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56 Acre Project Public Comment

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Hello,

Please see the attached public comment regarding the 56 Acre Project discussion at the 4/27/21 Joint Meeting of the City of South Lake Tahoe Council and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

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April 23, 2021

Re: Comments on the 56 Acre Project: 4.27.21 Joint Meeting

To the City of South Lake Tahoe Council Members and El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the 56 Acre Project. I have one item to put forward for comment regarding the design of the Aquatic Center. I have been employed as the South Tahoe High School Vikings Swim Coach for both Boys and Girls Swim for the past 5 years. During the stakeholder process, I appreciated being included in the conversations and to have the opportunity to provide feedback.

The current swim facility is in need of replacement. I was excited to hear about the construction of a new aquatics center, and provided input on what I thought would best fit the needs of the active South Lake Tahoe swim community and student athletes. In most years, we have approximately 60 student athlete swimmers on the Viking high school teams as it is a popular sport. Many of these students develop their swim skills by attending Swim Club events at the Recreation Center as youth before entering high school.

It appears that the current plan is to build only 6 lap lanes in the main swimming pool. During early discussions, I and others in the swim community, were excited to hear that the plans might include a pool with twelve lap lanes. This would allow for South Lake Tahoe to have a facility with the capacity to hold regional swim meets and also the possibility of hosting large club events including training camps. We are currently unable due to the limitations of the existing facility which we have outgrown with 6 lanes. Twelve lane capacity will best serve the existing users in the community, and draw athletes from outside of the immediate region, increasing visitation and providing healthy recreational competition.

I had suggested the following items be included in the plans:

- **A twelve lap lane pool**
 - This is the standard for most aquatic facilities. A good example is the Truckee- Donner Community Swimming Pool and Recreational Center.
- **Diving boards that meet NIAA regulation standards**
 - Right now we have no diving board and therefore swimmers who want to pursue diving or engage in the dive portion of the swim meet are excluded from participating or being able to practice. This has been a severe limitation on the ability to develop divers, and results in a zero score in that portion of the meet category during competition. This brings down the entire swim team score.
- **Diving blocks for each lane**
- **Touch pads:** Touch pads record accurate times in swim races and relays. Currently, races are recorded manually by volunteers with stopwatches so it is often impossible to record the correct times - down to a hundredth of a second.
- **Digital scoreboard**

It would be a missed opportunity for the aquatic center to be limited to an only 6 lane lap pool, or not incorporate the other elements I have suggested. We have a chance to improve the facility to accommodate current and future needs of our swim community.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments and look forward to seeing the 56 acre project improvements implemented.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2021

To: South Lake Tahoe City Council & El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

RE: April 27th, 2021 meeting Agenda Item 1 "56-Acre Master Plan Project"

The South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce supports the 56-Acre Master Plan Project as presented in the City documents and reports listed in the agenda packet under New Business for the special meeting scheduled for April 27th, 2021.

Looking at the current plan proposal it is obvious why so many of our members support the project. For years our local community members have been asking for a community center that caters to their needs and wants. They have seen for years new projects being started that are aimed directly at vacationers to the area and have felt left out. Our locals are the backbone of our community, and it is imperative that we provide spaces for them to use.

Our residents are excited to have a centrally located community center that includes a multigenerational recreation center, aquatic complex, City government center, outdoor event venue, pedestrian and bike facilities, and other fun recreation opportunities. Many have wondered why the current recreation center is located so tucked away while the campground has the prime spot with the lake views. Putting a new community center right on the corner at the prime location will not only benefit our locals, but also will be a beautiful addition to our town. City services and offices should always be easily accessible to the community members, and we praise the project planners for the inclusion of the City services and offices located together right in the middle of town on the 56-acres instead of out at the airport.

We would recommend the County support the current City plan as laid out in the agenda documents. The County needs to remember that the residents of the City of South Lake Tahoe are also residents of El Dorado County and should be treated as such.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Adams'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Amanda Adams
President