

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS  
COMMISSION – AQUATICS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Member Lormans called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

ROLL CALL

Member Baldino	-	Absent (Arrived at 10:20 am)
Member Cavagnolo	-	Present
Member Davis	-	Present
Member Lormans	-	Present
Member Watson	-	Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

Kurt Fry, President of South Bay United Water Polo Club, thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed enthusiasm for the new plans, updated practice times, and the reopening of the Plunge.

Tim Arnold, Resident of El Segundo, asked questions regarding the proposed two-tier policy for allocating pool space. He expressed concern that the policy does not account for the total number of residents and noted that Wiseburn residents did not appear to be included. He thanked Member Lormans for his efforts, stated that the policy is generally well written, and wished the group success moving forward.

Mel Quo, President of Beach Cities Alpha, voiced concerns about the Lane Allocation Policy's use of percentages based on residency. He recommended considering the total number of residents and emphasized that Wiseburn residents should be counted as residents under the joint use agreement. He also stressed the need for a thorough resident-verification process for the allocation system to function properly.

Clay Evans, Head Coach and Director of Team Santa Monica, stated that SCAQ will not be able to meet a 75% residency requirement. He also noted that the City of Los Angeles has fewer restrictions and is more welcoming to nonresidents, while El Segundo, is less open and imposes additional fees for nonresidents. He cautioned the group to be mindful of the burdens these policies may place on staff.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Member Cavagnolo, SECONDED by Member Watson, approving the Subcommittee Regular Meeting minutes of October 20, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 4/0.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 2. Aquatics Report Review

Member Lormans presented the Aquatics Report Review. Member Davis commented on the total cost recovery section. Member Lormans provided additional information.

Member Baldino suggesting revising the title of the cost recovery line, noting that it does not accurately reflect the true cost. He added that the inclusion of the cost information is a great addition to the report. Member Lormans asked for recommendations on a more accurate title. Subcommittee members provided additional information.

## 3. Plunge Update

Senior Civil Engineer Cheryl Ebert provided the Plunge Update. She stated that the front steps of the building will be demolished and replaced, pending approval of a subcontractor change that will go before City Council as an agenda item. She also reported that construction completion has been delayed to February. Senior Civil Engineer Ebert explained that several factors outside the City's control have contributed to the delay, including the pending installation of the SCE transformer, manufacturing and delivery delays for the pool tile, the need for final approval from the health department, and weather conditions that halted concrete pouring. Member Cavagnolo asked whether the subcontractor change applied only to concrete work or if it involved additional responsibilities. Senior Civil Engineer Ebert and Member Baldino provided additional information.

## 4. Aquatics Center Maintenance Update

Member Lormans provided the Aquatics Center Maintenance Update. He reported that the facility experienced a partial closure on November 4 due to water temperature issues and noted that the water filter has since been repaired. Member Davis asked whether a ventilation system would be installed in the utility room. Director of Public Works Elias Sassoon provided additional information.

## 5. Plunge Capital Campaign Update

Member Lormans provided an update on the Plunge Capital Campaign. He reported that the campaign has currently raised \$2,034,500. He noted that there are potential major donors that have not yet finalized their contributions. Member Lormans also explained that once an official opening date for the Plunge is established, it will determine the final deadline for donors wishing to be included on the donor wall.

## 6. Plunge Historical Display Working Group

Member Lormans provided an update on the Plunge Historical Display Working Group. He noted that the group did not meet over the past month but stated that

he will be scheduling a meeting soon to discuss the display cases in greater detail.

7. Aquatics Business Plan (*Moved before Item B2*)

Councilman Hunsaker Consultant George Deines presented the draft Swimming Pool Lane Allocation Policy. Member Cavagnolo asked whether the Lane Allocation Policy would be treated as a legal document. Member Baldino inquired about the system for verifying residency. Member Lormans provided additional information. Member Davis commented on the variability in the number of residents across different teams. Member Baldino and Member Watson provided additional information.

Subcommittee members provided their feedback on the policy. Member Baldino emphasized the importance of clearly stating that the City reserves the right to make last-minute adjustments.

C. NEW BUSINESS

8. Upcoming Events

Member Lormans provided an update on upcoming events, announcing lifeguard certification courses scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Dive-In Movie Night featuring Monsters Inc. on November 21<sup>st</sup>, a Thanksgiving Aquatics Camp, and a holiday swimming competition called the Holiday Hustle.

9. Staffing Update

Member Lormans introduced the newly promoted Aquatics Supervisor, Bailey Myers, and announced that recruitment is underway for an Aquatics Coordinator.

D. REPORTS

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Member Lormans provided an update on the LA 2028 Summer Olympic Games rentals. He reported that Facility Use Agreements have been sent to the French, USA, Australia, and Great Britain teams, totaling approximately \$141,920 in facility use fees. He expressed enthusiasm about hosting these teams at the pool.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

