

# Columbia Swimming Summit

Creating a Plan for  
Swimming in the Community  
January 28, 2020



# Swimming Summit Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- History of Hickman Pool
- Current status of swimming and pool facilities
- Columbia Public Schools / Columbia Parks and Recreation Cooperative Agreement
- Next steps in the process
- Small group discussion

# Welcome and Introduction

## **Columbia Public Schools**

- Dr. Jennifer Rukstad, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools
- Bruce Whitesides, Athletic Director, Columbia Public Schools
- David Egan, Athletic Director, Rock Bridge High School
- J.D. Coffman, Athletic Director, Hickman High School
- Alex Huck, Athletic Director, Battle High School

# Welcome and Introduction

## **Columbia Parks and Recreation**

- Mike Griggs, Parks and Recreation Director
- Erika Coffman, Recreation Services Manager
- Gabe Huffington, Park Services Manager
- Janel Twehous, Aquatic Supervisor
- Megan Harrington, Aquatic Specialist
- Matt Boehner, Senior Park Planner

# The History of Hickman Pool

- Hickman Pool opened in the late 1950s as an outdoor pool
- Columbia Public Schools started a competitive swim team in the 1960s
- The pool was enclosed in the mid 1960s
- Columbia Public Schools / Columbia Park Recreation entered into a cooperative agreement 1965
- Hickman Pool major renovations 1991

# The History of Hickman Pool

Since the 1991 facility renovations:

- Diving well removed in mid 2000s
- Converted from gas chlorine to chlorine tabs to automatic chlorine feeders
- Installed Ultraviolet System to assist with pool sanitation
- Replaced the HVAC system in 2008
- Roof replacement in 2009
- Pool Heater replaced in 2009 and 2015
- Pool shell painting has occurred every 3 years
- Replacing HVAC system with estimated completion in February 2020

# Columbia Public Schools / Columbia Parks and Recreation Hickman Pool Partnership

Columbia Public Schools and Columbia Parks and Recreation have a cooperative agreement for the use and maintenance of Hickman Pool

## Pool Use:

- CPS utilizes the facility for their high school swim teams and classes
- Parks and Recreation utilizes the facility when not in school use for swim lessons, water aerobic classes, lifeguard training, recreational and competitive swim teams, and special aquatic programs

# Columbia Public Schools / Columbia Parks and Recreation Hickman Pool Partnership

## Pool Maintenance:

- CPS is responsible for all permanent portions of the facility including building structure, utilities, restrooms and locker rooms
- Parks and Recreation is responsible for the daily maintenance of the water and the equipment utilized to manage the water
- Total maintenance expenses are split 50/50 on an annual basis



# Next Steps

- All comments from the summit will be collected and shared on the [como.gov](http://como.gov) website on the Parks and Recreation aquatics page
- An online comment form will be available from Friday, January 31 through Friday, February 14 on the [como.gov](http://como.gov) aquatics page
- Small group aquatic facility visits will be planned for Spring/Summer 2020
- Additional meetings in the future will be determined by CPS/CPRD staff

# Small Group Discussion

10 to 12 minutes per question

## **What questions do we want to address at each table:**

1. How do we move forward growing competitive swimming and diving in Columbia while sustaining current recreational swimming opportunities?
2. What could a new indoor aquatic facility bring to Columbia?
3. What funding resources are available for the construction/renovation of indoor aquatic facilities?
4. What amenities would be needed in a new indoor aquatic facility to support competitive and recreational swimming?
5. What have other communities done to expand or improve their capacity?

# Thank you for your participation!

Additional questions?

Please contact Gabe Huffington at  
[gabe.huffington@como.gov](mailto:gabe.huffington@como.gov) and questions will be  
shared with the CPS/CPRD group.