opportunities the PERC could provide without telling the community how much it will cost them regardless of whether they will use it.
11. Parks and Recreation - We have some great parks, but we need recreation space for specific activities like a swimming pool. The community pool should not be shared with the middle school and high school for a city this large. I also like the idea of soccer tournaments coming in to town, but the space in the fields up by home depot is way too small. I am not a fan of events purely for money.
12. I'd like to give my thoughts on the lack of availability of indoor Basketball in Poulsbo. I am a lover of basketball and have dozens of friends that I've grown up with that are as well. I have 4 kids that want to play as they grow up. The only places that people can play basketball during the winter are in Bremerton and Silverdale. This causes our community to feel the lack when you have to drive to a different town for something that most towns provide. Having a multi-court facility will also make our community able to host basketball and volleyball tournaments. These bring in serious revenue every weekend that will benefit our area as well. I think it's a must have in our community that we are missing out on. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

13. We have a huge need for community Basketball facilities. There are next to no facilities outside of schools that can offer gym space for Basketball. We are missing out on keeping local kids in our area because of lack of opportunity.
14. Please consider an indoor recreational facility.
15. I love the idea of this project! It is long overdue and hopefully this would be able to be used by not just Poulsbo but Kingston, Suquamish and neighboring towns.
16. Our community needs more open gyms for basketball teams to practice.
17. The Poulsbo area is in desperate need for more multi use indoor court, specifically geared towards basketball and volleyball. several indoor courts could provide the ability to host tournaments that would generate revenue to the city of Poulsbo.
18. Looking forward to a community recreation center. I think it is important to include indoor basketball/volleyball courts as there is a significant like of such courts in North Kitsap.
19. Please strongly consider putting in Basketball courts.
20. I would love to have a super nice court facility in town, there is no where to play in the winter that's not the high school. And if we have a really nice gym then we could host tournaments and that would be great for the town.
21. I would like to see indoor courts at this facility. This would help out basketball teams, volleyball, badminton, pickle ball, etc. As of now basketball players have to depend on school gym use which is very limited, even during the school year. There are no indoor courts in the north kitsap area and it would be a shame if this was not a consideration for the new facility.
22. The new Rec center should have both soccer and softball/baseball fields to hold tournaments. As well as indoor courts to hold volleyball and basketball. The City does not have current space for these type of events. The opportunity to hold events indoor and outdoor would be great ways to fill the local hotels being built.
23. Currently there are no "community" indoor multi-use courts in Poulsbo. It would be great to see a multi court facility to be able to host basketball and volleyball tournaments. This would be able to be used by both youth and adults as well as both boys and girls 12 months out of the year and is not weather dependent.
24. We desperately need an indoor basketball facility with multiple courts. I have been a girls basketball coach for the past 8 years and have struggled to find gyms to practice in each year. During the normal basketball season, there are so many teams competing for gym time that I often had middle school girls in small elementary gyms. During the pandemic, the need for gyms outside the school system has never been greater. Unfortunately, we rely on them for access and have suffered greatly throughout the past year. My daughter plays on a travel team and we are constantly going to tournaments across the water. It would be so great to have a facility where we could host our own tournaments and continue to build on the momentum we are seeing with basketball in the area.
25. I believe that a multi court basketball area should be installed. I've been involved in basketball for many years whether watching my sons all play or coaching and playing myself. The city can always benefit from more courts to play on be it tournaments in both basketball and volleyball which brings more revenue to the city and more areas for rec players to play and practice.
26. PERC is a fantastic initiative for our community and I look forward to participating in it's evolution and beyond in some fashion.
27. the funding aspects need to be offered at the outset, there must be a conceptual budget that might help focus not only what dream elements are desired but what can be afforded. there will be capital construction cost along with annual maintenance costs....what mechanisms will fund these costs? while the 1,300 survey results gives a starting point to design concepts I think it is far short of judging real community desires that are needed to ensure the true facility uses get incorporated. Many wished for uses are currently served by other public or private facilities. Perhaps the PERC could better serve some of these needs but careful selection will be needed not to create features already well served. Larger events which seem to be popular desired use must be thought of with physical size of facility and fields available, while realizing parking must be factored into the design. perhaps overflow parking could be negotiated with OC campus on agreed non class days.
28. We have good outdoor tennis courts at Kingston, NKHS, Kingston High, and Lions park. However, an indoor facility would be a great addition. Communities have built a 2 or 3 court indoor facility with no heat, no pro shop, and no "club membership" type of system. The fee would be for court use - \$12-22 per hour per person. Lighting is important, court surface, and funds to resurface every 5 years, new nets every 2 years, possibly curtains separating courts. I have been involved with court maintenance and have played for 30 years. I think this would be an incredible community asset. Please contact me if interested in more information. Good examples are Sprinker (Pierce County), Camden Maine (yes - Maine - small community with great local per fee use system).

Comments Regarding Aquatics/Swimming Pool

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1. Even with the existing NKHS facility, another pool is needed to meet the needs of a growing population. The Center will not be in use for nearly five years. The pool can be used by all ages and would be updated over the aging existing facility.
2. If you decide to put a pool in and charge fees I hope you would consider discounted rates for disabled and elderly people to use the pool. I would also suggest using ultraviolet light to keep the pool clean it would be less expensive than all the chemicals. Thank you
3. Is it possible to create a bond/levy to support this effort. Based on how the district handled the use of the pool during COVID, they are not considering the pool a community asset and managed it as such. Other communities found ways to open up their pool while the district refused to entertain and still refuses to discuss. The funding that the district receives should be discussed as part of upcoming school bond so that dollars are allocated correctly. I am sure the PERC community would support the change in management
4. I think an indoor pool is much needed, but would like the use to be age appropriate at different times of day/week. Mabe divided up to kids, teens and adults. I am over 60 and would not like to be swimming with children or teenagers.
5. I would love to see an aquatic center with some water slides and fun indoor activities for kids and families. We would definitely have parties and take lessons at the pool. We currently either go to Bainbridge or Silverdale to play at their facilities because they offer more than just a lap pool.
6. Public pools never pay for themselves through user fees and are a continuous drain on taxpayer dollars. There is a reason RICH people have pools and poor people don't. Upkeep and insurance are holes into which we pour money.
7. Bring on a new pool to offer classes and open-swim times. Keep the NK High pool, but we need a community pool to be able to use all year through.
8. The community pool should not be shared with the middle school and high school for a city this large. The schools deserve that pool for their time and the community needs a dedicated pool for swimming as a sport, exercise, and learning activity. This could be widely used by all ages. Maybe young children share the pool with the middle school, and then high school swim team and adults who are serious about exercise can use a new pool at the PERC. You could hold swim events/tournaments then if it was focused in this regard.
9. I think a pool would be supported by the community. Pre covid most people drove to either Bainbridge or Silverdale to use their facilities. Poulsbo has grown significantly and the NKSD community pool is not great for new swimmers.
10. This is LONG overdue for our area. This would be a must-have addition to the facility!
11. As a community we don't need another swimming pool, the pool at NKHS is more than adequate for our community
12. A pool would be nice
13. I understand that the aquatic center could use an upgrade. If there's a way to afford this while not neglecting other sports' needs then I could support that.
14. I can see the benefit of having a pool for the community but we would not access it. I also wonder if it would gain enough use with aquatic centers in Bainbridge and Silverdale.
15. great idea but cannot imagine the cost could be justified, some raw numbers need to be thrown out to the aquatic dreamers early so they can pick other alternate favorite ideas

Comments Regarding Indoor Recreation

Answered: 22 Skipped: 13

1. There is need for a facility similar to the Silverdale YMCA with indoor walking, exercise equipment, game courts, and meeting rooms.
2. Very exciting to have an option in town
3. Pickleball is very popular in North Kitsap, the sport is perfect for all age groups. Indoor Pickleball courts would be very welcome, especially in the winter months. Or, covered outdoor courts. I've been playing on outdoor courts all winter, weather permitting with my over 60 friends.
4. An indoor walking track would be rad. Plus a gym facility pretty please. Class rooms for youth and adult programs.
5. We would love to see some indoor pickleball courts. I don't know of any in the North Kitsap area.
6. Indoor pickleball courts would be nice too.
7. We can have a rec center without having a huge and expensive event center.
8. Indoor gyms, courts and classes are ideal. Nothing to take away from the Rec Center but space to share.
9. I think there is a strong case for considering having a large multi use field that is indoors. It doesn't need to be the cost of an actual building, but just a sports bubble. They are more popular in colder areas like Minnesota and Alaska, but it is a good way to keep recreation going year round. Indoor soccer and tennis and whatever other activities that would rent field time would be a huge revenue opportunity, especially if it is year round and out of the rain on artificial turf.
10. Aerobics exercise equipment at the current recreation center is visibly soiled. For example, take a look at the balls and resistance bands. Please plan for the cost and labor of cleaning/sanitizing indoor exercise equipment as you plan the new recreation center. Ideally, sanitizing should happen before used equipment is returned to the shelf for reuse. Also, a more comprehensive cleaning should be regularly scheduled with separate management inspections for cleanliness, also on a regular schedule. Thank you!
11. I'd like to give my thoughts on the lack of availability of indoor Basketball in Poulsbo. I am a lover of basketball and have dozens of friends that I've grown up with that are as well. I have 4 kids that want to play as they grow up. The only places that people can play basketball during the winter are in Bremerton and Silverdale. This causes our community to feel the lack when you have to drive to a different town for something that most towns provide. Having a multi-court facility will also make our community able to host basketball and volleyball tournaments. These bring in serious revenue every weekend that will benefit our area as well. I think it's a must have in our community that we are missing out on. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
12. Please include an indoor basketball gym for youth sports, very much needed in the community.
13. Currently there are little to no options for indoor recreational activities in Kitsap County. As a person who has been born and raised in Kitsap County I have seen no indoor basketball courts that I can take my kids too. As well as personally not being able to take my kids to an indoor facility to play basketball or Volleyball. The basketball and Volley ball programs run through our local high schools and AAU programs can sponsor tournaments during the year which will increase tourism for the community.
14. There is a definitie need for more adult indoor recreation. The youth are served by the school gymnasiums and outdoor parks but North Kitsap needs adult indoor work-out facilities, exercise classes and other indoor family/adult facilities. I would not reccomend indoor basketball, volloeyball etc. It takes up far too much space and will undoubtedly be used up by youth select groups and school age athletes which already have facilities for these types of things.
15. Open volleyball courts would be a great addition to this community
16. Basketball courts are needed,
17. Basketball/ volleyball courts.
18. I would prefer a basketball court over a indoor soccer field any day of the week
19. If there can be basketball courts then I'm all for it.
20. Multiple basketball/volleyball courts would allow both girls and boys and both youth and adults access to multiple sports all year round.
21. Basketball, indoor soccer, laser tag and fun programs like magic show, other performers are all things we would access.

22. It is essential that this facility possess indoor playing courts for youth and adult basketball and volleyball. The versatility of these types of courts will provide space for positive recreational programs, sports and services that are currently unavailable.

Comments Regarding Outdoor Recreation

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1. I don't see a great need for ball fields, whether soccer, baseball, or football. There could be multi use fields, but teams regularly argue over such places. There are no archery areas in Poulsbo, but is there a need? An outdoor exercise trail would be nice. Covered outdoor areas could also be used.
2. Love the idea of trails/track. Again since the only facility is run and operated by the District, during the last year all community members could not use the track. That was a disservice to everyone. The District does not consider the best interests of the community at large .
3. Walking trails for dog owners.
4. Please consider a paved track around the fields similar to that at Lion's Park in Bremerton or like Battlepoint Park on Bainbridge Island. It would be nice for strollers, wheelchairs, scooters, etc. Also- please consider a splash park.
5. Need lighted multi use fields. Just look around I-5. Everyone has them! Then add the walking paths around the outer edges, a playground and picnic area and it meets the needs of many families! A splash pad would be awesome too! Siblings love baseball tournaments in Tacoma in the summer so they can go to the splash pad!!!
6. Pickleball courts would be great. We use the ones a Lions park all the time.
7. It would be really nice to have some designated pickleball courts like Bainbridge. This sport is growing quickly quickly now and Pilsbo citizens should be able to enjoy it in their own town. Having designated courts versus sharing the same courts with tennis players would be the optimal situation.
8. I have a concern for the amount of space available for soccer fields. That would be the sport I'd most like to see host tournaments, but I think one field would be all that would fit. Maybe having it lighted and in conjunction with strawberry fields would make it well equipped for tournaments. Is there consideration for an indoor full size soccer field? That would be best suited for year round play no matter what the weather, and of course the field could be multi use and this would generate lots of revenue.
9. There is a huge need for a non-school based Basketball facility in our area.
10. Walking trails, outdoor picnic and gathering areas, concert locations would all be fantastic additions.
11. No comment
12. My family personally doesn't have a need for outdoor fields so we most likely would not use them.
13. Turfed fields for sports and play would be amazing.

Comments Regarding Event Space

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1. Must be multi-use and flexible....frankly, this seems like a necessary evil if rented space is to help pay for maintenance costs. Have businesses said this is a need?
2. Again since the only facility is run and operated by the District, during the last year all community members could not use the auditorium. That was a disservice to everyone. The District does not consider the best interests of the community at large .
3. It would definitely come in handy. Great urban planning.
4. This should be a self sustainable operation not funded by Poulsbo tax payers.
5. I am most concerned about Event space. This term has been very vaguely described so far. I'm interested in recreation, and I would pay for it. I am not interested in weddings, meetings, or anything that can be held many other places. If somebody wants a large room for business meetings, how about the brand new hotel right next door to the PERC? I am having trouble thinking of events that I would want there that I couldn't already go to or have be held elsewhere.
6. Rentable space would be welcomed and assist in cost and maintenance, sponsored events, classes, concert and/or theater would be something that is currently almost non-existent.
7. No comment
8. We have attended performances at NKHS and felt it was adequate for community needs. CKHS has also recently built a community theater. I'm not sure what the plans are for the event space but would consider filling a gap the community does not have yet. Have you considered an outdoor performance space?

Comments Regarding Recreation Programming

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1. All ages need to be represented....not just the younger set. Please remember the seniors who make up a good percentage of this community.
2. Divide time slots in swimming pool into age groups. Children, teens, adults, seniors.
3. Poulsbo does a great job! I'm sure this will just expand the park department's capabilities.
4. There should definitely be seperate family and adult only times.
5. Recreation programming seems vital to the community. Now that my kids are older we don't participate in programming but it's how both my kids got into basketball.
6. I would love to see basketball leagues for the middle and high school girls/boys who do not make their teams and still want to play. I would also love to see and participate in an adult rec league.
7. I've been involved in community, private and government recreation programming my entire 35 year career and the positive impact of great facilities, programs and services on the health of communities is invaluable. I applaud this initiative and look forward to hearing more.