# Chesterbrook Swim & Tennis Master Plan Update

**Annual Membership Meeting** 

Planning the Community's Club for the Future

## Agenda

- \* Background Why a CST Master Plan?
- \* What have we accomplished in the past 12 months?
- \* DRAFT Master Plan key elements, decision points
- \* What happens next?

## Recap: Why a CST Master Plan?

CST bylaws revised (Aug. '14) to establish Director of Strategic Planning, responsible for drafting & driving Master Plan

• 60-year-old club is undergoing unavoidable period of major infrastructure replacements & renovations

#### **Recent capital expenditures**

- \* Lower pool \$500k
- \* Club house \$500k
- \* Tennis pavilion \$60k
- \* Upper PH pavilion \$130k

#### **Upcoming capital expenditures**

- \* Lower pump house pavilion \$150k?
- \* Upper pool \$600k?
- \* Baby pool \$150k?
- \* Landscape/grading, fence, courts, parking \$\$?

Master Plan is equal parts WHAT to do, HOW to do it and WHEN to do it

## What have we accomplished since last fall?

- \* Strategic Planning Director and committee (4 Board members, Club Manager, 6 regular members)
  - Reviewed / revisited club survey results (2013) "what members want"
  - Studied infrastructure conditions "what we need"
  - Met and engaged team of professionals (architect, NVBlu) –
     "how do we plan this out and then get there?"
- \* The draft master plan reflects four key themes:
  - Values
  - Needs
  - 3. Wants
  - 4. Constraints

### Master Plan aims to balance...

#### Values

- \* Seasonal club
- Community oriented
- Self-managed
- Diverse membership and missions
  - Long-timers; new, growing families; empty nesters
  - Swim, tennis, dive, and recreation

#### Wants

- \* Upper pool heat and update amenities
- Increase surface area of pools
- \* Multipurpose court
- Kiddie area
- Overall modernization
  - Traffic flow, tennis facility, bath house

#### Needs

- Lower pump house (1954)
- \* Baby pool (1954)
- \* Tennis courts 5-6 (1961)
- \* Additional space (manager's office, snack bar, storage, etc.)
- \* More parking
- Grounds and fencing (neglected)

#### Constraints

- \* Financial responsibility
- \* A few recently renovated facilities
- \* Zoning (BZA) and 'special use permit'
- \* ADA, Chesapeake Bay watershed

### Master plan: what we recommend

(See color rendering)

#### 1. Pools

- a) Recreational pools surface areas increased nearly 20%
- b) Upper pool and dive well completely reconstructed, enlarged, updated, heated
- c) Baby pool eliminated in favor of youngster pool (ages 0-6)
- d) Deck space increased nearly 50%, including more shaded areas (natural & artificial)

#### 2. Courts

- a) Old tennis court 5 converted to 'multi-purpose court' (e.g., basketball); court 6 eliminated
- New fifth court adjacent to courts 1&2; second pavilion; more storage; improved paths, lighting
- c) New restroom near tennis facilities

#### 3. General Recreation

- a) Centralized rec area features table tennis, bocce ball, tot lot, enlarged ADA-compliant party pavilion and terrace; new restrooms by upper pool
- b) Zones of usage/interest, e.g., quiet area, rec area, play pool, picnic area

#### 4. Infrastructure

- a) Parking increased near 20%
- b) Pool mechanical facilities (i.e., pumps) consolidated into 1 pump house
- c) Storage space increased, one-off sheds eliminated



## Phasing it in: our recommendation

#### **Draft Phasing Plan**

- \* Phase 1: New upper pool; expanded UP Pump House; new "youngster" pool; recreation area behind upper pool; multipurpose court; new 3<sup>rd</sup> court adjacent to courts 1 & 2; resurface courts 1 & 2; ADA ramps and toilets in pool area.
- \* Phase 2: Lower pool deck, picnic area, grading and retaining wall, planters
- \* Phase 3: New pavilion by courts 3 & 4; new ramps and paved walkways
- \* Phase 4: Resurface parking lot and increase to 110 spaces
- Phase 5: New Club House, repurpose old bathhouse, expand outdoor eating areas

## Paying for it: No recommendation at this time

- \* The Strategic Planning Committee makes NO specific recommendation at this time on how to finance this plan.
- \* The overall cost for the <u>complete</u> project will probably be in excess of \$4M (Overlee reconstruction was just over \$5M).
- \* We could reduce the cost by reducing the project's scope, but a lot of this will be forced upon us in one form or another by aging infrastructure.
- Options include
  - 1. Borrow
    - CST can manage, roughly, an additional \$1 M in debt within current finances
  - 2. Special assessment / dues increase
  - 3. Sale of a portion of the club's property (roughly 4 acres of undeveloped land)
- \* Most clubs in similar situations have combined all the above approaches
- \* Under our bylaws, CST general membership will have final decision

## What comes next? September 2015-September 2016?

- \* Objective: Begin construction on first phase within two years -- i.e. September 2016 with completion of first phase in May 2017
- \* Possible schedule with key milestones over next 12 months:
  - Present plan to membership and begin seeking broad input (August)
  - Submit plan to Bureau of Zoning Appeals (November/December)
  - Bid and contract for design work (January)
  - Obtain preliminary estimates of cost of Phase I (March)
  - Finalize financing strategy for Phase I (March)
  - Get membership approval re financing (April)
  - Bid and contract for Phase I construction (May)
  - Have all permits for Phase I construction (end of August)
  - Begin construction (September 2016)

### What do we need from Members Today?

- \* We ARE NOT asking for members' approval for specific design elements, e.g., layout of new upper pool.
- \* We ARE asking members to consider this concept and this draft Club master plan.
- \* We ARE interested getting input from members' now and as we move forward over the next several months and years.
- \* Member Input Form on CST web site
- \* We will be providing members with updates as we proceed.

## Appendix

How was the Master Plan Created?

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- 1. Multiple bids were sought to identify a vendor to provide professional services to support the Master Planning process.
- 1. A Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) was created and chaired by the Director of Strategic Planning (Jamie Reuter)
  - a) The Committee has 11 members representing diverse interests
- 2. The SPC received and evaluated 3 bids. References were checked. The SPC passed its consensus recommendation to Chesterbrook's Board of Directors.
- The Board approved the SPC's recommendation to hire Miller Architects (with NVBlu as a prime subcontractor) at its March meeting.

#### How was the Master Plan Created cont.?

- 5. The SPC has met 11 times since the New Year, including 6 separate meetings with the contractors, Miller Architects and NVBlu.
- 5. During these meetings, the Committee:
  - Assessed Club needs and desires for improvements or change
  - Developed and prioritized "must do" and "wish lists"
  - •Reviewed information from the members' survey
  - •Tried to come to a broad consensus on the goals and objectives to be achieved; that is, what should the club look like in 10 years?
  - •Visited 3 new, state-of-the-art pools to educate themselves on the "art of the possible."
  - Reviewed draft plans and provided input.