

EXHIBIT "1"

From: [Shelly Soffer](#)
To: [CommissionComments](#)
Subject: City Parks & Recreation
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:02:03 PM

Dear Commissioners,

For many years our family has enjoyed the various activities offered by the city's Parks and Recreations department. From sports to camps and art activities during the Covid pandemic, the city has risen to the top to care for the needs of residents. There is, however, one area in which we pale in comparison to our neighboring municipalities, and that is specifically the lack of a community aquatic center.

According to the department of health, "From 2018 to 2020 combined, Florida was ranked the highest in the U.S. for unintentional drowning death rate among children ages 1 to 4 years (6.24 per 100,000 population). Florida had the highest unintentional drowning death rate of 3.19 per 100,000 population among children 0 to 9 years of age compared to other states (CDC national injury data). Annually there are enough children under the age of 5 lost to drowning (50 in 2019, 60 in 2020, and 75 in 2021) to fill three or four preschool classrooms (Florida CHARTS)."

If this isn't rational enough for the commission to seriously undertake a study and subsequent plan to develop a city run aquatic center, it should be known and put into public record that we have had a well run swim team in the city that has recently had to relocate due to growth and change in direction of the location at which activities took place. Imagine, if we had a traditional city run pool, how many of our youth could be instructed how to swim, for both survival and pleasure. The creation of a municipal pool would allow residents a greater opportunity to invest in our resources while (potentially) tapping into our county run Water Smart Broward program for swim instruction (and drowning prevention).

My request is simple - we need a city run pool. This isn't a request to build anything extravagant such as Calypso Cove, Splash Adventure, or Coconut Cove, but a simple pool built to allow for instruction and possibly recreation to service our community needs.

Many thanks for your time and attention.

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From: [Joseph Torracco](#)
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Subject: Permit 23000512
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We just wanted to thank the Commisioners for their assistance with our permit request.

While we are still not yet fully approved as Engineering still needs to see a final revised plan for the driveway, landscaping is no longer a hold up. Mark Turok of the Landscaping Department has granted conditional approval. The missing "street tree" will not impede progress. Mark has been very helpful to us.

Thanks also to Vice Mayor Welch for her assistance.

But most important - thanks to the Commissioners for listening to us and responding.

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