

The logo of the City of El Segundo, featuring a circular seal with a building and the text "CITY OF EL SEGUNDO" around the perimeter.

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Historical Summary

Urho Saari Swim Stadium Renovation

Timeline of Action Items, Aquatics Facilities

2005- Aquatics Master Plan Recommended that Urho Saari Swim Stadium be renovated and repaired

2006-City Council Approves the Concept of a Two Pool Swim Stadium complex at El Segundo High School

2006- Bond measure that supports two pools at El Segundo High School fails (Measure Q)

2008- Study conducted by Rowley International determines that \$676,000 in filtration and circulation repairs are needed for the Plunge

2010- Pool Alternative Study by Rossetti & Councilman Hunsaker conduct community input meetings and stakeholder strategic plan meetings to gather feedback on aquatics programming and facilities

2015- Wiseburn Aquatic Center Program, Design and Financial Analysis

2020- The Plunge Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study

- “Aquatics Master Plan”, 2005, RJM Design Group
- Public Engagement:
- Community wide phone survey, user group questionnaires, stakeholder questionnaires, community workshops.
- Summary of Findings:
- Renovate and repair existing facilities to maximize efficiency and to contribute to appropriate community image
- Facilitate the development of new aquatic facilities at Hilltop Park
- New aquatic facilities desired
 - Swimming pool for fitness or exercise, 15%
 - Swimming pool for recreation, 14%
 - Swimming pool for competitive swimming, 3%
 - Swimming pool for competitive water polo, 3%

“Pool Alternatives Study”, 2010, Rossetti & Councilman Hunsaker

Public Engagement:

Staff meeting, stakeholder meeting, public meeting, Planning Commission meeting, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, School Board presentation, Workgroup meetings, Council meeting.

Summary of Findings:

- Existing facilities do not meet current community needs
- Preserve El Segundo’s tradition of competitive aquatics
- Provide competition aspect within city aquatics
- Add competitive diving
- Stay within reality in terms of cost and development
- Preserve the history of Urho Saari Stadium which should remain open while building new facility
- Considered Urho Saari Concept #1 and #2 (Indoor and Outdoor pools)
- Considered Imperial Avenue Concept #1 and #2 (Outdoor Pools)
- Considered Hilltop Concept #1 and #2 (Outdoor Pools)

“City of El Segundo Wiseburn Aquatic Center, Program, Design and Financial Analysis”, 2015, Isaac Sports Group, LLC

Public Engagement:

- Meetings with City staff, Wiseburn School District, ESUSD, Pool Design Committee.

Summary of Findings:

- Provide a top Aquatic Center to move El Segundo Swimming and Water Polo Team programs from Urho Saari Swim Stadium to Aquatics Center
- Significantly expand existing aquatic programming and open swim/recreation access for the residents of El Segundo
- Generate economic impact for El Segundo through sport tourism generated by swimming, water polo, and other training and competitive events and programs at the Aquatic Center
- Funding for renovation of Urho Saari Swim Stadium remains a priority for City Council (Staff Report, 9/29/16)

“The Plunge Needs Assessment & Feasibility Study”, 2020, Mithun

Community Engagement:

- Meetings with stakeholders, City maintenance staff, City Aquatics team, Community members, user groups, coaches and instructors.

Summary of Findings:

Code compliance issues

- Lighting
- Ventilation Issues
- Acoustics
- Mechanical system not to code
- Inconsistent water temperature
- Preserve building as cherished landmark
- Neighborhood recreation, “Fun, community vibe”
- *Through community input and staff interaction, it was discovered that these groups envisioned the Plunge as a family recreation swim facility where the community could enjoy lap swimming, swimming lessons, and family swim time. Due to the existing El Segundo Wiseburn Aquatics Center programming being much more competitive in nature, the desire was not to focus on another competitive pool but more of a fun, community focused environment. (Staff report, 6/1/21)*