

Cameron Park Lake SWIMMING LAGOON FACT SHEET

Status

During Budget Hearings in 2019, the Board of Directors eliminated funding for the operations of the Swimming Lagoon at Cameron Park Lake. This difficult decision was made after much deliberation, and is a direct result of the lack of funding at the District to continue to operate such an expensive amenity. The District recognizes that the Swimming Lagoon is an iconic and loved amenity at Cameron Park Lake, especially for families with young children.

Why?

The Cameron Park Lake Swimming Lagoon was constructed 25+ years ago. Over the years, the District allocated funds to improve the facility, but much of the mechanisms are aging and in need of repairs. The facility consists of 1.5 million gallons of water that is pumped and chlorinated daily May through August.

- The net operational costs is \$40,000+ annually including lifeguards, facility workers, utilities and chemicals
- In addition, annual repairs total \$10,000 annually
- Water clarity is acknowledged as a safety issue for lifeguards and swimmers
- Entry fees and season passes do not offset fully cost of operating Lagoon
- To save costs, hours of operations were reduced in recent years to a few hours each day
- Facility is not accessible to some people with mobility impairments

What's Next?

The District's Parks and Recreation Committee is working with District staff and other professionals to decide upon a replacement facility. A water featured playground is high on the ideas list. Planning efforts begin in early 2020 with a goal for a replacement facility completed by Summer 2021. The District received one-time park improvement funding to complete such a project. The benefits of a water featured playground include significantly lower operational costs, lifeguards not required, expanded hours and days of operation during warm months Spring through Fall.

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