

Dolphin Club Final Renovation Report 4/21/2022

Q9 - Please share any questions, suggestions or concerns regarding the renovation plan and options presented.

1. I'm not interested in having a common sauna nor am I interested in turning any upstairs space into a weight room. The idea of a common eating gathering area sounds good and if it comes at the cost losing the weight room, I don't completely oppose the idea.
2. As an architect and developer, I'm sensitive to the issue of unraveling cost, so good project estimates -and possibly, working with a great design/build team - is very key. Regarding Option 2: This scheme presents a smart shifting of function without too much sacrifice. The biggest compromise is losing the lovely passive use of the Sancimino Room. The Sancimino Room is a part of what drew me to the club. Biggest gain, in my view, is the new deck - for stretching. And the view from working out will be incredible. 1) Propose this should be a gentle renovation which retains the awesome character of what's there- wood ;ye olde SF memorabilia; and the nobility of the cupola itself. That should remain a place for stretching and matt work...not for a stair-master, if possible. Perhaps the hanging of the art could be re-thought, carefully, by a really creative interiors person. This room is a treasure right now, so the ideal renovation should feel similar if not better. 2) There is a critical level of craft and wood-work that would need to be achieved in the revised Sancimino to allow this interior to preserve its character. To do this particular renovation with a drywall finish won't pass muster with this group, I'd think :) 3) Another issue is sound - both in the floor below, as well as throughout the club. Weight-rooms create big noises and vibrations throughout buildings. With some strengthening in the beams and floor below, and possibly with a built-up pad floor to help mitigate vibration from the weights and attenuate sound (a 3-4" base of solid deadening material on the existing floor with a ramp/saddle at the entry) Suggest that an acoustical engineer be consulted to help isolate these sounds through great detailing. Regarding Option 3. This option could create an amazing and exciting new space upstairs, actually. A very modern concept, but the \$\$\$ are clearly a real factor. This option is the best for sound attenuation, as it keeps the weight room in a place where sound won't create an issue. If \$\$\$ became less of an issue, this would be my vote. As long as light was kept as a priority - recommend bringing in as much as possible. A revision to the skylight may be in order, as it brings in very poor light. Thank you so much for what you are doing! I am happy to join into further conversations and provide advice or other effort or contacts, if needed. I work with a number of developers and engineers and architects, in the city.
3. As a handball player since my early years in playground, Olympic Club, and San Francisco State and Fire Station handball courts for 34 years. I've played on and off at the Dolphin Club. The highlight was a game of Doubles with Dino Landucci, versus George Dillon and Tony the grocery Italiano of the SERC. I was 40 the other guys were 80. I entered St.Pat's Day Doubles in 2020 but SERC COVID-19'd it.
4. We currently have two comfortable gathering spaces. A common room is redundant and unnecessary. I also believe it will invite abuse by the membership with respect to unauthorized gatherings, retreats and parties. I have been asked to leave the kitchen on multiple occasions by individuals wanting to prepare for gatherings, most notably when the principal of an SFUSD school (Lakeshore or Lawton) attempted to clear out the crew gathering for morning coffee so she could prepare for her faculty retreat. I enjoy working out prior to my swim, and appreciate the close proximity of the weight room to the deck and beach. I believe the handball court should be left out of the current plan. After the weight room and kitchen are fully remodeled in their current location, and the project is paid off, I would like to see the handball court split horizontally. The lower level would become a multipurpose space. The upper level would be converted to lockers. Lee Hammack prepared a couple of workable plans a couple of years back and should be revisited. Any deck placed on top of the weight room/commons room should be built to its maximum allowable dimensions, I've pretty much had it with gripes from the SERC. I see no reason why

we must continue to acquiesce to their demands. If we are going to go to the effort to build a deck, build the deck to its fullest. Lastly, costs must be considered. Is the present, and future membership prepared for an assessment of a minimum of several hundred dollars should the Club proceed with option two. Option three should be a nonstarter out of the gate. Thank you

5. Thanks to all for your work on this! If resources were no object, the vision for the club house in Option 3 is appealing to me. I'm a fan of preserving the handball court and ideally creating an option to use that space for pickleball. A more minimal Option 1 also works for my vision of the club. I agree with many of the points in Bill Burke's email 4/18 that some work to the interior finishing of the Staib room would allow for it be to used as more of a higher use common space.
6. Important that this be a Dolphin Club member driven and informed process. I feel I don't trust the information disseminated on the list serve and think members are getting confused or misled about the options and what their land use rights are.
7. Keeping it simple has proved to be wise approach in much of life and I think it's the case here. No one joined the club because of a roof deck (and really, who uses those in SF?) or a deck sauna. How many members will use this sauna and what does it add to operating costs? Seems the most pressing concern for our club is protection from rising waters/climate change and rethinking the lockers to accommodate the expanded membership.
8. I am surprised that in all of this that there are no discussions of the logistics surrounding the different options. They will affect the club in vastly different ways and should have been mentioned with the proposals. This is short-sighted and manipulative.
9. Please keep this simple and do only the work that's really needed. The Club is wonderful as is in all its quirky glory. Please don't go the sad cookie-cutter gym route that SERC did with their renovation.
10. I believe that we should make significant upgrades, as doing so may become financially and/or logistically less feasible as time passes.
11. The original plan approved previously by the board - option 1 seems the most realistic, given the money raised so far. Option 3, with the Sancimino Room being converted into a weight room has some appeal, since a dining room off the kitchen (what the current weight room was originally anyway) makes sense. My concern is the cost and the incredible disruption all this will cause. Option 2, tearing down the handball court, is just a terrible idea. Depriving those current members who love handball (and future members who may embrace the sport) is awful. I love that we have a court for this historic sport and that the DC and SERC are one of the few places that can hold tournaments because we jointly have 3 courts. The space has been used for many other activities as well (hula, yoga, Pilates ukulele club, 24 hour swim...) and can continue to be a multipurpose space.
12. A co-ed sauna would be lovely! Thank you for all the hard work that has gone into this!
13. I think mistake to make big renovation. It will take year or two and will lose members in process.
14. I have always loved the weight room with a view, and the intimate nature of our existing communal spaces, including the use of the boat room for gatherings and removing the boats in order to do so. Call me old school. I really appreciate the different design consideration and the opportunity to consider them before returning to my preference of doing as little as possible to change the club.
15. I feel all the plans have pros and cons. I feel improvement is grand but also wish to keep the historical, reel feel of the club and not "jump the shark". (I remember first visiting the SERC and feeling it had no "charm" and was a tad sterile.). I feel option 3 is a bit much and we can attain a lovely fresh and practical improvement with both #1 and #2. If the body would be heart broken over losing the handball court as in #2 as I am sentimental, would be fine with preserving it for those who would not wish to lose it. As a side note: In the mean time, I wish we could turn the large curved couch in the Sancimino room toward the view!!! It is so odd to walk in and stare at the people sitting staring at the doorway. I used to love going in and lounging, looking out at the water. Perhaps as I am an out of townner I covet the view and love to drink

it in as much as possible... y'all must be used to it!! Thanks to every one for all of the good work and planning.

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16. I am very supportive of the added outdoor spaces, decks in the plans. I particularly like Plan 2 bc it provides the new weight room with a wonderful view - something I don't want to lose if it moves out of its current space. The gender-neutral sauna is lowest on my priorities - I love the camaraderie of the women's sauna. Some of the best conversations are had there.
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17. I appreciate you reaching out to members for our thoughts!
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18. it would be helpful to hear about a financial plan to accommodate the third scenario with details about cost per year for members. There are people who cannot afford anything or much and those people are given a pass discreetly. There are members who do not mind stepping up for those.
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19. I like the idea of a commons, but am concerned about cost.
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20. First, thanks to the renovation and fundraising committees, and the board for their work on this complex process. 1) I am in favor of doing as modest a project as possible, which I understand is #1. But if #1 can be made smaller (and less costly) still, yet fulfill legal/zoning/safety requirements, I would be in favor of that. 2) I am in favor of keeping the weight room where it is and the square feet it is, along with its current look and feel. I am STRONGLY against displacing the weight room for a commons room. The Club is an athletic/recreation facility and doesn't need more meeting rooms. For example, over the past few years, since Lou's passing, the Staib room's usage has declined precipitously. If people wish to meet and hang out they can easily do so in the Staib room almost anytime the Club is open. The Sancimino Room is a second existing room that could be used as a "commons room" by those who wish to meet and/or hang out indoors. 3) The Sancimino Room is one of the most unique and spectacular rooms in San Francisco, so to alter (or destroy) it by conversion to a weight room (Option #2) would be a desecration of our unique building as well as an affront to the family and architect, deceased board member Dan Osborne. The weight room proposed for the Sancimino Room would be 19% smaller than today's weight room and elongated, likely too small and narrow for more than a couple of users. Such a location for the weight room would also generate noise, adversely impacting the Staib room. 4) Handball court: Everyone knows it isn't as heavily used as it once was and could be...however it is an important part of the Club's history & fabric and should be off-limits to any "remodel," especially one aspiring to cost-effectiveness. Membership preferences could easily swing back to using the space more...if it were to still exist. Eradicating it would be a one-way street with no practical do-over possibility. Of course I understand the handball court is a tempting target for those who feel the Club needs more lockers. However, new members are not promised lockers upon joining and waiting for a locker is not a death-defying experience as so many of us have shown. It is a rite of joining and a shared experience that should not drive demolition of the Club's heritage. 5) The Club has more watercraft than ever before. The hardware is taking up more & more space and I wonder what the optimal inventory level is and if it has been exceeded. I also wonder how usage varies by day, season, item, and user. Perhaps if we managed the relocatable assets differently, some square feet in the boathouse could be freed up. Such freed-up space, if near the galley, could be populated with a couple of tables, addressing directly the desires of those who feel the need for a third meeting room near the galley.
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21. Put a glass roof on the new commons room with heated floors and a fully opening west wall to the deck. Room would be best spot for meeting/warming before/after swims/boating. Add some day use lockers and shower off of it outside. It was terrible and embarrassing that the club did not offer a private changing space or outdoor lockers during the COVID lockout. A glass roof could passively heat the room. Leave Sancimino room alone. Repurpose the handball court and don't factor in SERC demands to use it.
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22. I watched the presentation recording and have followed all of the debate(s) on the listserv. That said - I don't feel qualified to make an informed judgment! I think the weight room is valuable and needed - my concern about putting it in the handball court is that is a windowless and fairly airless space as I remember. I would never want to be in there at all, let alone exercising.

23. I am wildly opposed to exceeding the basic budget for these reasons: 1) Any extra money spent on the inclusion of a “commons” (which also could be described as a “party room” assumably for the swath of new-ish members) reduces the monies available for boat building and support for youth swimming programs and we are, after all, a swimming and boating club not a pub or a strictly social club. 2) The improvements of the specifically social gathering room (commons) and a vast locker expansion may not be necessary should employment and living accommodations change as we have seen a decade or so ago. Recall the restaurants that began to cater to an influx of Silicon Valley employees who disappeared with the economic fluctuations causing spectacular business failures. 3) We really are a swimming and boating club and perhaps should keep our focus on what we are. So...skip the party accommodations please!
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24. I understand how hard these processes are to administer so I appreciate all the efforts being made to engage the membership and present clear plans. One piece of feedback: It would have been nice if we had a clear set of problems to solve and more directly tied each intervention to those problems. For example, a roof deck sounds nice to have but I’m not sure what problem it solves or whether that’s a problem many members have. One problem I and other newer members have is a lack of locker space, for example (see my next answer).
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25. Concerns: 1.) Please do not block the view or the light of the South End Club, our good neighbors. 2.) Do not raise dues. Do not change the age of Lifetime Membership. 3.) Maintain the feel of the old building, the wooden walls and floors and stairs and boats and such. Please preserve these wherever possible. 4.) Instead of this huge project, just replace the two foundations and call it a day. This is the best plan and would save money, save hassle, preserve the current feel of what it is to be a member of such an old club. 5.) Keep the handball court. Fewer big spaces that are multi-functional are more desirable than many small, specialized spaces. Besides, handball is making a comeback and having stands for fans is a plus.
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26. Nice work by all involved. I am very grateful for the thought and effort the architect and the many club members who have dedicated to this. Here are some random thoughts. The Commons Room does offer a shared “community space” the club has lacked. I realize we are still looking at schematic ideas focused on building massing and general purposes of what happens at the club. However, I’ll ask a few questions that get into more detailed design and use of current and new space. I heard during the presentation of the three schematic ideas that SERC has a Commons Room. From my perspective SERC has two commons rooms. Their kitchen is on the first floor and includes fixed dining tables. They can probably seat 30-40 people at those tables. The room has windows primarily to the north. It has fairly rough finishes. On the second floor they have another commons room, perhaps better described as a living room/reading room. It doesn’t have rough finishes. That room has views to the north and west. The views from that room were the primary reason SERC opposes adding a second floor above our current weight room and I assume that’s why they oppose even adding a deck there. My point is what will the Commons Room be? Is it a dining room? Is it a living room? Is it a little bit of both? I assume that since it directly opens to the deck the finish floor will tolerate wet feet and some sand. To me that means concrete like the SERC kitchen/dining room. It almost certainly won’t have carpet like SERC’s living/reading room. Again, I realize these proposals are early schematic massing studies, but here’s another question. How is the room heated? These schematic studies show barn doors similar to what we have for the boathouse. The room opens to the deck to enable an indoor/outdoor “Common Space” that incorporates both. That’s a great idea. It might be better to think of a ground floor “Commons Room” as an extension of our deck to the interior. Just don’t envision it as a warm, heated space like SERC’s upstairs common room. To prevent the room from being an energy hog we would likely need an interlock system between those doors and the heating/ventilation system. If the doors to that room stay open for more than a few minutes the heating system shuts off. We do have an upstairs room that could function more like SERC’s second floor room. It’s the Staib Room!! We have chosen to furnish it with benches and heavy wooden furniture that can’t easily be moved to allow for smaller group interaction. I have long believed that different seating options, with some more comfortable chairs and a few easily moved café tables with accompanying chairs, some carpets, and a few other revisions would make this space a “living room” that could continue to be used for club meetings. Along with the other building revisions, the mail room might be moved so that the

elevator could be used more easily to more directly connect floors one and two. I'm not saying this to opposed a ground floor "Commons Room" but simply to point out that we have a common space we just have chosen to discourage its use as such. I like the idea of a rougher "beach/wet" room adjacent to the deck AND a second floor living/reading/meeting room. To get that we need to reimagine the Staib Room in the course of the renovation. That's an interior design issue as much as anything although the northeast corner of the room will be affected by the larger renovation. The existing Sancimino Room is a bit of an odd duck. It's a meeting room with table & chairs and a nap room at the west sunny end. It's more like two rooms with different purposes that sometimes conflict. For that reason I like the idea of widening the room, adding a deck, and moving the weight room there. Obviously the women's locker room needs to expand on the west to accommodate this, as is shown in the schematic diagram. Somewhere in the renovated building there needs to be a small meeting room, which I think could be incorporated. All of the schematic proposals include a ground floor all-persons sauna which seems a good idea. Our existing saunas use a lot of electricity, so I would ask that this ground floor sauna be carefully detailed to be super-insulated. Perhaps there should be a vestibule so the sauna door doesn't open directly to the outside. If it's 180 degrees F in the sauna and 50 or 60 degrees F outside, opening the door means losing a lot of heat. There's good reason to add this sauna but we need to remember it adds another significant electric load and we want the heater for it to be as small as possible while doing the job. Thanks again to all who have contributed!!!

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27. I love the character of the club and its quirks. I recognize the need to update for safety and see the advantage of doing low-cost, high-impact changes such as adding a roof deck. Overall, I'm wary of us taking on a long-running expensive construction project that's beyond our means. My priorities would be on refreshing the most heavily-used and worn areas but not building or changing more than we really need to. That said, handball seems relatively unrelated to the boating and swimming that the vast majority of the club participates in, so repurposing that space makes sense.
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28. Keep it simple and within our fundraising ability. I am a Life Member who lives out-of-town. While I only get to the DC a few times a year, I have a great love for the club. The first option seems like the simplest and lowest cost, while preserving the historical lines of the club. Thanks your good work!
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29. Hi, Thank you all for putting in so much work on this. I think that i am most oppose to adding more rooms for locker. I know that there is a long wait for lockers but i feel like this space would not be most optimatly used so members can have more space to store their lotion and extra clothes. I would love an updated weight room and a place for us all to share a meal. This would be a better use than lockers. also, newer gym equipment would be amazing. :D
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30. I prefer the current location of the weight room because I like the ease of access from the main deck and the spectacular views of the beach/cove from the windows. Moving the weight room to the handball court feels less conveniently located and more tucked-away. While moving the weight room to the current location of the Sancimino room would offer convenience and great views, I worry about the impact that would have on the women's locker room. I also value the space of the Sancimino room as is.
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31. I worry about the rancor raised.
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32. I hope the renovations deal mainly with structural issues and don't affect the traditional look and feel of the club.
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33. I prefer keeping the "old fashioned " look to any renovations
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34. Instead of expanding the women's and men's locker rooms, redesign the floor-plan to maximize the amount of lockers on the same foot print.
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35. I strongly supported original plan to build up over weight room and move it up to 2nd floor. I know it's off the table because of our "friendly" have our way SERC "good neighbors" giving us the middle finger. I know this option was taken off the table for fear of the obstructionists next door before we even tried (that's my understanding). Huge disappointment TBH. Now strongly support the

dining/meeting/commons area in current weight room and moving weight room to Sancimino room for future generations too.

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36. I like the location of the weigh room right now and i REALLY love the rooms that we have upstairs to chill, reflect . All spaces have their charms and views of the bay. A weight room in the Handball space will be bigger but there will no space and it will feel like not as centered and heard of the club.
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37. Spend as little money as possible.
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38. Question 3 doesn't allow for the same usage before and During COVID. God, I love the Sancimino room.
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39. Preserve the handball court. Our handball court is one of only a handful left in the City.
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40. I occasionally use the gym, however i have belonged to sports clubs all over the country including NYAC, Olympic in S.F. Bay Club, Equinox etc, and never have I seen a more scenic gym then the DC!!! The natural light, the views, it would be a shame to destroy and not rebuild. It belongs in the Smithsonian.
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41. A common room and galley similar to SERC would be a great asset to the club.
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42. I oppose the idea of adding a "mini sauna" off the boat room. Can't we just climb the stairs to use the locker room saunas? Taking away one of the two bathrooms in the boat room seems foolish to me: when we have events, we definitely need booth bathrooms on the ground level. As Covid subsides, we WILL be having more events with our larger membership, and 2 bathrooms seem needed for that, at least. Also, I have safety concerns about another sauna at the heart of the boat room. Saunas aren't just closets-- there are real fire dangers that need to be monitored whenever the sauna is functioning. In the locker rooms, they are at the heart of Club activity, not isolated and possibly more dangerous.
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43. I'm not really sure how the more expensive options will be funded and what the deadline is for completing our other minimally required work. Are the other options still options, if it takes years to raise the funds needed to pay for the other options? I guess I voted in an in-between way partly because I'm not sure how to consider the missing funds. If I thought there were enough donations out there that wanted to support the converted handball court option I'd have voted for that one first instead of third, and sancimino 2nd instead of first and the lowest cost option last. But I'm certainly OK with the lowest cost option. Maybe more weight should be given to the opinions of those who may be paying for the costs, in some proportion to their support.
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44. A key consideration that has not been discussed much is the idea of flexibility and adaptability. Some decisions are permanent and preclude other choices. Others allow for flexibility for changes over time. I support a choice that does not preclude other choices in the future. For example, repurposing the handball court is a permanent change and loss of a piece of club history. But rebuilding the weight room in its current location does not preclude it in the future being remade into a "commons" if there were to be a weight room rebuilt elsewhere. As such I am in favor of the move that provides the club with its most important need (rebuilding what needs to be rebuilt) without foreclosing other opportunities (ie a gain in popularity of handball or pickleball in the coming decades. The loss of the Sancimino room and movement of the walls is also a permanent change. But it is not the same kind of permanent loss as the remaking of the handball court. Even with a new deck and the wall moved on the women's locker room, you would still have a beautiful room that could have multiple purposes. And while I have not played handball I have also never taken out the wooden boats other than to do the initial test/training. But I would not support removal of the historic boats. They are something that differentiates the club and an important part of our history that we have the honor of being a part of. As such my view is Option 1 is the best path. Followed by option 3 and then with 2 a distant last option. If we raise extra millions and want to remake the Sancimino room and walls and decks upstairs then we would not have lost anything by remaking the weight room initially.
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45. Thank you
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46. I like the Sancamino room. The Staib Room is the gathering space.

47. My only concern is to avoid affecting our neighboring SouthEnd Club with the new renovations. It would not be fair to them and we wouldn't like it either if it were the other way around.
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48. We should be doing what is necessary first and foremost. It is obvious that not having a foundation for the galley and weight room are serious issues. Also the shortage of lockers has been an ongoing problem for many years. The primary purpose of this renovation should be to address these necessities. Our current deck is seldom used. The handball court is likewise rarely used for handball. The weight room, galley, locker rooms, and the Sancimino room (where there is no big-screen TV), are all used by a many members on a very regular basis. This is objective fact. Many of the plans I have seen for improvement seem to have more to do with speculative uses and special interests by a few influential members, without really considering how the club is used and will likely be used in the future by active members. I sincerely hope that the decision on how to proceed with this is based on the desires of the average members and not on the wishes of the few members with the greatest influence.
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49. I would love for the workout / weight room to have a more gender-neutral feel, and include 1-2 Peloton exercise bikes. I LOVE the outdoor shower area that has been added, and would love if there were more outdoor spaces to hang out as a community. If there was a common room next to the kitchen, it would be fantastic. Thank you!
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50. Use the handball court for something else.
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51. I feel that: 1. the renderings showing a commons room in place of the Weight room looks really inviting and community oriented. 2. I am not convinced we need multiple decks for gathering. We have a nice dock - not sure we need a deck looking over the dock and yet another dick above that. Not in favor of the top deck at all. The Sancimino deck makes sense if it becomes a weight room. 3. This survey is good in that it made me think about how much unused space there is in the DC. I have not used the Sancimino room since I was a swim commissioner - and then rarely. I never use the weight room or handball court and I rarely see others using these spaces. Given our limited space, our club should be more functional than that. 4. I don't want to change anything about the boat rooms and the bar. 5. I think I would be more likely to use a weight room closer to the locker rooms. 6. I am hoping the galley can be slightly expanded.
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52. No questions Thank you for your hard work
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53. Change is hard, but necessary. The catalyst for this renovation is clearly the situation with insecure foundations for two critical areas, but if we go to all the trouble to approve a plan across a broad and famously opinionated membership, lets do more than just climate change "maintenance." Rather, let's be opportunistic. In the immortal words of Rahm Emmanuel, "don't let a good crisis go to waste." The combo of rising seas and insufficient foundation work is our crisis; the opportunity to make tangible and long-lasting improvements to the Club is our chance to not let it go to waste. This is why I opt for the more expensive, and satisfying, option 2. It will bring about real improvements to the looks, functioning and security of the Dolphin Club. It will be a positive, and noticeable, change to the Club, and will "justify" in a more meaningful way all the work and fundraising to be done. Finally, this is a different Club and Club membership than when i joined 27 years ago, just as San Francisco is a different city. I believe the current membership has the means, whether it be through donations, a surcharge to dues, or a dues increase to fund option #2.
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54. My suggestions are to keep things a lot the same but better, with more even spaces for men and women.
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55. I am now 70 and the mother of a 40 year old severely disabled man. I had voiced my opinion fot UNIVERSAL ACCESS for toilet and shower, using one of the first floor bathrooms. I have never been able to comfortably accommodate my son's personal and hygiene needs in the club. For example, some things, like changing or emptying a colostomy bag require privacy, and a hot water shower would be nice with that too...not shivering in the bathroom off the boat storage naked. Why not make one of the bathrooms a UNIVERSAL ACCESS BATHROOM and SHOWER ALL-IN ONE ROOM that persons requiring assistance, who might be in a wheelchair, aged, injured, or disabled can also use. I know I can take my adult son in the

women's or men's public shower facility, but people don't appreciate all his needs, the smells, or his presence when accomplished in public.

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56. It would be great if we could improve boat launching and retrieving system!!!!
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57. The boats are central to the identity and use of the Club. Whatever plan is adopted should maintain or improve the utility of the space for use of the boats. I like the idea of increasing storage for kayaks & SUPs.
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58. - I don't use the weight room and would rather see that space used for kitchen and sitting area to eat facing water - A weight room on the roof would be nice for people who use it for sure - An open space for activities like yoga/ pilates and any other activity would be nice - A mixed gender space sauna/ hot tub or communal space would be nice, bleacher spirit - Let's no piss off the SEC and try to make it work peacefully
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59. The South End Rowing Club's windows should NOT be blocked. The club should be open until at least 10pm.
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60. I understand that there's still a long wait for lockers. I strongly suggest additional lockers for women, I think other options should be considered, as an alternative to OR in addition to expanding over the west side roof. I think the men's locker room could provide more lockers too if there is a willingness to downsize to smaller lockers of a uniform size, like the majority of the lockers in the women's locker room. If the decision is to go with the least change - option 1- I think we should preserve the flexibility to make future changes as shown in options 2 and 3, especially if we preserve the handball court now and find that its very small amount of use dwindles to even less use. It's a lot of space for such a low use. If we keep the handball court for play, we should expand the potential uses, for example to pickle ball, if that's possible in the space. If we keep the handball court space and it's not used for play, we should stay open to rethinking its purpose, for example as additional lockers, if it continues to be so lightly used.
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61. Thank you for considering the membership in your vision for the Club. I appreciate all your hard work.
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62. I'm concerned that a "commons" would become proprietary to some, and off-limits to others. Also, it seems like there are at least three "common" spaces now, and they're all used and not used from my experience, so why add more? But here are some things I'm more focused on: Men's lockers that don't open right onto a common hallway- it's just awkward; there's not enough lockers and they're in pretty bad shape. Water for the future: with California in an historic 1200 year drought, how will the proposed designs address the overuse of this most precious of resources? Also, the homespun nature of the deck gardening: This element is not visible in any of the proposals. That element to me says much more about the relaxed, casual and friendly nature of the club than a commons. In agreement though, I love the idea of decks on the roof, the ADA compliant elevator, and upgrades to existing foundation, plumbing and electrical system. Deferred upkeep first, all other upgrades must not take precedence, and I didn't see that in the visuals presented.
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63. i think that the dolphin club is becoming too complicated, not as fun. the more we have, the less fun it is. let's pare it back and just enjoy each other and the cold water.
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64. Keep it simple and fix what we have
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65. Women's locker room needs expansion! Love the charm of the current building, especially the Staib room and the other north-facing room on the other side (not sure of the name of that room). Hope those stay the same.
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66. My concern is that there continues to be no consensus, thus the cost of renovation continues to escalate. There needs to be an end date to all the quibbling.
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67. Will club be able to secure significant term of lease consistent with he capital costs needed? Will City provide financing assistance? Should dues be increased to pay for upgrades? I would support an appropriate increase.

68. The survey should have asked about planned future use, not just pre-COVID and during COVID - my answer would be much more frequent use of the weight room and joining in kayak swim support. The weight room is already small, smaller is not a good option. Any thoughts on making more room for kayaks and paddle boards? I'm not clear on the common area need or shortage of common area space.
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69. Would love a gender neutral sauna and a common room!
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70. There is absolutely no need for a commons space. We have plenty of gathering spaces. The only reason a non gender sauna is going to work is if we use it as such to protect the people who want that space, not the older guard or cis people without the basic understanding of what the queer/non binary space means.
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71. It sounds from the emails I have read that there is concern about blocking our neighbor's view. Perhaps whatever is added could be made almost entirely of glass so that the neighbors could look through the building in part.
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72. I think we should do what's necessary but stay within budget.
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73. I believe more sauna space, particularly on the ground floor, will enable and encourage more swimming year round. I also think upgrading the weight room ought to be a top priority given how old and obsolete some of the equipment is.
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74. Getting all the permits is so difficult, expansions/renovations like this only happen once per generation. We should create the maximum amount of space, and greatest diversity of spaces NOW.
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75. No renovation should be done if yearly members fee increase
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76. I'm not convinced that the weight room needs extensive renovation. But if honest appraisal puts the figure at this exorbitant amount - so be it. I think it is way past time to open the damn place up and stop with the mask mandate. Although I'm quite sure some perverts would love to use this gender crap as a way to get their jollies - I think we need to keep men and women separated bath rooms and saunas.
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77. The women's locker room needs an upgrade, it's in poor condition. I love the idea of a commons room for gathering for meals where the weight room currently is.
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78. Once plan is agreed upon a budget needs to be made and held to There will be added expenses once work begins. There always is a hidden issues nobody has accounted for Once work starts it seems to be a contractor likes to up charge. Going back to u for seen costs
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79. None
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80. Just maintain the historic beauty.
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81. Expanding common meetings spaces will encourage & enable more member activities, building community.
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82. Nice ideas
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83. Weighting the vote: more weight to those who have belonged, say, 5 yers or more, but not to thoSe who are in their 80s or above who won't be around for the changes.
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84. I feel like I've been a member for too short a time (since Sept 2021 complicated by neck surgery that has prevented me from swimming since mid-December, so I'm not sure I'm qualified to vote on the renovation. However, I do feel that a commons room would be an excellent addition to the spirit of the club community. The only proposal that I don't see a good reason for is the gender neutral sauna. I do think that the club should do whatever alterations need to be done now rather than put off these to some time in the future. Why go through major construction more than once in the near future.
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85. I think including expanded locker room space (lockers) is crucial. I can speak more to the women's side than men's.
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86. Expanded common space is good; and using handball space for weight room is good (as long as there are windows on two sides for weight room in handball space)

87. Please don't proceed without SERC input

88. I like having an indoor commons area on the ground floor. I think it would promote community. I like the idea of utilizing the air space in the handball court for the weight room. A future "family sauna" on the ground floor is a good idea. I think we need to keep an eye on the budget, too.

89. I didn't even know we had a handball court.

90. Consider a hardwood floor, multipurpose recreation room, with windows, for uses like yoga, stretching, and other free form of exercise. The room could be used for music and other activities. Very few people play handball so I support reconsideration of this space being repurposed to maximize use for something else. I like the idea of a commons area next to galley and so support moving the fitness room to allow for this. First thank you to the DC building committee for all the work. I'm new and I have no idea of the relative costs for these renovation options and how long it would take to raise funds vs balance to do less at lower costs and complete sooner.

91. Construction costs have a way of exceeding budgets, so our ambition in this context should factor that in.

92. While option 2 is more expensive, if favored by a significant part of the Dolphin Club community, it is worth it. It's unlikely we'll have the opportunity to renovate again in the near future, and we might as well do it best this time around.

93. Just letting you know that the question re: frequency of use wouldn't click correctly for me. My use of the Club has been the same before, during and "after" COVID.

94. I appreciate the old-school utilitarian nature of the club and those people who are attracted by same and generally unconcerned with the luxury of the facilities.

95. Q3 has mistake in it. True answer is about 4 times a week, both before and after COVID, and system did not allow me to fix it. Dining room very important. Move the gym. Feels selfish and short-sighted to deny having both. Too much weight being put on appeasing South End. This whole process feels rushed. An example of that is the mistake in the survey. Someone in leadership decided to split the question of frequency of usage into before and after Covid AFTER the survey had been tested, without retesting it! The mistake would have been caught and you would not have sent out a flawed survey to the entire membership. This is a violation of the process and disrespectful to those working on the survey, all because of the rushing. On top of that, usage before and after adds little to no important data. I will be upset if board rushes to judgment on 4/20, just two days after survey closes, which should have been extended to end of month, at a minimum. The membership should have a chance to see and digest the data from the survey. Voting so quickly will lend credence to members' concern that the survey was reluctantly agreed to with little enthusiasm by leadership, in the interest of appearing transparent, but ultimately still having a handful of those in control calling the shots.

96. I would like some alternative energy sources to be included in the plans: solar, wind, even wave action (perhaps only a wave action demonstration-model would be feasible, not sure how much energy could be produced at Dolphin Club location from wave action) A roof top garden (e.g., kitchen herbs, succulents, etc) would be very pleasant, and keep down energy costs. A dedicated meditation area with a flat screen tv monitor (e.g., zoom meetings with Zen Center, QiGong/Tai Chi) come to mind. Perhaps a bat colony. Bees probably wouldn't be a good idea, but would love them.

97. As fundraising has not met even the cheapest option, we should not consider anything beyond that which we can afford (and I speak as someone who has donated).

98. Keep it minimal, embrace the rust. Stay with plan 1.

99. Do not think we need major renovations except to update weight room and galley. These would be the least disruptive and will take less money. Very important. I have not returned to the club since covid due to medical issues and being unable to receive my booster until very recently. The questions regarding covid and precovid attendance...how are these important? In the past I have split my time between Aquatic Park and Lake Merced.

100. We need to pay attention to our neighbors, especially the South End Club and not create a McMansion out of the Dolphin Club that will harm their use and their view. We should be good neighbors. We should NOT remove the handball courts or the weight room. We need these things and handball is part of our history. We should not keep adding significantly more space because the area and building are not capable of sustaining it. We need to be considerate of others and their use of this space and not proceed like everyone else--that only we (the Dolphin Club) matter. We coexist with others in the area and we need to be mindful of that.
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101. I think the weight room is one of the best areas of our club for several reasons. Obviously the view can't be beat, but also it's where all types of Dolphin Club members come together. I've made so many Dolphin friends in the weight room. I love its current location on the beach not just for the view, but because I can interact with people coming in from a swim and keep an eye on the dock if someone needs help. With the weight room in its current location it feels like part of the main activities of the club. I fear that would be lost if it is moved. I do think the handball court is underutilized and would make a great location for a dance/pilates/yoga studio and I sometimes use it for that. It's a shame handball and mirrors don't work together or it would be an easy conversion to multi-use to put up some mirrors.
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102. I'm concerned about how disruptive to the club the renovations will be. I'm also concerned about the acrimony that will ensue from certain factions winning out and how that might affect fund raising. Dual members seem to have a lot invested in avoiding the changes that will most impact SERC, but that seems unfair as they already have a beautiful gym and common area.
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103. I would like to know that the funds for Option #2 or #3 would not put the club into long term debt or cause membership fees to rise significantly.
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104. Do not destroy or change the Sancimino room! Change furniture in Staib room!! These are terrific common spaces Focus should be on restoring galley as required and necessary renovations to elevator and weight room if it is used enough to warrant
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105. I watched the video though have really not seen the architectural drawings.
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106. keep it simple and within budget
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107. The handball court is too underutilized to save. Please repurpose as a weight room and add more lockers to the locker rooms, including the mezzanine for men's and the west wall for women. new co-ed Sauna and a common space would be used by more members in a days than the handball court is used in a month... or even a year! Please create a gray water system for the club to conserve water for the future!!!
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108. Thank you for being thoughtful and deliberate around this; it cannot be easy balancing desires for continuity and tradition from many members with those of relatively new members.
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109. Yes I saw the drawings .I love the Barn doors out to the deck and the idea of using the weight room as a place to gather or eat . Is it possible to get rid of the WALKING TREADMILLS .They seem to take up a lot of space in any room . The DC is unique because we do experiential or adventure sports . We are using multiple senses . Walking outside seems more alive and insink with DC Culture like swimming in the ocean . Does all of the Weigh equipment have to be in one room ? Personally I think the weight room is smelly . A bit like a mideavel dungeon . If I had the choice I would keep the handball court tradition and get rid of the weight room .
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110. I like Suzy Dodd's comments. There have been many opportunities for members to donate money for renovations- I am concerned that big renovation may take on debt for the club. It is important to make the needed (and large) repairs, but I like the club's present configuration.
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111. Susie Dodds has expressed my thoughts, desires, and opinions far more elegantly, concisely, and politely that I can, so rather than try to improve on perfect, I'll just quote her with attribution, thanks, and huzzahs: "Apologies for starting a new thread on this but I just can't seem to reply to any of the previous ones. Fewer than %25 of members have contributed. We need to stay within a budget and not try to hope or god forbid assess our way to a more expensive option. focus should be on raising/creating a foundation

and ADA requirements. We don't need a 'common area'. We have 1) Staib Room 2) Sancimino Room 3)Two boathouses (better lighting would be nice especially in the winter) 4) the deck/dock. We don't need more sauna. That was one of the first things to go when the sh/t hit the fan 2 years ago. The handball court needs to stay. It's absolutely part of our history. In the past, (away past)handball was the winter sport, people didn't do swimming the winter(no sauna). You can watch literal world class handball when SERC puts on its tournament. It's a quiet place for stretching in the winter. When the 24 Hr Relay takes place, it's our sleeping area. Dont, fer gawds sake block or limit the SERC view or light. Keep it simple, get it done. But no champagne tastes on a beer budget. Suzie Dods Life Member"

112. Love the co-ed/family sauna no matter which way we go.

113. Many of my concerns have been expressed by the member who have weighed in. The plans seems way out of our budget capacity. Although I have given a good chunk of money I am not inclined to give more because I have lost confidence in this process.

114. Suggestion: Put the rowing machines in one good place so they don't have to be dragged down the dock where they are rattled to ruination. Suggestion: Put easily opened/closed curtains on any window that gets blasting sun part of the day. For example, the elliptical walkers in the gym are in the blasting sunshine in late afternoon, which is the only time I can use them after work. It would be nice if I weren't roasting and burning while exercising, or on view for that matter. Suggestion: I LOVE the idea of a permanently usable set of tables and chairs -- a common room. I hope that gets worked in somehow. Suggestion: Showering/changing areas on the deck with proper drainage into a sewage system are marvelous ideas. I hope that can be configured in on this budget, even if there aren't many. I really don't care about a co-ed sauna but I would probably use it if it weren't filthy.

115. keep it simple and avoid project creep. that's all we can afford. let's not be bay club wanabees or replicate the SERC culture

116. The Dolphin Club is a historical building, I think we should try to preserve as much of its original character as possible and not try to modernize the building.

117. I am excited about all of the options listed, mostly option number 3. I like the idea of a deck off the weight room so that outdoor space could be utilized for exercises. I also like the idea of the commons area off the kitchen for informal small group dining among members.

118. My main concern is that we stay within a budget of what we can afford. I mean I would want the cupola to be a ladies lounge with a private helicopter landing spot but that's not gonna happen.

119. Pleas keep the handball court. I love the sport and want it to grow. There are more players at SERC but I'm a dolphin club member and want to remain so. And thank you for all of those who have worked tirelessly on these projects.

120. Instead of enlarging / upgrading the facility, other than for sea level rise, cap membership.

121. Find them a bit hard to follow, but greatly appreciate the efforts to explain. Women's locker room in great need of expansion, not just replacing space take. For something else.

122. I want as little as possible done. Bare minimum.

123. While I do like option #2, I was concerned about the extra cost of that option. I also have no sense of how much the handball court is used and was hesitant to take it away from whoever might be using it currently. I did think that option #3 was overall the best. 1 and 2 were a bit of a tossup. I don't really know if more locker-room space is needed, but a different way of managing the space and locker assignments might be considered.

124. It appears that the existing, flat deck area between rescue shed and weight room/ galley is reduced in all 3 options. This impedes launching WIELAND from the main boat house and maneuvering to the side gate. In addition this is a much used area for drying multiple boats at a time after swim piloting and group rows and for gathering all swimmers, pilots, guests and helpers to announce swim event results. This is a place people use for eating outside and BBQ cooking. Ideal would be to make this area

flat for a larger area in the proposal options by keeping existing building footprint intact and leveling the existing sun deck area up to match the elevation of the main deck.

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125. The priorities should address: foundation, electrical, ADA, kitchen upgrades. Addressing the priorities will likely take all of the renovation budget. If we do NOT address foundation, electrical and ADA issues, then everything else is not worth discussing. LIVE WITHIN THE BUDGET. Both the men's and women's locker rooms could expand forever and people would still complain there isn't enough space or that they have to wait for a locker. I'm a newer member and even I know the Sancimino's gave a LOT to the Dolphin Club. Removing this legacy is not the Dolphin Club way. You cannot remove the Sancimino room and say you are a club about legacy and tradition.
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126. I'm concerned about additional costs to rebuild the weight room elsewhere.
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127. I know that people that frequently use the weight room to exercise are fairly opposed to the idea of it moving. I must admit that I haven't been keeping a finger on the pulse of the discussion but would like to better understand their position. The first thing that comes to mind is simply ease of access.
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128. None
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129. Although the "Commons Room" is a very appealing idea, I am not certain the existing Weight room is a large enough space to serve as a Commons Room for the much increased size of our membership. In the summer of 1961 I attended an event [Dinner?] in the long ago Dolphin Dining space and it barely accommodated a portion of a much smaller membership and their guests. It's a terrific, much loved Weight room and thus I favor Option 1.
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130. I value reading and relaxing in the Sancimino room. It is such a special space. I dread the idea of losing it.
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131. do not remove the Sancimino room by then turning it into a gym. That is the dumbest idea I have ever heard at the club. The club must have a galley and a gym. Spend the money, make it right. Keep handball alive. Get ride of the boat building and those crazy costs and put a handball court there.
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132. In favor of most cost effective option and current space configuration seems acceptable regarding galley and weight room. Strongly opposed to expanding locker rooms. Existing lockers should be reduced in size if we want to accomodate more people. Guest/temporary locker space should be made more functional to encourage people to just bring what they need and not turn the club into a long-term storage facility which is how it feels now. Strongly in favor of creative thinking around use of handball courts. Can it be used for other sports (squash, pickleball, ping pong)?
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133. I understand the loss of the handball court feels tough. However, it is a huge amount of space that can be used to create a more welcoming, light-filled, community-oriented area. I love SERC, but it feels unwise to keep a space that is under utilized for a tournament held just a few times a year. I know you all have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort. It is appreciated!
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134. Always need more lockers for both men and women. Commons area is nice idea but it would help to make public the capacity of the commons room say for a dinner. Impression I have is that it would not hold a large crowd like we have for one of the Club dinners.
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135. Thank you for your hard work!
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136. I have a concern that putting the gym in the Sancimino room or off of the Stab room will instantly ruin the peaceful and tranquil ambiance of these two areas. The socializing, calm reading, and sitting spaces that these two areas provide will be corrupted by higher traffic, and noise pollution from clanking weights, grunting, and high testosterone chatter if we put a gym entrance off of either of these spaces. Please don't ruin the nostalgia, or the peaceful spots in our club. Keep the weight room in a separate area, completely detached from our Stab room, and our Sancimino room. I use the gym everyday I am at the club. It needs to be bigger, and we need to update and expand the equipment. There is no room for future expansion of the gym if we put it in the Sancimino room. Even with an extensive build out, there is not enough space. I hate the idea of giving up the racketball court to a larger space for a gym because I also use the racketball/handball court, but, I realize it may be the best bet to keep up with our growing

member's needs without ruining other spaces that are more often used. Still, it is important to understand that once the decision is made to remove the handball/racketball court, it will be impossible to get it back. The 2nd floor handball gym would be a larger space than the gym has now, we do need this. Are windows, for outside view and natural light in the North facing walls part of the plans? Or possibly some windows in the east and west facing walls too. If we really make the gym nice, and get some nicer equipment for weight training with both free weights and machines, people will use it, and love it. It will become a new hangout spot... Meet You In The Big Gym, people will say. Which brings me to another point... Years back, the current gym was erected in the place where the dining room was because the dining room was never getting used. Why would we want to repeat this mistake by reverting back to how things used to be? Leave this space as a workout space too. Just change it to a more pre-swim warm up friendly area. More mats, free weights only up to 25 lbs, resistance bands, balls, add a couple more treadmills or stair climbers, keep the pull up bar, add a dip station... keep the look of this space with all of the wood walls and ceiling as much as possible. Move the big weights and main heavy gym equipment to the new handball/gym 2nd floor area. Bottom floor for yoga, dance, stretch, fold out table meeting/music room when needed, etc. Why can't we keep the weight room where it is and just expand it by building out on peirs towards the beach???? I feel like we could double it's size this way, again keeping the wood ceiling and wood walls look, and we can update the the equipment to make it nicer. Or, get super crazy, and build a third story, and put our new gym on top of the handball courts, and men's locker room, vacating the current unused building structure which is currently underused. Get rid of the commodore room, or what ever that third story room is called. A third story would allow for an expansive gym space, expanded locker area, as well as the opportunity for more sitting spaces, and it would keep all of the charm our club currently has unmolested. If we are going to plan for the future, we should do it now by saving longer, and doing things right the first time. Let's not put a bandaid on the fact that we need a larger gym, let's really save up and build the space we will need now, and in the future it will be done right. Doing something small now that still won't be adequate, is a waste of millions of dollars. Our gym needs more space by 4 times, and it needs to be expanded with some new, updated equipment. We do not need more full time lockers, people can wait their turn for this. Idea- Just raise the rates of the lockers we already have. People that don't really use the club much but, keep a locker anyway will clear out. As a result, plenty of locker space will become available. Having more temporary use day lockers is the only thing that makes sense. More people get to utilize the same space this way. We don't need to have all the stuff people should be keeping at home, moving in and taking up valuable space throughout the club. Maybe people that come less than once a week on average should not be allowed to keep a locker...??.?

137. I appreciate all of the diligent work that is being done on this major project by our involved members. I have donated to the building project and would happily donate more to get a Dolphin Commons built next to the galley. This is a top priority for me! I also love the idea of a gender neutral sauna on the ground floor. Having additional upstairs decks is great too! I don't use the weight room and respect those who do but I think that moving it to the Sancimino Room is a good compromise. We wouldn't be able to house a Dolphin Commons if we didn't. I believe many more members will use a Dolphin Commons than the weight room. In fact, if the weight room was adjacent to the locker room, I know that I would use it!!!

138. Would strongly oppose converting of handball court.

139. Strong support for gender neutral sauna. Will build our community across gender lines and increase sauna capacity for after club swims. I think Option #2 makes the best use of the club's space for long term planning -- turns low-use area into high use area while keeping the Sancimino room intact. Yes, more expensive, but makes sense to do it during the current remodel. Most bang for buck.

140. I believe it is in the best interests of the DC to minimize negative impacts to the SERC.

141. I strongly oppose any changes besides those required for health or safety

142. Why is the Staib room and its use never brought into the equation? What is its use? It seems to be rather wasted space (as is the current Sancimino Room).
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143. I'm an OOT member so have little at stake in the near-term here, but I do wish to reap the benefits of the beauty of the club in a decade or so when I'm contemplating slower years. I'm particularly in favor of a Commons room with a great vantage point as I view it as being a room that will be the most inclusive of all rooms (Weight rooms are for those who are willing / able / interested to work with weights; Lockers are for those who need to change in/out of their swim / rowing attire; etc). To me it follows that the centerpiece of deciding on a rebuild strategy should start with finding the prime spot for such a multi-use, all-inclusive room like the Commons room.
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144. Keep the surveys coming. It is critical to get this right.
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145. The Weight Room is set in such a beautiful and comfortable natural spot that it should not be removed! The view and the temperature control, which is effected merely by opening/closing a few windows, make our Weight Room unique. The conditions of our Weight Room are what commercial gyms' "virtual reality" systems are striving to re-create. Most importantly: The Weight Room is where we go when we can't swim, for whatever reason, but we need to be bay-adjacent, bc we're Dolphins.
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146. It seems that making the weight room have no view of the bay would be a sad change to the current awesomeness that is the Dolphin Club. Even though I don't use the weight room it would be a much less pleasant experience I am sure to have it without any windows. Unclear if that is the plan.
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147. I support the least extensive renovations. Fund raising still has a way to go to cover these costs.
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148. Love the options
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149. Let's keep it the way it has been, SAn Francisco Style that is the charm. Save money and use for a "rainy day". We do not need to upgrade...
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150. I thought we already did this. I thought it was decided that only the galley and the weight room would be renovated Where can we look at the assessments by the engineering and architectural firms. How do we know that those assessments are accurate? I don't think we should take is factual what one engineering firm hast to say and one architectural firm
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151. I like the idea of a new "commons" space but think it should be as flexible as possible as far as how it is used. I do not think filling the space with tables and chairs is a good idea. It could also be used for the misc kind of gatherings (yoga, ukulele etc). I fear that the cost of any of the proposals but especially 2 and 3 may run out of reach of our fund raising. I hope that reasonably accurate cost estimates can be made before a final decision is made. I have woodworking and cabinetmaking skills. If there is opportunity for members to help with construction in order to keep cost down, I'm in.
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152. Although younger new members are likely the least involved in the club, I think it's critical to get their opinions as well, for the longevity of the club. Can we put chairs on the roof deck? I expect that way it would get much more use.
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153. I don't fully understand the need for an additional office space, but trust it's there with good intention.
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154. The Sancimino room is one of the most peaceful places at the club and most flexible for quiet reflection and meaningful conversation. I'd hate to see it compromised for additional locker-space. The idea of a co-ed sauna is a wonderful idea to create more opportunities for genders in the club to meet and engage in meaningful conversation.
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155. N/A
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156. Ensure the WIELAND (40'L + small extension from dolly) can successfully enter/exit both main boat house and Zahler Room.
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157. I am concerned about the feasibility of options 2 and 3 from a financial standpoint. I don't like idea of a weight room on the second floor. I may be wrong about this, but it is disturbing to think of the noise of weight room use on the second floor potentially invading the tranquility of the Staib room, and

the Sancimino room if it remains. Perhaps I am wrong, and it will be soundproofed 100%? Even when the doors to the proposed deck(s) are open? I prefer to keep the upstairs as the peaceful area that it currently is. I oppose the idea of eliminating the lovely Sancimino room. That is a very special room and people who want to hang out together might want to consider using it!

158. Thank you for all of the hard work that went into this. I would use the new weight room if it had a yoga option and a treadmill.

159. While a dining room off the kitchen would be nice, so would a coffee bar. Plus room for dance classes, tai chi, etc. but I think it's very important to keep focused on what the Dolphin Club is -- an athletic club for swimmers and boaters.

160. I was unable to find the plans on the website but will look for them on site in the next week. As a brand-new DC member and newish 3-year SERC member, I am relatively new to the OWS community, but want to be able to enjoy what both clubs have to offer. Wandering around the DC clubhouse, one thing is immediately clear - although both clubs have about the same membership, DC common areas have much greater access to views and sunlight. The number of DC's sunlit rooms above street level is impressive; by contrast, SERC' is limited primarily to its small dayroom. My hope is that the final DC plans preserve views and sunlight enjoyed by SERC members sitting in the dayroom to the greatest extent possible. Both clubs recently renewed long-term leases with RPD, so we will be neighbors far beyond the lifetimes of most current members. My hope is that necessary renovations (foundation, other improvements to address SLR, etc.) take precedence over amenities (such as more space to sit and bask in the sun) that might cause a lengthy chill in relations with SERC. We are all very lucky to be able to enjoy our privileged access to Aquatic Park - let's be good neighbors and preserve SERC's views and sunlight.

161. Regarding Option 3, the columns supporting the new deck need to be re-thought. That space right outside the Zahler room is important for staging boats before and after club swims and gets crowded during busy rowing mornings. Those columns will be right in the way of all that. Also, in option 3 is it possible to expand the women's locker room all the way to the western edge of the building?

162. Is there a way the board could provide a written description on the renovation decision making process? I am curious about the government structure and how the bylaws inform how these kind of decisions are made. So it would be great if the board could point to where in the governing documents the process is laid out for the rest of the members of the club.

163. The footprint and height of the building cannot be increased. The only way to significantly increase the functionality and value of the physical club to any extent is to convert the handball court. Yes, project cost will be greater but not like it will be by procrastinating a decade or so. All three renovation options should have faced reality by repurposing the court space. Only one does, and I have trouble voting for it unless more thought goes into the best uses of that extra space. For instance, rebuild the weight room in its current location, have a small common/casual dining area off the kitchen and boathouse by using the ground floor of the handball court. Use all (or nearly all) of the second floor for men's lockers while expanding the women's part way into the current men's locker room.

164. The pandemic has clearly demonstrated the benefits of outdoor activities and social connection. Beyond the necessary upgrades, renovations should prioritize outdoor spaces where groups may gather (e.g., adding an upper deck, adding a commons room with sliding doors/walls to open the space and make it more accessible). Indoor spaces used by a small number of members should be repurposed for the benefit of more members (e.g., repurposing hand ball court). Upgrades to locker rooms should focus on reconfiguration and maximizing efficiency of space, not expanding footprints. A ground-floor all-gender sauna/spa (hot tub) area should be installed in a configuration that doesn't require removal of an accessible bathroom.

165. Thanks for all of the hard work to carry this project to this point!

166. Yes on repurposing handball court to weight room and adding a commons for all to enjoy off the galley

167. I think it may be interesting if the weight room opened to the west with large doors to allow interior/exterior flow and connection to the exterior deck. I'm interested in a possible connection between the weight room interior activity and the exterior activity. It may allow the weight room to have more kinds of activities on a sunny day, and thereby inviting more use. I'm sure it sounds like a management headache to have equipment outside in the sun, but if it gets more people active, then I'd support exploring the notion.
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168. I feel that the club is laid out quite well and is very utilitarian in its design. In short, it works well and always has.
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169. I rarely use the weight room mainly because the equipment is quite dated, and the room is cramped that the air doesn't flow. If we can raise funds and revive the weight room, I'd love to come to the club and use it more often. On the other side, the Sancimino room provides a fantastic view of the bay. Putting an overhanging deck out of it would block sunshine at the entrance of the boathouse and make the space more narrow and crowded. Not a big fan of option 3.
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170. Keep at least one gender-neutral bathroom under the stairs.
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171. Is it time, finally for a membership cap?
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172. It's time for the handball court area to be used to better serve the whole club membership. It's a large space that could provide additional lockers, office space, "commons" area with permanent tables, storage, etc. I used the handball court for over a decade for yoga, pilates, and stretching. Rarely, was anyone else in the court with me. During cold days members would bring their little kids in to play. I had a few altercations with South End members when I was on the court. I brought the situation to the board a number of years ago. South End handball players were often using it as their 3rd court. Peter Bianucci informed me that SERC members only had priority over Dolphin Club members to use the court on reserved tournament days. Dolphin Club handball players had priority to use the court over members doing pilates, yoga, etc. The court was often gritty and stinky after handball players left. It has poor ventilation. The bleacher area could be repurposed. I know the SERC holds a number of handball tournaments each year. I believe they profit from those events. As far as I know for the use of the Dolphin Club court they resurface the floor periodically. I don't believe the Dolphin Club receives any funds. Also, I've heard they require 3 handball courts to host these events so losing the DC handball court would be a hardship to SERC. On the SERC website it says, "The South End handball program has been a San Francisco Bay Area institution for decades. The club has three handball courts and a number of members who play regularly." I think they only have 2 of their own courts.
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173. I know fund are an issue. I would support the board addition funds needed to be raised.
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174. I have no idea who uses the handball court to play handball. I have never talked to member who uses it (that I know of) for that purpose; the reasons to keep it have never really been explained other than "it's a cool space" and SERC uses it sometimes....the historic aspect of it is interesting but it does seem that a Commons would further the goals of the club much more than keeping a handball court. I had never been in it until last week! (By the way, it feels like a fire trap in there.... surprised it is up to code.
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175. Commons sounds awesome. But I think really what I'm most excited about is the gender neutral sauna. The sauna is such a core part of the swim experience and it would be nice to share with other genders.
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176. I think making a concession to SERC which helps their view and sunlight should be swapped for DC members using the SERC handball court and eliminating the DC handball court.
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177. Cost and loss of use during renovation Love the idea of a common space with opening to the kitchen and lots a natural light and airflow. This club is social and it's good to provide an indoor gathering space.
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178. Consider eliminating natural gas fired air and water heating and change to all electric air or water source heat pumps. GAS is out and all electric is more sustainable. Consider eliminating legacy (all

existing) lockers and installing space efficient systems that accommodate more participants in W + M's locker spaces.

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179. I am against a social room. We already have many and they are well used (deck, boathouse, etc). We should not be spending money on these types of things; if people want more "social" spaces they can join another club. The main thing I want to point out is safety and future costs. The more we add things the more expensive it will be to maintain. Do we have the funds for this? Plus we will possibly need more locks on doors, cameras, etc. I am usually the first person here in the morning and it can be quite nerve wracking. Thus we need to keep the ongoing maintenance costs and a future capital budget in mind.
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180. Will the cost of these renovations increase the annual dues as to be unaffordable for working people? Build and replace what we can afford. Future members can alter the space as they see fit.
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181. Are there talks with the city to extend the sea wall to the club? I'd like to see the Staib room redesigned should the Sancimino Room be repurposed. Making the room a more comfortable place to relax or congregate. I often just see one person sitting in there watching the TV at a high volume. Bringing in Sofas, comfortable chairs, book shelves for book swapping creating more of a living room feel.)
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182. Problems with the club that I see.... - Staib room is cold and dark and not conducive to hanging out - wasted opportunity. - Sauna is crowded before/after work. - I'd like a co-ed sauna to warm up with friends. - Eating standing up after events. - New members have to change in the entrance by the hallway door. (men) - Galley can be crowded when there are multiple people working in there. - Garden is cut off from where people socialize. What would make me excited about a renovation? - A good-sized co-ed Sauna. - Somewhere to eat near the kitchen. - A warm, cozy, comfortable place indoors to hang out, read and chat with others. Some of the ideas I've heard that are worth discussion... - Could the Staib room could become the weight room. (Do we need more common rooms?) - Co-ed Sauna between the mens and women's saunas... - Co-ed Sauna in the Sancimino room - Reduce size of weight room. More open space for the garden. - Open up the kitchen/dining area into where the handball court and make the commons area there. Add a center island for prep. - Outdoor Gas Fireplace (In garden or on roofdeck?) Thoughts on proposed options. #1... A lot of money for not a lot of value. Meh. #2... Not bad. But kitchen is no bigger. This seems like a missed opportunity #3.... Not a great idea to have deck supports in that area of the driveway. IMHO, we don't need more space in the mens lockers. We just need to renovate the locker room and remove some of the full size wardrobes.
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183. Looks good. Love the idea of an additional mixed sauna. Would be awesome to be able to sauna with my wife and girls, and would make it easier for me to take my girls swimming to the club if there was a mixed sauna.
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184. (Question 3 does not allow one to give the same answer pre- and post-Covid. Trying to do so, I accidentally checked other responses that I could then not un-do. My response for Q3 is I was coming to the Club pre-Covid 3-4 times a week. And the same post-Covid.)
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185. A. These questions should have been on the survey: 1. Have you donated to the Renovation Fund? How many years? Will you donate again? 2. If you have not donated, will you donate this year? Next year? Will you donate every year? 3. Are you willing to pay a member assessment to fund the renovation? 4. How long will you stay a member if (during renovation) you have no weight room, no galley, limited access to women's locker room? Such question could help distinguish members with a long term commitment from those who will quit in a year or two. I believe that views of the former group are more important. B. I would also like information on use of the weight room. I have not been able to find any Weight Room Captain usage reports yet.
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186. I really think the current location of the weight room is perfect, both from an accessibility point of view and for being close to the deck and the beach. it is possible to have a conversation with people in the weight room while on the deck. Swimmers warm up before entering the water. One suggestion: if possible add a sliding glass door from the Staib room to the deck. On a beautiful evening it would be so perfect to open it and sit on the deck and to have the fresh air coming in. The current small door is so hidden and hard to access.

187. I strongly support Option #2. I am lukewarm about the Option #1. I am opposed to Option #3. Meaning I would up my contribution to the building for Option #2. I would be less inclined to donate more for the other options. The downstairs sauna is particularly appealing, particularly as a person with mobility issues. The handball court is a complete waste of space and underutilized. Some SERC members may be displeased, but I think we have correctly compromised with SERC by not adding another story above the current weight room. This is a good neighbor gesture. Not only does it protect their view, it ensures that they will continue to receive sunlight in the afternoon. The DC receives significantly more sunlight than SERC. They have a strong case for opposing a second story, but I do not think it's fair for DC members to leave the handball court as is, if Option #2 is the preferred option.
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188. I prefer Option #3. However, worried about the cost and how that would affect the membership.
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189. Enough! Just fix the foundation.
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190. NONE
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191. FYI: Didn't answer every thing because I'm now an out of town member.
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192. I don't want to lose a relaxing space like the Sancimino room. I hope an expansion of a weight room doesn't mean the loss of such a peaceful space. Thank you
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193. I'd support better lighting as suggested by others. Also more \$'s for improved solar energy on the roof as well as on existing weight room roof instead of a new common room as proposed in some option(s)
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194. keep the faith and the earrth wil shake.d
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195. BIG BIG factors for me concerning the weight room include its rustic, wholesome ambiance, its historical status, its legacy. It can be maintained with minimal construction, thus preserving its appearance. I FEEL SOMETHING NON-VERBAL whenever I enter. The weight room is beautifully situated for wonderful views, delightful sounds from beach surf, beachcomers and deck lounging "gossipers."
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196. Would like to see the handball court opened up for racket ball (it may need upgrades for that purpose) and many people may be interested in pickle ball or squash there as well.
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197. Fully and permanently addressing sea rise and addressing code non-compliance should be the primary project purpose. This, with the least amount of change possible, is my strong preference. A "Commons room" is a private dining room. That is completely unacceptable. I strongly oppose options 2 & 3 for that reason. Thank you for your work.
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198. The Handball court is the least used space in the Club, and the saunas are the most used and crowded. The Handball Court should be repurposed for much larger saunas and a possible hot tub. Moving the saunas down to the level of the boatroom would enable quicker access after a swim. And the current saunas could be used to increase the number of lockers in both the Men's and Women's locker rooms. In addition, adding a second lever in the space now used by the handball court would enable the installation of hundreds of new lockers. The cost of this would not involve the foundation restructuring of other projects. Handball is not a factor of use to the DC anymore.
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199. I love the club want to help fundraiser and think we should upgrade the spaces to allow for more things to do at the club and increase frequent visits. Weight room is nice but I belong to a gym with better equipment and private trainers.
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200. I will look at the drawings
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201. Concrete foundation should go to the bottom of floor joist to maximize water rise
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202. If we keep growing we have to think of the common area. Before 2010 or so we didn't have such a large membership, and especially folks seeking "community". Times have changed and social life has changed so we are now a club that has to accommodate a lot of visiting and casual social gatherings as well as many new events that did not exist in the last "millennium". – For example, we did not have grand

boat nights, nor Ladies Lunches, or Chanukah, Passover, Burns dinners, inter-club board dinners, etc. So these events need a space to occur. The handball court as a very underused and roomy area can work for a weight room. Yes, it would be great to look outdoors during a session there, but... That crazy idea to house a pickle ball place—there are plenty of city places for that. We needn't add a new sport to the Dolphin Club's "On and In the Water" mission. I heartily believe we have enough offerings now. And committees.

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203. Feel very strongly that we should repurpose the handball courts for other uses.
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204. Tried to find the drawings on the website but failed...sigh
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205. A common room for dining and gather would be wonderful. Its the ine thing the southenders have that seems enviable. Great for gathering post swim. The octagon room is such a lovely retreat. I would be terrible sad to see it go. The women's locker should have room to grow. Moving to the future the numbers will even themselves out. There is absolutely no reason to believe this is not the case. Of course the membership is proportionately more male at the moment given the legacy of a male only club.
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206. I noted that I did to use the weight room. Were it renovated, I would very likely use it once or twice a week.
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207. Please keep the design within the looks of the current building. Can you use any run off water as gray water for the toilets to save water. Please keep the weight room! Thank you!
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208. I just want to say thank you to all the folks working on this project. One suggestion is when building out more locker spaces in the women's is to allocate more day use lockers. The ratio of "non lockered " members to the amount of day use lockers seems pretty high .
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209. Feel like the survey of use for the handball court should have been done prior to the "voting" and design work, so we had real info on usage. That would have helped with making decisions. As well, an estimate of the additional cost of #2 and #3 would have been helpful. Thanks for all the hard work.
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210. yes please keep the old dolphin club field, original wood and trimmings.
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211. Consider that a roof deck is not that useful as currently no one uses the staib room deck cuz it's too cold. People want to be down on the where the action is, talking to folks while they are prepping to swim in the warm etc
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212. I suggest we go ahead with Option #1, doing the necessary structural work. This is the least expensive option and will cause the least disruption of usage during the remodel. If and when the money has been raised to move the weight room to another location, that space can be easily converted to a common dining room. I do not favor cutting into the women's locker room for Option #3, unless the remodel will provide additional space and lockers, not just what we have now, as lockers are the primary concern of newer members. As I understand it, the men's locker room is bigger than the women's locker room. What's up with that ? But if more space and lockers are needed in the men's locker room, I have no objection to extending it into the foyer of the handball court, if that can be done without repurposing the handball court. I also do not like the idea of the weight room taking over the Sancimino room; the room with the best view and the room I use more than any other in the building. I do not object to repurposing the handball courts, although I do feel like we could use it for many more purposes than just for handball as it is now. I don't know why one couldn't play pickle ball there now. It has been used for yoga, hula and ukulele in the past. I agree that using the repurposing of the handball court, or not, as leverage with the SERC for their approval of the rest of the plan.
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213. Between the deck, the boathouse, the Staib room and the Sancimino room, we have ample areas to gather. We do not need a commons room. And the Sancimino room is a wonderful space, we should not surrender it for a lounge. There are plenty of places to "lounge"
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214. The Sancimino Room is probably the most iconic space (apart from the Cupola, I suppose) in the building after the boat rooms. I'm an out-of-towner now, visiting once a year for a couple of weeks. It would be sad to have such a generally quiet room turned into lifting, grunting, sweating, and panting salon. More intimate than the Staib Room, totally different vibe.

215. Believe we need additional lockers
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216. The Dolphin Club and the South End occupy different wings of, essentially, the same building. Both clubs have handball courts. Handball does not appear to be a high frequency activity at the Dolphin Club, if I'm correct. I assume that it is probably the same at the SERC. Therefore, it seems to me that for each club to have a handball court(s) is a lot of wasted space. Why not have the clubs negotiate an agreement that would have one club host the handball club and make it available to members of both clubs? And, perhaps, in return, the club that gives up its handball court but gain space for other activities could negotiate with the other club on some other matter.
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217. I think the commons idea can be accommodated within existing spaces and does not need to have a new space for it. The boat room is a multi-use area today and there is no reason to pop up a common space within it when needed. It comes with a stage so the already built-in entertainment options to support it.
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218. An increase in social-oriented hang-out spaces and/or hot tub would be cool. Should preserve history of weight room location if others feel strongly about it.
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219. I don't currently use the weight room because it isn't renovated. I would use it more if it was renovated
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220. Having never even been IN the handball court, I support the options which repurpose this area.
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221. Bug in the survey software? Survey question Q3 did not allow me to fill in the circle for "3-4 times" a week for both pre-Covid and since Covid. It allowed me fill in only one, and when I tried to fill in the other, it would unmark the first. The correct answer in my case is: "3-4 times a week" pre-Covid AND since Covid
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222. The DC is an exercise club not a social or dining hall. The people that want a gathering space are the very small minority of people that spend large amounts of their time at the club. Most of the members use the club to get a work out and then get back to their normal lives.
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223. I think the lockers rooms could be modified so that there is some seating for changing. Much of the mens locker room do not have place to sit. There a few chairs that get dragged around but that is it. I realize this might be reduced locker count or smaller lockers.
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224. Instead of adding another sauna, it would be nice to have a gender-neutral steam room if that would fit in the budget since we already have two saunas. Also if there is any way to add a basketball hoop whether it's on the handball court, or even on the deck by the bikes. Just a hoop so you can play with friends and shoot around.
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225. I would hope that SERC would have no objection to the visual impact of a handrail. I think the roof deck is an excellent idea. I think adding a gender neutral sauna is a good idea. A commons area and more lockers are a good idea. It seems that the handball courts are underutilized and that space could be put to better use by all. I use the lockers, showers and sauna every time I come and everything else just occasionally though it's nice to have the other facilities. I hope locker rooms, showers and saunas are prioritized. I still swim off the bleachers if Covid numbers are higher. If there was better air filtration/ventilation I would use the club more.
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226. I think having a commons room on the ground floor would be really nice. It would become a gathering space, more so than the rooms upstairs currently are. By contrast I don't think there is a particular reason why the weight room would need to be downstairs.
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227. In Option 3, what happens to the gallery overlooking the handball court? The existing stair that leads to that area is shown on Floor Plan 01 but it is missing on Floor Plan 02. It appears the gallery becomes an inaccessible space.
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228. I think converting the current weight room to a common area for gathering would greatly improve the club. It makes sense to have it adjacent to the galley. The weight room does not need to be in that location. I support keeping the handball court as is, but encouraging more use of it for other activities. It is a very useful and flexible space. Adding a gender neutral sauna on the ground floor would be a

tremendous safety improvement, as well a fun addition. I think there should also be an accessible gender neutral private shower on the ground floor. Keeping good (or improved!) neighborly relations with SERC should be a priority, as should sea level rise.

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229. Interested in making use of handball court for alternate activities. I would like to see as little disruption to the locker rooms as possible during the construction period.
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230. Do as little as possible except to raise the club and protect from water damage. Keep the club the same, as much as is possible Find much better uses for the handball court. I'm told that people who try to use the handball court for their own purposes are often kicked off by Southenders who have scheduled its use. This has to stop!!!!!!!!!!!!
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231. We should keep the handball courts for handball. They are already used for other purposes as well. If we expand the men's locker room into the mezzanine of the handball court, could we also shift some of the men's locker room to be used by women? I'm thinking particular about the alcove on the west wall of the blue locker room that is opposite the women's bathroom and sauna. It could be shifted by adding a new wall on it's east and providing a door to the women's locker room in the current wall. Yes, this would impact many senior men members but it is a trade off we should make. By the time this project finishes we will be approaching the 50 year mark of the first women members and giving the most senior women lockers befitting their status is long overdue.
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232. Appreciate the transparency this renovation process is delivering. I want the club buildings renovated and up to code and more. Fan of roof terrace and coed sauna.
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233. Re fortifying the weight room & galley against rising seas - they are both 2' above Jefferson St. and only 6" below the boathouse. The only way to fortify is to move, or build a dike. Any analyses claiming the weight room has to be rebuilt due to its condition is incomplete, unless keeping the existing structure is investigated. The real reason for demolishing the weight room is that the committee wants to. Not offered as an option in the survey. I am preparing my "I told you so" speech when the structures come down & members start howling. I'm making room for that half case of wine!
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234. I have faith in the Dolphin Club board to make a wise decision here and appreciate the opportunity to voice an opinion. Ultimately I think it comes down as has been indicated here to whether the club wants a place to congregate downstairs which the weight room poses a great place for, and if the weight room were to be relocated where that would be. My personal preference if we had all the money in the world would be to renovate the handball court as it feels like the # of people that use the court vs would enjoy the weightroom + sancimino room combo is widely different. It would be an upgrade to the weightroom generally as the views would be terrific and the deck a great place to go, and the weight room area would be a terrific place for people to spend time as well. But that also sounds expensive and worth thinking about.
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235. I like the idea of gender neutral sauna . . . i don't want it to impact the amount of deck space we currently have. Enhancements to both locker rooms would be great . . . are there plans to upgrade the flooring? Replacing lockers (but not the life member's lockers?)
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236. Required structural renovations obviously must be completed. Honestly I love the Club as it is but understand the need for additions but hoping for the least disruptive ones so the Club can be updated but NOT loose it's current historical character and atmosphere. More modern clubs exist in SF so people who want that should look into those. I am pro renovation but against a reconstruction and loss of character. It is a unique Club and should stay that way if possible.
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237. I think if we are planning for the future, it is better to think about adding more space and options. It is much harder to add these things later, even if they are more expensive now.
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238. Progress not Perfection as Anthony Ducomb stated at meeting. Complete renovation within monies we --have option 1 . I am sure we will find other issues that are unseen and will cost money. There is no cost associated with the other two options--Only that they will 'cost more than Option 1'...which is scary. Less than 23% of the members have donated---is the club as a whole ready for an assessment if do not meet the fundraising goal? I know myself and many others are donation fatigued and are not up for donating any more money. If there is disruption will we lose members and be unable

to fund? Do not need roof top deck....we already have a deck that is not used..plus it irritates SERC...do we need to do this? Handball court: Has many other uses and is part of the history of the club and the living museum. Who knows...there may be a resurgence just like there has been a resurgence in rowing. Weight Room: OMG...there is so much history there and huge donations by members. Leave it alone just fix it so it will not float away. So even think of placing a weight room in the Sancimino Room...huge donation by family is so sad. Plus any weight room on the second floor requires extensive structure...\$\$\$\$. If people want to meet up meet in the Staib room as you can read the water up there far better and plot your course (and see the sea life...).

239. I prefer to keep things simple at the DC and it makes me sad to think the Sanimino room might go away. I like that the gym is simple. If I wanted a fancy gym with a deck I would join a fancy gym. I have eaten many many meals in the commons room at the SERC and find it loud, cramped and uncomfortable, that said I strongly oppose a commons room. We do not need one!!! Please leave the charm of our club alone, why fix things that are not broken!

240. Given the predominantly male membership voting on allocating funding for additional locker room space for the womens locker room seems flawed. The majority of members are male and would not benefit from the change, however it is much needed.

241. It's a tricky path to maintain our historic feel and renovate for the future--thank you all for your work on this monumental project. While I generally dislike "improvements" to historic structure like ours, since we must, let's take full advantage of the opportunity provided to provide spaces that will serve all types of present and future Dolphins. I am a strong advocate of repurposing the space that contains the handball court. While I am sympathetic to the historic use and the sport, we do not have the luxury to maintain this underused space to serve just a few members and keep SERC "happy". I also wanted to say a word about our neighbors, who I respect and adore-- we should not be making decisions about our building design based on how much "friction" it will generate with them. They were able to renovate their building to its maximum potential, with our support, and so should we. I felt that we were unfairly bullied by them out of a second floor weight room plan because of infringing SLIGHTLY on their west view-- I still believe there should be a way to work out that plan that would satisfy both clubs enough (if no one is happy, we've reached a good compromise) and place the weight room on top of its old space (the new common/dining room off galley). No doubt they will protest and pressure us about doing away with the handball court (like last time)--It might be interesting to ask them for a trade, we will keep the handball court if they work with us on a compromised weight room above the new common space. NOW would be the time to being that up with them. I urge the renovation committee to take one last shot at that option. Communication has and remains a challenge for the Dolphin Club whether to the membership or with our neighbors. I hope the board is able to try new ways (or new people) to keep our community informed and increase transparency of this process. Another concern I have is for the galley. The galley is a heavily used area (like the saunas) that is critical for events and post-swim gatherings. It would be SO nice if the galley area could be slightly expanded to have a larger stove, counter/prep space, commercial DISHWASHER, and storage space. Again, SERC has a nice model to inspire us. I did wonder what the seating capacity would be in the common room-- SERC's can accommodate about 50 (maybe more?) seated for dining/events. And LOCKERS & GUEST LOCKERS. More, more, more. As someone whose locker borders the few guest lockers in the women's locker room, I can say for sure there are not enough of them. I realize I chose the option (#2) with the most changes, even though I don't like the idea of the club physically changing, and the highest expense. Again, if we're going to do it, let's do it.

242. It would be great to add lockers outside of the club. There are not enough lockers and this would help solve those wanted to lock their items, additional guest lockers, etc.

243. Concerned about the steps, or multiple levels of deck outside current weight room in two of the drawings. Seems like people will trip and have a hard time moving easily around the apron outside the weight room where we all like to gather if we have to constantly watch for where to step up and down. Will also make it hard to move chairs around and have benches there with changing elevation. Thank you for all the work on this!

244. I would like to see some improved outside spaces or easy access to outside spaces for locations like the galley and weight room. The weather seems to be getting better and better relative to sun and warmth so we may as well grab some of the positive aspects of global warming.
245. I am pleased that we have 3 excellent approaches to choose from. I believe that the commons will become an extremely well used and appreciated aspect of DC life.
246. While I understand change is not popular at the Dolphin club option 2 gives up the greatest increase in usable space. For those who have also used the weight room at the south end club, having the weight room on the second floor adjacent to the locker rooms is a huge benefit. With the dining room, we can all take advantage of the new kitchen and increasingly socialize. This club needs to stop being so fixated on the past. If Jack Lalanne was alive, he would obviously be in favor of an expanded second floor weight room and fitness area.
247. The Weight Room is a treasure. Please keep it as it is, though of course with structural upgrades. I use it 4-5 times a week and it is essential to my well being as a Dolphin. If any common space/warming space is needed, stretch it around the existing perimeter, as an indoor/outdoor. Thanks for all your hard work:)
248. Less change the better
249. Very strongly oppose any effort to relocate the weight room. We do NOT need a “ commons” — we have plenty of places to gather.
250. Option 2 with all of the add ons is by far the best option. We’d be crazy to be short sighted and settle for something less. NOW IS THE TIME PS I am a non resident member so “attend the club less than once per month”.My response to that question shows three answers because I made a mistake with my finger that could not be corrected
251. I’m out of town, moved away in 2015, hence no use since Covid. I look forward to returning.
252. Very much appreciate all the efforts. Thank you.
253. I suggest staying within budget of existing donations and repair as needed. Keep it simple and not over think it. It’s works fine as is.
254. I am in favor of renovations that are fast and low-budget
255. no questions. good luck!
256. I strongly support leaving the weight room as is...other construction plans take over other spaces that we need. I also think the current use of our weight room (I've never seen it crowded) does not justify the expense of rebuilding it elsewhere.
257. Generally ... make more space for new members.
258. I'd like to emphasize how a mixed sauna, and a gender neutral changing room/locker area on the ground floor would really help my and my family's comfort and sense of belonging at the club. We have a member of our family who is gender queer, and having a neutral space is sooo helpful. Since COVID, even having the option for hot showers and changing areas outside of the locker room has been really helpful. Additionally, having another family member with mobility issues, it would make it a lot easier to have ground floor access to amenities.
259. I prefer option 2 because the large deck off the weight room will make that space accessible and used. It would be a great area for yoga and stretching, taking the dumbbells outside and rowing machines outside. The Sancino Room is underused and would benefit from that small deck and refresh....or perhaps also use that for cardio machines or just a zen quiet space for meditation. I also like #3, but I believe that the rooftop deck above the commons will be dead space. And the outdoor off the weight room will be smaller and not great for yoga, etc.

260. I would like to see the cupola be used to keep swimmers and boater safer as a communications hub/command center during events (mini VTC). Radios, weather, video feeds, etc in a dedicated space with everything right there. Due to its height it has a great view of the cove and beyond. It is an additional under utilized space.
261. men's locker room could have more lockers if some more of the lockers were sized more like the women's lockers. if more deck is desired, how about top of women's locker room, where sunbathing space once was? galley: love the new use of take-out windows during outdoor celebrations addition of codes, costs and City requirements might change what we can do but it's good to think about what we want
262. None.
263. I'm pleased with what I've seen and heard
264. Option 2 or 3 would exceed our current budget. Has there been talk of an assessment or raising of the dues to help cover the additional and unforeseen costs. Rarely have I seen any project under or on budget so if can't raise the budgeted amount, I am all for assessments and dues increases. I also think the club needs to put a definitive limit on membership totals. As it is proposed, any renovation plans is designed to accommodate how many members? Remember, we're planning for tomorrow and with that end , how many members is any design designed to ultimately accommodate.
265. Option 1. We do not need a 'common area'. We do not need a rooftop area and we sure don't want to block any view of SERC. The weight room has a great view and history. Don't mess w it. Leave the handball court! Again, history and yet another gathering area. Rather than putting in a sauna, how about a small area outside that is COVERED w/out being enclosed? Has our architect actually used the club and amenities? Has he walked through the space and seen how we use it? Also, jaysus 2.75 million!
266. As much as I appreciate there are a few people who care about handball, c'mon, it's time to do something else with that space.
267. My concerns relate to swimming, showering and socializing. I dont use the gym. When I was a board member we purchased the first exercise machine. I dont use the kitchen . Always there must be upgrades BUT...
268. While I intend to support actively and financially whatever plan is settled upon by the Board, I would caution that the plan, both externally and internally, should respect the almost 150 year history and culture of the Club.
269. Why is option #2 the only option repurposing the handball court. I believe the handball court is the least utilized space in the building and could be used much more effectively. I also believe that removing the court was supported in our prior survey but little discussion was had and don't understand why it's being maintained in options #1 and #3.
270. Can we relocate the un-used-lockers outside the handball courts to the boat room under the Womens locker room as co-ed daily use lockers?
271. Looks good. Congrats.
272. None at this time.
273. I strongly oppose changing the Sancimino room. I love it and now that Covid is less, will go back to using it to rest, read, talk maybe resuscitate the book club. I think the idea of an additional co ed sauna will be great for our DC swims, moonlight swims etc!Also help for those who come out really hypothermic! I have never seen the handball court used, and it would be good to either make it for commons or weight and exercise room.
274. I strongly favor keeping the Sancimino room as a place of gathering, reflection and relaxing.
275. I think you guys are doing a great job. Thank you. I would love if we used this opportunity to add to the amenities of the club.

276. I think that the commons space on the first floor immediately off the deck and close to the water is the best use of that space. My understanding is that this area was a dining room prior to it becoming a weight room. If this space, in its rebuilt state, is to become a commons area, then we should think creatively about how this space is programmed. The SERC commons room feels like a lame cafeteria. I would like to see the DC commons room be more comfortable with some couches and a few tables and chairs as well as keeping a few cardio machines down there so folks can do a quick warm up prior to jumping. I think social spaces will evolve in the next decades to include modes of fitness that are more social, and a commons room seems like a good space for this to flourish.
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277. If needed I think we could also shrink the Staib room - on the few occasions when many people use it such as club swim briefings I think we could squeeze together tighter
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278. Thank you all for your work on this important project. I have no doubt that whatever option you choose, it will be the best.
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279. By removing the current weight room, a significant portion of the Dolphin Club history and charm is demolished. Some areas hold a 'presence' that cannot be restored. Respect and history goes a long ways to unifying a club. A question the needs consideration in a survey would be: How likely are you to make a contribution to support the changes in option 1; in option 2; in option 3? At this time, what would be the amount you're willing to contribute....\$100; \$500; \$1000; \$5,000; \$10,000; or more (specify amount)? This will be a costly undertaking and some of us have already made significant contributions to sustain the weight room where it is currently located.
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280. More precision and data regarding Options 1/2/3 would be helpful. For example, Option 1 will cost \$x.xx million and be completed in xx months. (The current description for Option 1 only implies that it will be covered with the projected \$2.75M fundraising and will be the least complex choice.) Option 2 will cost \$x.xx million and be completed in xx months. (The current description only mentions Option 2 as the most expensive choice and the one with the greatest potential conflict with the South End Club.) Option 3 will cost \$x.xx million and be completed in xx months. (The current description only mentioned that it is in the middle in cost and will not cause conflict with the South End Club.) The potential conflict with the South End Club with Option 2 includes potentially disputed items x, y, z. It is hard to make a fully informed choice without the supporting details.
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281. Would help to see approx timelines with the plans.
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282. Fix the problems. Keep the footprint the same or as near as feasible. Don't spend money you don't have
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283. While it's sad to lose some of the old charm of the club in the remodel, I think it's long due and very welcomed. Thank you to the all involved in this huge project. In addition to proposed plans I would ask to consider 1) proper outdoor shower area with multiple showers with proper drains near by the third sauna and 2) place for a large table for gatherings, map reading, route planning, meetings etc in case Sancimino room is re-purposed
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284. I am a new member, joined in January, and have joined friends at the Dolphin Club for years prior to joining. The history of the dolphin club is represented both in the facilities and the membership. I am concerned that fear of change will prevent this process from benefitting ALL members as well as it could / should.
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285. Love the idea of a sauna room for everyone to share- and as many common spaces (inside and out) as possible so we can mingle with all the genders and ages possible.
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286. Think bathrooms are very important and access to them on each level is important. I appreciate all of the work every one is doing on the project.
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287. The question about moving the weight rooms should be SEPARATE from the notion of a commons. I support moving the weight room in order to reconfigure the outside space for better recreational use. I do not want yet another social space or dining room. There are already lots of social spaces at the DC. I would much rather see more emphasis on our mission: swimming/rowing/bay access for all.

288. Hand ball court should be used for other purpose; so few people use it.
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289. My primary preference is to create a common area space. The current structure does not create a strong feeling of community and building the kitchen leading into social space would be a wonderful improvement. Plus, I saw what the South End has and am a little jealous.
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290. I don't even know what hand ball is!
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291. Please create an intimate dining space with dimmable lighting. It is sorely missing in our club. The boathouse is dark, cold and uninviting for a small gathering, whether at breakfast or dinner. The Sancimino Room is not a dining room and should be available for sitting or for small committee meetings. I am sure that you can create a space with some of the warmth and view that the current weight room has but for DINING. I would also throw away every piece of furniture in the Sancimino and Staib rooms. All of it is tired and uncomfortable. Bye Bye Pan AM lounge circa 1940 - the furniture was free and it is worth what we paid for it. Also, please no more member donations of furniture cast-offs. It's just so shabby.
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292. There's a glitch with Q3—unable to mark the *same* number of days pre-Covid and since Covid (3-4 days in both time frames).
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293. Absolutely do not want to lose handball court. While the court is relatively little used, that's because of lack of imagination. It is used for yoga, but could be much more utilized for many other uses (class room, etc), just need a more functional (eg, online) reservation system. The bar space at South end of main boat room is largely wasted space and can be eliminated, move boats that much south, gain the room at north end, make the common space there, next to Galley, opening onto dock, keep weight room where is. Sancimino room very valuable.
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294. How will access to locker room and water be affected during demolition and then construction?
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295. Thanks to all who have put a long of work into this.. !
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296. I'm not as invested as other dolphins in this renovation. I'm good with keeping us up to code and making the space safe and available for all. To me the simplest choice is the best.
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297. After watching the meeting video I echo Anthony's closing comment, we need to make a decision and proceed.
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298. My concerns are mostly around the amount of time there will be disruption to the womens locker room and how that will be handled so we can change/shower/etc.
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299. Don't start a war with SERC. We have great western exposure. Don't do anything to diminish their only western outlook! Nothing on top of newly rebuilt areas, however they are purposed. Let the enmity stop and be a great neighbor!!
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300. I hope that the renovation can be staged so that members can continue to use the club and see the transformation in process.
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301. I think it is crucial to move the weight room and create a commons area there in what is the club's prime real estate given the view and proximity to the kitchen. The current weight room has a devoted following but if located in the Sancimino Room area it would have great views and an excellent location. The handball court is too closed/interior a location.
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302. We cannot build our way out of the lack of locker space. It's a poor use of donor funds. It would seem much more sensible to transition membership to expect that all lockers are "day use only" and rework membership revenue to support new model. Compliance with SF Health Department requirements for health clubs. Redirect capital investments in locker room expansions that cannot hope to serve all members. Reduce current locker room space over time and repurpose the space to focus on providing locker capacity sized for daily/weekend peak attendance. While the current model serves the ruling gerontocracy, it serves as a reminder younger members of the inequalities built into club policies - that key club facilities are not and will not be available to them. So younger members take their health club dollars and go elsewhere. We're left with an aging membership and wonder why?

303. I favor moving the weight room in order to take better advantage of the space between the kitchen and the beach.
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304. Hastily survey timeline for responses. No responses from board about timeframe after survey period has closed and publishing of data, or discussion when this will come to a vote. There's a strong sense that several board members have a louder voice and say so in matters which precludes having a democratic process with decision making.
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305. Important to move the weight room from its present location to maximize communal space.
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306. Special thanks to all the renovation committee as well as the fundraising committee for all of their hard work and efforts in moving our club forward into the future.
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307. I am concerned that the weight room or commons may not be raised high enough to account for sea level rise. I also think that if the weight room stays where it is, the cost savings (relative to other options) should be put toward more locker space for both men and women.
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308. Would love to understand member usage of the various amenities to understand impact i.e. swimmers, vs boats vs weight room vs handball court vs others My assumption is the % of the membership utilizing e.g. the weight room and handball court is significantly lower than swimmers/boats and so this assumption was behind my answer to the survey.
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309. I like the idea of a common room where the gym is today - assuming we can add sliding glass/folding doors to the main deck area. Believing that Covid is here to stay, this would allow it's use as a covered and heated changing area (with doors wide open) during surge events. Seems like a practical consideration. Thanks for all of the hard work on this!
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310. sustainability and use of the club during construction is a concern. My biggest concern is modernizing this space especially the historic old feel. I would be very remiss if the ethos of the club changes due to this construction.
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311. I appreciate making the club code compliant for accessibility and a more functional/safe kitchen space for our events. But I do not want to see a super new super modern club spaces for events (there is so much drama about what is an event, what are the rules about events, who can have events, etc), I think a new modern event area would complicate existing issues. I appreciate the sustainable aspects of making the club more prepared for rising tides and safe structural design. I love our buildings and spaces and appreciate the warm history of them. Not looking for a state of the art locker room or anything like that.
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312. When I work out in the weight room, I like to be able to see the water. And I like natural air flow-- feels safer.
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313. Add projected costs to each proposal
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314. No questions/suggestions/concerns at this time.
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315. I'm all for renovation and improvement but I also think the history of the club is important! Specifically, the Sancimino room is special to me for a quiet moment to sit and watch the Bay. I use the weight room quite frequently and really enjoy the exposure to the bay and fresh air. That being said, the location of the weights/equipment is less important to me than the existence of weights/equipment. While it would be bittersweet to relocate the weight room, the proximity to the kitchen and it's possible use as a gathering space is quite interesting.
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316. No concerns, I am genuinely amazed by the serious organization the Dolphin deploys around this project
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317. I joined during the pandemic, so I have only experienced the club that way. I do wish there were more lockers for the women's locker room!
318. Let's use the money for the Muni Pier Restoration Fund. Ask the SERC to match the funds raised. Muni Pier is very important to Aquatic Park.
319. It's out of my hands!

