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Hi Everyone,

This is Beda Dondi with your June 2021 update of the Aquatic Center rebuild.

This month the majority is focused on the amount of progress that has happened specifically on the new diving tower. I will touch on other parts of the rebuild but the tower is the most obvious. So just a quick reminder last month the tower looked like this at roughly 10 meters assembled.



Well I was at the Aquatic Center two weeks ago and the top of the tower was at roughly 30 meters (below). There are 9 platform levels starting at 1M then 3, 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20, 24, and finally 27 meters. I remember long ago when ten meters was crazy high to jump off of and now I don't even feel comfortable walking up the stairs to the 30 meter mark.





Believe me I did not venture anywhere past the edge of the stairs and I fly experimental airplanes as a hobby.





Now tell me architecture doesn't copy nature. What a beautiful and practical expression of all that is around us.

There were no less than three pieces of large, very large heavy equipment erecting the upper stages of the tower.



The massive heavy lift crane the most impressive.





Once the tower is completed you will want to be sitting or standing here during competitions. This will soon be covered with a hard deck for spectators.



to be looking in this direction to see this.



(I was going to put blue color where the water goes for effect, but you guys can figure that one out).

Back on the ground, I was able to get pictures of the training pool progress.



This guardrail is mid point between the training and competition pools. The piece of plywood strip at the base of the fence protects the deck drain from debris during construction.





Except for the old guard station area, there is concrete on all four sides of the training pool.

There is a rumor that the locker room building



..... will be reduced to dust coming July. I, for one, will not miss it even a little. It certainly served its purpose for several generations of swimmers but out with the old, in with the blah, blah, blah. You know the rest.

I am going to close this edition with an interesting feature being built on the east end of the competition pool.





As I think about it, a long curb at the ends of the pool would negate the need for such tall starting blocks. At the same time getting out of the pool will require a little effort. We will see the finished effect in the next blog.

Summer training is back. Enjoy the water and think “swimming”.

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