From: Jeff and Beth Schodorf <schodorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 1:42 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS; Carpenter, Greg; gyantz@elsegundo.org
Subject: Aquatic Center for El Segundo

Mayor Jacobson, City Council Members, Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Yantz,

My name is Beth Schodorf. My husband, Jeff, and I have been residents of El Segundo since 2005 and homeowners since 2007. We have two sons, one at Richmond St and one at the Middle School. I am writing because I would like to know the current status of an aquatic center for El Segundo. As long as I have lived here, there have been proposals and much debate about a new pool and/or renovations to the Plunge. Locations considered were all centrally located near our schools and in the residential section of El Segundo. Now, I am hearing that a pool will be built next to the site of the planned Wiseburn High School. I have heard that negotiations are taking place between El Segundo and the Wiseburn School District over the financial and physical management of the pool and community usage. Is the City of Hawthorne also involved in these negotiations? I am very interested in hearing the details of what is being proposed as I’m sure other residents are. I am concerned that our high school and residents will be short changed if guidelines for use of the pool are not thoroughly developed before any agreement is reached.

I have always been in favor of a new aquatic center for El Segundo. The Plunge is not adequate to serve the current needs of ESUSD or the community. Our high school students deserve a competitive pool for their swim team and water polo teams. Collaborating with the Wiseburn School District may be a way to accomplish this, if it is done correctly. The site would not be ideal for ESHS but it is an improvement over our current situation.

I’m looking for some assurance that ESHS’s needs and our community needs will be met before the City commits to any agreement with Wiseburn. Will this be discussed at an upcoming City Council Meeting?

Thank you.

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From: Michael Keegan <michaelkeegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:01 AM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Wiseburn

Dear City Council members:

I read today's Daily Breeze article about the possible Aquatics facility agreement between El Segundo and Wiseburn School Dist. I want to congratulate the negotiating teams on coming up with a creative solution instead of litigating away an issue. This thinking outside the box will serve the entire community much better than spending money on lawyers and wasting taxpayer resources.

I think the school and the Aquatics Facility will serve the business community, residential community and school children in many ways. Having a premier aquatics facility will benefit everyone including residents and business workers. I hope you will design the pool in a manner that allows the pool to be used for adult lap swimming, swim lessons and other community uses so the members of the community can exercise and stay healthy. This will be an amenity to the area.

Good Luck this evening and I look forward to reading about the progress of this project.

Sincerely,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Wingate <cwingate@socal.rr.com>
Date: May 21, 2013, 2:34:01 PM PDT
To: Tracy Weaver <tweaver@elsegundo.org>
Subject: Council presentation

Dear Tracy,

This is what I plan to say tonight. Thanks for your help.

Carol
May 21, 2013 City Council Meeting

I'd like to make some comments and ask some questions regarding Unfinished Business item A1, the joint use agreement between Wiseburn School District and the City of El Segundo that was added to the agenda just six days ago. I forwarded a letter via email to all of the council members and was pleased to have been contacted by Suzanne Fuentes and Marie Fellhauer. We had informative, constructive conversations and I appreciate their input, time and consideration.

My questions and comments regarding this agenda item are:

1. Why was this item added to the agenda so late? When was this item first discussed? Was the El Segundo School Board consulted during these negotiations?
2. The Joint Use Agreement states El Segundo agrees to "operate, maintain and staff" an outdoor 50 meter competition pool, restrooms, lockers and parking lot and, perhaps, a therapy pool, that will be part of the new Wiseburn High School that is to be built at 201 N. Douglas Street. This agreement commits El Segundo to providing these services for at least 5 years with the term of the agreement to be for 25 years with a possible extension of an additional 25 years, for a total of 50 years.
3. As part of this agreement the city will not dispute the EIR for the construction of the school or pursue legal challenges to the land purchase or school construction in exchange for Wiseburn committing 6 million dollars to the construction of this pool.
4. El Segundo and Wiseburn School District will explore a joint use agreement for the school playing fields and Campus El Segundo athletic fields, also providing access to these fields by employers and employees in the area.
5. Grand Avenue would not be extended as a way to alleviate traffic congestion in El Segundo as long as the property is used for a high school.

It is my opinion that the council should spend city money to bring the greatest good to the greatest number of El Segundo residents. The Plunge, the approximately 70 year old indoor, heated swimming pool that is centrally located next to Richmond Street School is used by El Segundo residents aged 2 through 92 twelve months a year from early in the morning until after 9 at night. It has been neglected by the city for years and is in desperate need of repairs and refurbishing. It has recently been drained and is unavailable for swimming for the unknown future. If I were part of Wiseburn School District and saw the level of maintenance provided to the Plunge, I would not want to have El Segundo
maintain my new pool. I've been told there is 1.8 million dollars in the aquatics fund that could be used to upgrade the Plunge and that this isn't enough money to accomplish the needed repairs.

The city council members who contacted me said the council Aquatics committee consisting of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Atkinson reported that the operation of the Wiseburn pool would cover the costs of maintaining, staffing and operating the pool and would produce income for El Segundo because it could, perhaps be rented to organizations who want to hold swim meets and water polo tournaments; and this profit could be put into a fund to repair the Plunge.

I would like to hear more solid numbers about this because my casual research of three neighboring cities who rent out their pools showed me that the rental rates range from $75 to $212 an hour. This barely covers the cost of staff, maintenance and pool operations for the period of the event, no less off-setting the expense of providing such services 12 months a year.

There are people in El Segundo who see a crying need for an outdoor competitive pool; I support these athletes and would love to see such a pool built in El Segundo. However, this Wiseburn area pool would primarily serve the needs of the 10% of El Segundo High School students who participate in aquatics competition and the Master Swimmers who may number 50 people, many of whom do not live in El Segundo. This Wiseburn pool might draw some El Segundo recreational swimmers during the warm summer months but I can't imagine mothers taking their children to late afternoon outdoor swimming lessons, families going for evening swim or seniors exercising in this chilly water during the remaining 9 months of the year.

El Segundo has had to cut city staff and services during the recent economic downturn. The city has not yet fully recovered. I believe it is financially foolish to commit to maintain a pool in another school district for the use of a few El Segundo residents. I believe these funds should be invested in maintaining, staffing, operating and refurbishing the pool we already have.

Would this Wiseburn Joint Use Agreement negate the existing Joint Use Agreement the City of El Segundo has with the El Segundo Unified School District?

The playing fields in El Segundo are already impacted by high demand by our athletes. How will they accommodate additional players from Wiseburn and local businesses?

Area traffic is very heavy and is likely to get worse. Agreeing to not extend Grand Avenue to Aviation Blvd. only adds to the congestion. Is this going to provide for the long-term good of local residents?

Thank you for your time and consideration. I anticipate your responses.
Carol Wingate