

**Columbia Aquatics Advisory Committee (CAAC)**  
**Annual Report – FY 18**  
(to be submitted to Board by June 15)

The members of the FY18 Columbia Aquatics Advisory Committee were Bill Santos (Chair), and Dipper Wettstein ( Vice-Chair ), Carlton Haywood, Ann Mech, Celeste Huecker, Joan Holloway, Stuart TenHoor, Allan Waschack, Anne Fairbairn, Janet Schultz, and Eric Kusmaul. The staff liaison was Marty Oltmanns. The Committee met 8 times during FY18.

**A. Committee accomplishments/discussions for FY18 (Fiscal year just ended):**

- Organizing CAAC, Clippers, CNSL, Aqua Fitness, Masters, Swim Lessons, and Swimmers to testify to CA Board and begin planning for converting an outdoor pool into a new Indoor Pool.
- Worked with Jeremy Scharfenberg to look into solar shade canopies. We were not able to find a cost efficient option, however Jeremy was able to add additional solar panels at Dorsey Hall and Dickinson pools.
- June/July – Review Capital projects for summer 2018 and made recommendations & reviewed construction photos of Swim Center Phase II.
- Sept – CAAC Elections, Start of discussion on organizing swimmers for new indoor pool.
- Oct – Marty shared capital project plan for FY19 & asked for recommendations. Continued discussion of organizing for new indoor pool and visit to board during work session.
- Nov – Corey Woo shared the new Boga Fit program with the CAAC, Dan discussed funding, working with the CA Board, and process for getting capital money for new indoor swimming pool. CAAC voted down year round heated outdoor pool.
- Jan/Feb – Jeremy Scharfenberg came to discuss the solar shade canopies. Shared his plans to add solar cells to Dorsey & Dickinson.
- March/April – Jeff from the Clippers & Stephanie from the Clippers parents Board visited to share the Clippers requirements for new indoor competitive pool facility. Shared partnership with Aquatics, KC village, and Howard County Autism society for MacGills Common to be Autism Sensory Pool. Shared change of climbing wall venue to Jeffers Hill from Thunder Hill after Oakland Mills village request.

**B. Proposed Charge submitted for approval by the CA Board identifying items to be addressed by Committee in FY 19 (Fiscal year just beginning) that align with the Committee’s goals, CA’s strategic plan and the President/CEO’s goals and objectives:**

- Continue to monitor the progress of the Aquatics Master Plan and the recommendations included in the plan, especially a new indoor aquatic facility or otherwise providing additional indoor pool space.

- Monitor the process and recommendations of the Swim Center's Building Assessment Study, and any other aquatics upgrades, and make recommendations to the CA Board as necessary.
- Provide other guidance to CA staff and to the CA Board regarding CA Aquatics facilities, programs, and membership structure.
- Provide verbal and/or written comments to the CA Board regarding budget requests affecting CA Aquatics and/or other CA Board initiated requests.
- Provide recommendations to the Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors and CA staff on how CA can enhance its programs and facilities to better serve their respective group.

**C. Committee recommendations, if any, with justification, for consideration by CA Board:**

- Exploration of new indoor aquatics facility or otherwise providing additional indoor pool space.
- Fully fund the final portion of the Swim Center improvements, i.e. the ADA wading pool area, as a phase IV upgrade.
- Ask board members to read the joint Howard County/Columbia Association report, "Sharing the Lane. Columbia Association and Howard County Explore a Potential Aquatics Facility Partnership Approach."
- Ask board members to review the Aquatics Master Plan Policy Statements.  
These policy statements provide high-level guidance for the Columbia aquatics program and the implementation of the plan.
  1. The Columbia aquatics program is a system of neighborhood, community and destination pools with standards for each type.
  2. The system of pools has and needs to continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community.
  3. The system should expand indoor pool capacity and employ a partnership approach.
  4. Retain all 23 pools in the aquatics system.
  5. Consider changing an outdoor pool to an indoor pool based on the feasibility study and community input.
  6. Focus on enhancing overall pool system usage.
  7. Enhance data collection and monitoring for better decision-making

**Committee Charge approved by CA Board – July 26, 2018**