

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION – AQUATICS SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Member Watson called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

ROLL CALL

Member Baldino	-	Absent
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)

Tim Arnold, a Board Member of Beach Cities Alpha, spoke about how they were unable to secure the parking lot on the Wiseburn side of the pool which ultimately would prevent the team from hosting the meet in November at the Wiseburn facility.

David Tong, a Board Member of Beach Cities Alpha and resident of El Segundo, requested that the committee clearly outline a process for submitting feedback on the Aquatics Business Plan. He emphasized the importance of ensuring user groups have a clear avenue to express their needs. He also expressed enthusiasm about the reopening of the Plunge.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Member Davis, SECONDED by Member Watson, approving the Subcommittee Regular Meeting minutes of August 18, 2025, MOTION PASSED.
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B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Aquatics Report Review

Member Lormans presented the Aquatics Report Review. Member Watson thanked Member Lormans for including a unique users column, as she had previously requested, and expressed interest in seeing the upcoming data. She inquired whether it was difficult to obtain the numbers. Member Lormans provided additional information.

3. Plunge Update

Member Lormans provided the Plunge Update on behalf of Senior Civil Engineer Cheryl Ebert. He reported that major progress has been made, including completion of the pool's waterproofing and ongoing work on the HVAC and lighting systems. He also noted that the team is working with the design firm to incorporate the historic fish tiles from the instructional pool into the updated design. Member Cavagnolo inquired about the project timeline. Director of Public Works Elias Sassoon provided additional information.

Subcommittee members expressed disappointment regarding the project delay and raised concerns about why the delay had not been communicated sooner. They asked what changes had occurred since the last meeting that impacted the timeline. Director Sassoon provided additional information.

Member Watson requested that the city website be updated with the most recent information about the Plunge.

4. Aquatics Center Maintenance Update

Member Lormans provided the Aquatics Center Maintenance Update. He reported that the competition pool reopened on September 1st and the instructional pool followed on September 5th, stating that the delay was due to an issue with the filtration system. Final inspection of the new heaters was completed on September 11th. Member Davis inquired whether the new heaters are operating at full capacity. Member Lormans provided additional information.

5. Plunge Capital Campaign Update

Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini provided an update on the Plunge Capital Campaign. She stated that efforts will continue, with upcoming donor meetings scheduled with major corporations.

6. Plunge Historical Display Working Group

Member Lormans provided an update on the Plunge Historical Display Working Group. Director Mancini shared that they plan to request funding from the Arts and Culture Committee (ACC) to support the creation of a display that is both historical and artistic. Member Cavagnolo asked whether, if the ACC were to provide funding, the committee would need to be acknowledged in the design. Director Mancini provided additional information.

7. Aquatics Business Plan

Member Lormans and Member Cavagnolo provided an update on the Aquatics Business Plan. Member Watson raised questions regarding current market rates, the decline in swim lesson revenue, whether pricing may be discouraging participation, and the elements necessary for the plan's overall success. Member Davis noted the significant increase in program goals compared to 2019. He also

highlighted the importance of recruiting well-trained instructors, offering high-quality swim instruction that goes beyond basic skills, and ensuring that swim lessons are both effective and financially sustainable. Member Davis asked how user groups are being engaged in the planning process. Member Lormans and Member Cavagnolo provided additional information.

Director Mancini requested that the presentation include a dedicated slide on swim lessons, emphasizing the importance of water safety. She suggested exploring expanded hours, such as Sundays or Saturday evenings, to increase access to the Plunge. She also noted that the City Attorney would not support reducing lifeguard staffing requirements.

C. NEW BUSINESS

8. Upcoming Events

Member Lormans provided an update on upcoming events, announcing lifeguard classes scheduled for September 20, 21, 26, and 27. He also announced that the South Bay Tournament, hosted by El Segundo High School, will be taking place at the Aquatics Center.

D. REPORTS

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Mancini thanked Member Lormans and Member Cavagnolo for their work on the Aquatics Business Plan and expressed appreciation to the rest of the committee for their input. She also acknowledged Member Davis for his efforts to obtain the Saari medals. Director Mancini noted that she is looking forward to the reopening of the Plunge and added that she will review the meeting's public comments with the City Manager Darrell George and Director of Public Works Sassoon to seek further clarification.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Member Lormans provided an update on the LA 2028 Summer Olympic Games. He shared that a walkthrough was conducted with the French delegation and the following day they expressed interest in moving forward with the rental for a pre-Olympic training camp. The dates they are seeking are July 1–15, 2028. This request will be brought up to City Council first. A walkthrough with the USA National Team is scheduled as they have also indicated interest in using the facility as a practice venue during the Olympic Games from July 16-30, 2028.

11. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Watson expressed her excitement about the French National Team potentially using the pool.

Member Lee emphasized the importance of prioritizing local residents' access to the facility. He expressed interest in seeing local teams grow and mentioned he would like to see lessons offered at Hilltop Pool.

Adjourned at 11:56 AM

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