

VENETA KIDDIE POOL PROJECT



BACKGROUND

In 2006 the City's 47 year old pool floated out of the ground during an unusual storm event after it was emptied for maintenance. The community responded by forming a pool committee to help raise funds to re-construct a new pool. The committee helped the City with all aspects of reconstructing the Community Pool, from design, public outreach, reviewing and recommending financing options and leading fundraising events.

The pool committee also assisted the City in preparing a bond measure asking voters to authorize \$1.27 million in general obligation bonds to help finance the new pool. In 2008 the bond passed by an overwhelming majority with 62% of the votes in favor. In 2009 when the aquatic facility was constructed, bids came in much higher than anticipated and the multi-use pool (kiddie pool) was removed from the project.

In 2015, a group of citizens approached the City asking to form another pool committee with the goal of constructing the kiddie pool. The committee has met several times since its formation in February, and has formulated a community outreach and fundraising strategy.

POOL PROJECT

The City of Veneta and Kiddie Pool Committee are raising funds to construct a 25' by 54' (1,350 sq. ft.) multi-use pool within the existing footprint of the Veneta Community Pool deck. The pool is divided into two separate pool areas by a curved seat wall. One side is a zero entry pool increasing to 6 inches in depth with a large rain umbrella and fountains for splashing and playing. The other side is a larger wading pool increasing in depth from 6 inches to 3 feet.

GOALS

- Complete construction of the pool facility as originally designed and envisioned by the community in 2008.
- Provide a safe environment for toddlers learning to swim, increasing children's exposure to the water. The City hopes this introduction to the pool will increase the likelihood of youth continuing with lessons and using the pool for recreation throughout their life.
- Expand users of the pool by providing a safe and inviting place for families with babies and toddlers to be introduced to the water and learn beginning water safety and swimming skills.
- Provide an appropriate area for toddlers and young children to play allowing families with different aged children enjoy the pool at the same time.

COSTS & FUNDRAISING

The City requested an updated estimate from Sherwood Robertson Architects who designed the Veneta aquatic facility in 2008. They estimate the cost to construct the multi-use pool and install splash/play equipment to be \$350,000.

In April 2016, the City submitted a grant request to Oregon Parks and Recreation for \$175,000 (50% of construction costs). The City and community will be responsible for providing the remaining \$175,000 towards the project. The City expects to contribute \$45,000. A grant writer will seek large foundation grants for about \$88,000-\$90,000 and the remaining \$40,000 will need to be raised through local fundraising and smaller grants.

It is important to note that every \$1 raised locally results in leveraging \$15 in donations or larger grants. A small donation of \$25.00 can actually result in \$375 of grant funds towards the projects.

MULTI-USE POOL BUDGET

| Budget | Total | OP&R Grant | Community/City Match |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Architecture/Engineering | \$ 52,000 | | \$ 52,000 |
| Permits & SDCs | \$ 16,500 | | \$ 16,500 |
| Special Inspections | \$ 5,000 | | \$ 5,000 |
| Demo & Repair | \$ 55,000 | | \$ 55,000 |
| Multi-Use Pool | \$ 190,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| Fountain and Splash Feature | \$ 31,500 | | \$ 31,500 |
| | \$ 350,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 175,000 |

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Fundraising: April – December 2016
- Request for Bids for Construction - Spring 2017
- Begin Construction – Fall 2017
- Pool Open to Public – Spring 2018

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