

Lido Beach Pool

Project Briefing



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PROJECT:

Required Repairs to Reopen the Lido Beach Pool

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project encompasses critical repairs to the electrical system, complete resurfacing of the pool, and installation of a heater and chiller system. These improvements are essential to safely reopen the Lido Beach Pool to the public and to enhance overall safety, reliability, and the user experience.

WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED:

The existing electrical system is outdated, damaged, and requires comprehensive modernization to meet current safety standards. The pool surface has significantly deteriorated over time and must be fully resurfaced to ensure operational integrity and safety. In its current condition, ongoing maintenance is necessary to prevent black algae from forming on and penetrating the marcite, resulting in inconsistent operational hours and costly upkeep.

PROJECT FACTS:

- Location: 400 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236
- Amenities: Concession stand with covered seating; restrooms; 25-meter lap pool
- Operating Hours: Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weather permitting
- Admission Fees: Adults \$4; Youth \$2; Seniors \$2
- Historical Significance: The Lido Pool is the last remaining component of the historic Lido Beach Casino, originally opened in 1940.
- Annual Average Operational Expense: \$148,000
- Annual Average Revenues: \$11,900
- Annual Average Usage: 4,760 total passes sold
- Current Status: Pool remains closed pending secured funding for repairs
- Project Scope (approximate costs):
 - Electrical system overhaul: \$103,000
 - Pool resurfacing: \$187,000
 - Heater and chiller installation: \$129,000
 - Pool vacuum: \$10,000

TIMELINE:

- Quotes: All repair quotes have been solicited and obtained
- Estimated Project Completion: Five to six months following confirmation of funding

IMPACTS, CONCERNS, AND REPLACEMENT PLANS:

- The pool must remain closed until funding is secured.
- Once funding is obtained, the facility will be closed for an additional five to six months for repairs.
- Continued deterioration of the pool surface and electrical system may increase future repair costs.
- Current usage levels and operational expenses may not fully align with community needs.

KEY COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

- Enhanced safety and full compliance with current codes.
- Increased reliability of daily operations.
- Long-term cost savings through infrastructure modernization.
- Improved water quality and operational consistency through temperature control, reducing chemical fluctuations and maintenance demands.
- Enhanced overall user experience.

COMMISSION TALKING POINTS:

- Repairs are necessary to address critical infrastructure deficiencies and ensure safe reopening of the pool.
- Funding for the required repairs has not yet been secured.
- The pool will remain closed until funding is secured and all repairs are completed.
- The City provides alternative aquatic facilities at Arlington Recreation Center, located at 2650 Waldemere Street, Sarasota, FL. The center offers a 50-meter lap pool, a 25-yard instructional pool, swim lessons, water aerobics, open swim, and additional activities. For information, the public can contact the Arlington Recreation Center at (941) 263-6386.

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