

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION – AQUATICS SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

Member Baldino	-	Present
Member Cavagnolo	-	Present
Member Davis	-	Absent
Member Lormans	-	Present
Member Watson	-	Present

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

Mel Quo, President of Beach Cities Swimming, provided public comment highlighting the successful recent merger with Alpha, resulting in the formation of Beach Cities Alpha. He expressed enthusiasm about the unified team’s future and the benefits of working together.

Christopher Godfrey, representing Coastal Masters Water Polo, provided public comment announcing that the team recently won its second national championship in the 30s division. He also expressed appreciation for the current fee rates, thanking the city for its support.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Member Watson, SECONDED by Member Cavagnolo, approving the Subcommittee Regular Meeting minutes of June 16, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 4/0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Aquatics Report Review

Member Lormans presented the Aquatics Report Review.

3. Plunge Update

Member Lormans provided the Plunge Update on behalf of Senior Civil Engineer Cheryl Ebert. He reported that work is nearing completion in several key areas, including pool plumbing, the mechanical room, renovations to the pool bottom, locker room tiling, and ceiling painting. Member Watson suggested posting

recent photos of the project as it would help keep documentation current and accessible.

Member Lormans provided an update on the Plunge Mosaic. Member Cavagnolo asked about the timeline for making a final decision. Member Watson inquired about the guidelines, structure, and evaluation criteria being used for the Plunge Mosaic art piece. Member Lormans provided additional information. Member Watson expressed that she preferred to not get involved in the artistic decision but noted the importance of inclusivity in public artwork. Member Baldino and Member Cavagnolo shared their preferences for Design 3, noting that the other designs appeared too dark and focused primarily on an underwater perspective.

4. Aquatics Center Maintenance Update

Member Lormans provided the Aquatics Center Maintenance Update. He reported on the current closure of the Aquatics Facility. Member Lormans also informed the subcommittee that Shawn Kearney, Chief Business Official for Wiseburn, stated that they are currently working with Myrtha Pools to find a solution for the instructional pool liner but remain uncertain whether an agreement can be reached within the timeframe of the current pool shutdown. Member Baldino expressed disappointment at the perceived lack of urgency from Wiseburn questioning why the opportunity to complete repairs during the closure was not being fully utilized. Director of Public Works Elias Sassoon provided additional information.

Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini provided an update regarding Hilltop Park and discussed the potential expansion of the cement pad adjacent to the pool.

5. Plunge Capital Campaign Update

Director Mancini provided the Plunge Capital Campaign update announcing that Richard Lundquist of South Bay Sports, Health, & Recreation will be attending the City Council meeting scheduled for August 19th. She also shared that the campaign has received a \$100,000 donation from Sketchers. Member Watson inquired about the sale of commemorative tiles and inquired about the donation website. Member Cavagnolo asked for an update on the current fundraising gap. Director Mancini provided additional information.

C. NEW BUSINESS

6. Saari Family Medals Update

Director Mancini provided the Saari Family Medals update.

7. Plunge Historical Display Working Group

Director Mancini introduced the formation of the Plunge Historical Display Working Group. Member Cavagnolo volunteered to join, and the subcommittee nominated Member Lee to participate. Member Watson emphasized the importance of ensuring the display is inclusive. Member Baldino suggested collaborating with the library to support the development of the display.

8. Aquatics Business Plan

Director Mancini and Member Cavagnolo provided the Aquatics Business Plan update. Member Watson asked whether the third-party consultants had offered any valuable insights. Member Baldino expressed interest in tracking pool related expenditures more closely. Member Watson also cautioned against rushing the process, emphasizing the importance of thoughtful planning. Member Baldino and Director Mancini provided additional information.

MOTION by Member Baldino, SECONDED by Member Cavagnolo, to approve the formation of a Subcommittee Ad Hoc, MOTION PASSED. 4/0

9. Upcoming Events

Member Lormans provided the Upcoming Events update noting that National Lifeguard Appreciation Day is on July 31st and will be celebrated with a booth at Hilltop Park. He also announced the reopening of the Aquatics Center scheduled for September 1st.

D. REPORTS

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Mancini reported that the city is in discussions with two Olympic teams regarding the potential use of El Segundo Aquatics Center. She also announced the promotion of Member Lormans to Aquatics Manager.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

None

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Watson congratulated Member Lormans on his promotion and expressed appreciation to Beach Cities and Alpha for their successful merge.

Member Cavagnolo thanked Member Lormans for his outstanding work and engagement in the day-to-day operations of the El Segundo Aquatics Center, noting that the facility is running smoothly under his leadership.

Member Baldino echoed Member Cavagnolo's feedback, adding that he is genuinely impressed with Member Lormans' performance.

Adjourned at 10:43 AM

Viviann Gonzalez

Viviann Gonzalez, Senior Administrative Specialist