

DCIP Timeline

2018

December 31 -- Natatorium closed after west side façade collapse. Second indoor pool facility at this location to be closed because of structure failure.

2020

April 15 – Commission is asked to allow staff to move forward with feasibility study for a new indoor pool

May 13 – City Manager revisits the April 15th feasibility request and adds the possibility of DCIP grant to the May 19th meeting agenda

City receives three proposals from Nelson Architects, Cushing Terrell and LPW/TD&H for the DCIP proposal work per MCA guidelines

June 16 – Work Session presentation on DCIP proposal application. Commission concurs to submit.

June 26 – DCIP Proposal Application was submitted with one primary and alternative location proximate to MAFB.

August 11 – City received notification of being shortlisted and formally invited to apply

City Staff works with OEA rep to complete the formal grant application

August 26 - Formal DCIP Grant application was submitted

August 26 – RFP for design, construction bidding and construction management was posted on the City Website

September 14 – Park Advisory Board met and approved the proposed land exchange with the School District for the 10 acres next to Seibel Soccer Park for 6 parcels within Kranz Park

September 14 – Land exchange proposed to the School District Board of Trustees

September 15 - Received notice grant was approved and awaiting paperwork finalization

September 18 – Grant is officially awarded pending signatures

September 21 – City Manager signs and submits award

September 21 – RFP Deadline for design and construction management

October 13 – City Commission awards contract to LPW/TD&H for design, permitting and construction management

October 22 – Director Herrig meets with NC#4 to discuss the aquatics center application process, acceptance of the proposal and the selection process of LWP/TD&H.

December 15 – Set the public hearing for the land exchange during Commission meeting. Public hearing set for January 19, 2020

December 28 – Manager Doyon contacted NC#4 Chair Sandra Guynn and NC#9 Chair Barney Danishefsky to advise the Councils of the new preferred location of Lions Park for the Aquatic Center due to better soil conditions.

2021

January 5 – Design team rules out the 57th street property as a location for the facility due to depth of bedrock and recommended foundation current market cost. Alternative site explored at North Kiwanis Park. MAFB ultimately recommends Lions Park because of central location and access for military members. MAFB send letter to OEA consenting to facility location (as required by OEA).

January 5 – City Commission work session. Aim High/Big Sky Aquatic and Recreation Center update and location recommendation.

January 11 – Park and Recreation Advisory Board approved the new location of Lions Park.

January 12 – External focus group (swim teams, schools, physical therapy, representatives from industry) meeting

January 14 – Lions Club Board of Directors project overview.

January 19 – Commission conducted a public hearing and approved the land exchange of Kranz Park and 10 acre property next to Seibel Soccer Park.

January 19 – Rotary Club – Steve and Greg virtual presentation

January 25 – Fire Chief and Fire Marshall pre-development consultation

January 26 – Design Team and GFFR

January 28 – Internal administration focus group (P&R operations and facility management)

January 28 – Internal maintenance (city maintenance teams) focus group

January 28 – NC#4 – Director Herrig provided an update of site selection of Lions Park to NC#4

February 1 – External and internal advisory energy focus group (consultants, staff, and external advisors)

February 2 – Lions Club luncheon (includes all Great Falls Lions Cubs – 3)

February 2 – Internal aquatics focus group (consultant, staff, school district covering pool operations)

February 11 – NC#9 to accept the Aquatic facility location in Lions Park, introduce the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), administrative amended plat for Park Parcels, and the vacation of the right of way process.

March 23 – Tentative – Planning Board -- Conditional Use Permit, administrative amended plat for Park Parcels, and the vacation of the right of way process.

April 20 – Tentative – City Commission – Set a public hearing for the CUP and Vacate the Right of way within Park for May 18th City Commission meeting.

May 18 – Tentative – City Commission – Public hearing on Conditional Use Permit, administrative amended plat for Park Parcels, and the vacation of the right of way.

May – Design development complete, construction documents began.

June – NEPA completed and submitted to OLDCC.

July 12 – Water line relocate out to bid.

July 31 – Construction documents complete.

August 23 – Facility construction out to bid.

September – FONSI signed and project cleared to begin.

September 15 – Ceremonial groundbreaking event held in Lions Park.

September 20 – Official groundbreaking.

October 13 – Facility construction bids received.

November 2 – Facility construction contract awarded.

December 2 – Water line relocate completed.