

## **FINDINGS OF NEED:**

WHEREAS attracting investors to develop real estate is dependent on the greater Indianola area having a vibrant economy and a high quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS entities desiring to locate and expand operations in the greater Indianola area desire communities that value individual wellness and active recreational opportunities for all age groups; and

WHEREAS there is development potential to add over \$100 million in value within Urban Renewal Areas provided Indianola sustains and improves its economic vitality, workforce, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS having a publicly-operated recreational facility, either by a non-profit or local government, with ongoing operating costs primarily supported by membership dues, would be an economic asset to the community; and

WHEREAS facility ownership, operational structure, and funding should recognize costs and benefits derived by all stakeholders located in the greater Indianola area; and

WHEREAS operational strategies should strive to mitigate issues related to some community member's inability to pay membership dues; and

WHEREAS there is a need to enhance ageing indoor aquatic facilities in Indianola; and

WHEREAS the size and location of current indoor aquatic facilities inhibits public use, student use, and education opportunities; and

WHEREAS public health and childhood obesity are growing societal concerns; and

WHEREAS future growth of health sciences is an educational and employment opportunity for all age levels; and

WHEREAS planning for a facility that addresses the aforementioned issues shall consider past information gathered and seek new information on facility amenities typical for a community the size of Indianola and those desired by stakeholders; and

WHEREAS facility planning efforts shall seek broad public input and widely disseminate available information.