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That's fantastic to hear! I guess my only comment is that as the temperature continues to rise year after year, it would be really nice to have a community-accessible way to cool down. As far as I know, all of the pools in Alameda are privately owned and many families are unable to afford their membership prices - the few that have public hours are very limited with regard to access and hours for recreational swimming or water play.

It always bums me out that my family (while we are very fortunate to have a community pool in our HOA) needs to look outside of Alameda to enjoy any water-feature park. Over this Summer alone, we've spent our money in the following cities to access their SplashPad/Water Parks: San Leandro, Walnut Creek, Concord, Castro Valley, and Hayward. We'd much rather keep the money and our recreation local!

And if I may, I'd like to mention a post in the Facebook Group "Alameda Peeps" that jogged my memory about this subject. Clearly many families in Alameda are wondering why Alameda hasn't built a park with a water feature yet:

From notifications

**Stephen Lasky** Yesterday at 10:48 AM · 🌐 ...

Ok question to those that might know...why does Alameda not have a splash pad? We are such a kid friendly place and yet...

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Thanks for taking these thoughts to the Commission, Amy! I appreciate all you do to keep Alameda fun and engaging for all of us!

With kindness,
Jocelyn Douglas

On Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 12:55 PM Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov> wrote:

Hello Jocelyn,

Great timing. I am bringing the City Aquatic Center concept to the Recreation and Parks Commission this Thursday. The agenda is attached here and you can click on the links to get the staff report and attachments. If you want to speak, please register in advance with the Zoom link at the beginning of the agenda or you can email me your public comment to include.

Thanks,

Amy

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Hi Amy,

Happy Labor Day and I hope you and your family are having fun and staying cool. On a hot day like today, it got me wondering what ever happened to the City Aquatic Center plans?

Thanks - hope to hear from you soon!

Jocelyn Douglas

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 11:54 AM Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov> wrote:

Hello!

You're receiving this email because you attended one of the City Aquatic Center design meetings.

The Recreation and Parks Commission is reviewing and discussing the City Aquatic Center conceptual design this Thursday, August 13. The meeting starts at 7:00pm and is on Zoom. The staff report, design and all information is available [here](#). Public comment will be available during the Zoom meeting or you can email me with written comments in advance. All information on how to do public comment for these virtual public meetings is available [here](#)

Thanks and we look forward to a robust conversation about this exciting project!

Amy

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