

We have contacted eight local companies that advertise commercial pool renovations. I followed up with all but one (no phone number) if we had not gotten a response. Three companies have come to look at the pool (not counting Blue Whale, who is aware but has not expressed interest).

Sears and United came out within the last few weeks; Jimmy Don from Sears has only sent a formal deck replacement quote, Sara from United has not yet sent formal renovation quotes. Sweetwater and Sears have sent Lifeguard / Management quotes.

Thursday, we met with three people from Sweetwater, Marc, the owner, and Tyler and Chris, both renovation foremen.

Tyler had many good-sounding ideas to get the pool up to code. We may be able to re-think some of the phasing, especially if we get the financing up-front. Will be diving the pool (should be scheduled in the next week) to see if the line is 6" at the main drains.

Firstly, to resolve the immediate issues (backwash and flow rate):

1. Move the flow rate meter to right where the line comes into the pumphouse and away from just past a 90 degree turn. This should improve the flow reading. The service request proposal (\$125) included a new flow meter along with underwater diagnostics.
2. Change our old sand filters out (and we are not sure when last serviced, so may be **impeding flow**). If we replaced sand filters with cartridge filters, we would not need to install an efflux line to the sewer.
 - a. Compare short term costs of installing line to sewer with a plumber with the long-term cost of replacing cartridge filters. Tyler said he could provide us with the second estimate. Sand filters would need a service every 5 years also at a cost.
3. I think we could try these first two changes to see if we can get the flowrate/turnover numbers needed.
4. Sweetwater also said that the yellow algae we get regularly is due to Blue Whale's use of Trichlor tabs. They would switch us back to liquid chlorine.
 - a. Does anyone remember when SW managed the pool if the deep end had the algae issue?
 - b. There is already an CAT system in the pump room that would serve as a digital control of the liquid chlorine distribution from the barrel pool. Marc checked it and it looked to be working properly.

If #1 and #2 do not work to meet the 2022 opening requirements (turnover and backwash), I think we have two choices

5. Piecemeal repairs over three years. To increase turnover, this first year would include trenching along 2 sides of pool to add water returns at the pool wall (so digging up decking, breaking through pool wall and tile, then patching everything back up). This would require Dekalb agreement as a temp solution.
6. Secure financing to do the whole project this winter.
 - a. Marc suggested we talk to local community banks who may be more likely to invest in a community pool
 - i. Tandem Bank (loans to both Northumberland and Twin Lakes)
 - ii. Synovus

- iii. Ameris
 - iv. United Bank on HM
 - b. This would make it possible to spread out payment of a large assessment from membership.
 - c. We may need to ask for some number of families to volunteer to pay membership or assessment early (this fall) to have the downpayment portion for the loan
7. Sweetwater has recommended that we set our path by Nov 1 to start the permitting process. Then we will have some time (need to confirm) to finalize financing.

Other salient points:

Embry Hills pool is at risk of closing and their clubhouse is condemned

If we got a quote from a plumber for sewer attachment, please share with me. I can work up the cost comparisons

We should come up with an immediate plan to talk to a few local banks.

Ameris Bank

Anita has a HELOC here

Matt's mortgage is through Ameris

Synovus

Michelle Weston

John McMillan/ Vice President **Commercial Banking** (Marc has provided an intro)

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