



August 26, 2021

Vashon Park District
17130 Vashon Highway SW
Vashon WA 98070

Re: Vashon Seals/VPD Bubble Shared Ownership Proposal

Dear Elaine:

The Vashon Seals Swim Team (VSST) deeply appreciates the continued partnership and support of the Vashon Parks District (VPD). Since 2017 when the VSST first purchased the bubble at the Vashon Community Pool to support winter swimming, we have provided a competitive opportunity for Vashon youth. In addition to the VSST, the bubble has become a community asset enjoyed by lap swimmers and families throughout the months of October to March each of the past 4 years. When the bubble was purchased, it had an estimated life of 5-10 years. While we have taken great care of the bubble, the elements it has been subjected to are causing more repairs to be needed each year we remove it from the pool. We estimate that we can extend the life to 2023 making replacement necessary at that time. As we begin planning for replacement, it is time to assess the ownership model for the bubble. Due to the overwhelming community value the bubble provides, the VSST believes it is in the best interest of the Vashon community for the VPD to assume ownership of the bubble and associated equipment.

The Vashon Seals Swim Team is pleased to propose the following ownership and maintenance model for the bubble:

1. Capital Costs: The VPD will assume ownership of the bubble and associated equipment. The Vashon Seals Swim Team and Vashon Parks District will share equally the cost of bubble replacement, where bubble will be of same type and quality unless mutually agreed upon. Based upon initial procurement costs of the bubble and equipment and escalating for estimated materials, labor and delivery costs in 2023, the total replacement cost is estimated at \$60,000. Under the proposed model, VPD will assume ownership of the bubble and the VSST will contribute \$30,000 (estimated) to the replacement cost (amount to be adjusted to 50% of actual replacement cost).
2. Pool Rental: VSST will retain the cost of \$55/hour for pool rental for the period of no less than three years.
3. Maintenance/Operations: VPD will be responsible for maintenance and operations of the bubble, including but not limited to, insurance, fans, lights, power, permits. VSST will provide all associated documentation and initial training, including Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), to VPD.
4. Volunteers: VSST and VPD will share in bubble up and bubble down activities, including volunteer recruitment.

The VSST believes that this model represents the shared commitment to the Vashon community of current and future swimmers. We look forward to continued partnership over the coming years.

Sincerely,

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