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Dear Parks Board members,

Although I am not presently a resident of the city of Tukwila, I graduated from Showalter and Foster High School and have been a resident of Tukwila as an adult. I have depended on the Tukwila pool since it was built for my bi-weekly exercise.

I have strong feelings about the coming remodel and would like to express my opinions and observations from over the years of use at the pool.

1. Locker rooms

There does not need to be extensive change to the locker room.

We do not need additional privacy areas made, the existing family bathroom works fine for young children that are too old for the locker room or if an alternate sex needs to help their child that is too young to go safely into the locker-room untended. Swimming locker rooms areas have traditionally been like other locker rooms where personal same sex modesty needs to be "stretched."

a. Lockers—we have done without working lockers for too many years as it is—can't we just continue to bring our own locks? Do we even need them?

b. Handicapped shower—we only need one handicapped shower.

c. Shower water temperature regulation- The showers temps are either too hot or changes dramatically with the flushing of toilets.

d. Locker room floor—for older members we need a safer floor surface.

*****2. Water Stairway Ladder*****

a. We **must** have a stairway like the one in the shallow end for the deep end. Bad knees and age cannot navigate the vertical stairways in the deep end. I have not been able to swim in the deep end for years because of bad knees, I have had to water walk because I cannot get into or out of the deep end.

3. Disability crank chair

There only needs to be one, but it must work easily and have a wide chair and high weight limit for obese swimmers for whom swimming is one of the only exercises in which they can participate.

4. Additional window in the pool area.

The existing window is sufficient. All of us enjoy watching the weather outside while we swim or water walk, but an additional window if not needed.

5. Heating of pool.

The boiler is antiquated and breaks down often and the flux of pool water temperatures needs to be addressed. Please remember that health issues and aging issues are involved. Some days, people with heart problems and MS go home if the water is too cold.

6. Wheel chair access

The wheelchairs and walker access needs to be closer to the entrance, not at the far end of the parking lot.

7. Roof slant causing flooding problems

Every heavy rain there is the problem with flooding at the entry. I have watched through the years much digging but no resolution to the problem. Can't there be a way to moderate the rate of water in the gutters, or larger gutters and/or a cistern or maybe just go with the problem and make a dry garden feature with a rock "creek bed?" Surely, there is other grant money available for this ecological idea. Rain gardens are hot right now!

8. Check in area

I don't think this needs to be fiddled with, it seems too work just fine. The Lobby seems large enough too.

9. Having an independent pool management company take over for the existing staff
No, no, no a thousand times NO!!

Tukwila pool is not about making money by getting more swim teams to use the facility, restricting hours of use by regular swimmers.

Tukwila pool has always been about the local community and the neighboring communities having a place to go for exercise. **Tukwila Pool is about HEALTH and COMMUNITY.** It is a place for people of all ages and disabilities, and health issues to gather.

The management under Malcolm through the years has been wonderful! He has hired staff that interacts with the swimmers and supports classes that support the wishes and physical needs of the swimmers. (like the Balance class for people with MS and balance issues.) People come from miles away from Tukwila (from as far as Monroe and Ravensdale) because of the wide band of open hours for adults. **People say that**

the reason they come is because the big band of open swim hours gives them the flexibility they need that no other pool offers. The wonderful staff and the hours are what set Tukwila Pool apart!

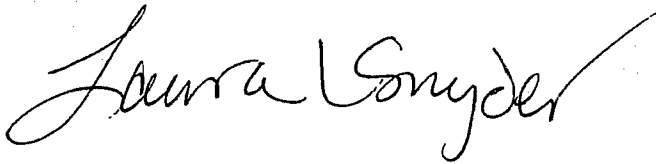
Time and time again, when one of those independent management companies comes in the community loses out and is not served!

Finally, we do not need fancy; we only need safety in the pool. Please keep Tukwila Pool open for seniors and lap swimmers. You have a faithful following. Thank you for working for us!

Please call me if you want any clarification to this letter (206) 2469103.

These opinions are not just ones held by me, many people have these same opinions. Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura L. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

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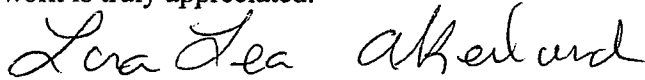
As a long time swimming pool user and participant of the visioning process I should like to add my thoughts to the future of the pool.

Of course, facility modernization and code compliance have to come first.

As a senior I would like to stress my appreciation of both the staff and management's attitude toward seniors. I tout the Tukwila pool as "kind to seniors" and believe me that is not true of many places in the area. Because there are so many seniors who's use of the pool is a vital part of remaining mobile and active and be able to participate in society there are a few changes that would help. Better handicap access from the parking lot to the pool, easier opening doors and an additional shower bench and perhaps wider benches in the changing room.

I have seen several plans for the renovation of the pool and all have some very good ideas, however from my personal point of view I like the pool as it is with the mentioned upgrades and any additions that help staff and management do even better jobs than they do now.

Thank you for all the time and effort you have put in to making our pool even better. Your hard work is truly appreciated.



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5/9/12

To: Tukwila MPD Commissioners

It is our understanding that the commission will, as part of the CIP process, be asked to approve the priority of Capital Improvement Projects. If and when the commission determines that funding CIP is appropriate, we would like to submit, for consideration, a priority list upon which our group has agreed.

We have listened carefully over the past eight months as the city of Tukwila staff have presented various CIP options and we have provided to them additional community requests and input. We believe that energy conservation projects are important to both financial solvency and reducing the carbon footprint of the pool. Our group also felt that improvements in security and customer comfort projects would preserve and increase revenue as well as provide a safe workplace. As a result, the list we have compiled puts immediate, necessary repairs first, followed by energy saving projects, next community comfort items and finally non-essential operating items. We deleted items off the April 2012 ROM list for a variety of reasons as illustrated, including cost and consolidations.

We are happy to inform you, that most members of TPAC have also agreed with the priority order of this list.

We have spent a great deal of time fine tuning this list and hope it provides you guidance.

Finally, we ask you slow down, take your time and allow due diligence by all parties in these important decisions.

Sincerely,

Sustain Tukwila Pool

Attachment: Sustain Tukwila Pool CIP Priority List 4/28/12

McKinstry 4/3/12 ROM Reference #	STP Priority List 4/28/12		
#1	#1 Pool liner etc.	\$235841	
#21	#2 Gutter Deck Tile	\$39000	
#2	#3 Pool circ. Pump, etc	\$99554	
#3	#4 ADA Chair lift	\$18849	
#4	#5 Chemtrol	\$11193	
#5	#6 HVAC Digital controls etc	\$320549	
#6	#7 Boiler Burner etc.	\$173854	
#8	#8 Filter remodel	\$124156	
#9	#9 Bulkhead reno.	\$12227	
#10	#10 Lighting	\$72835	
#13	#11 ADA Parking	\$78000	
#19	#12 Heat exchanger pool	\$45500	
#20	#13 Locker plumbing	\$52000	
#29	#14 Pool cover	\$20000	Based on Staff Report
#30	#15 Sewer Deduct	\$3900	
Not included separately	#16 Roof	\$80000	Based on City Est. Research 20 year roof instead. Not viable out of operating budget. Needs replacement within 5 years. Done in conjunction with solar thermal
#39	#17 Solar Thermal	\$100000	Based on Bainbridge Island \$75000 budget
#25	#18 Deep End Chair	\$5850	
#28	#19 Deck Resurfacing, etc.	\$121348	
	Total	\$1614656	
	Incentives rebates	-\$18551	
	Total after rebates	\$1596105	
#33	#20 Modify Family Change Room	\$6500	Include shower curtains for ADA shower and for portion of locker room
#26	#21 Locker Room Floor	\$76938	
#14	#22 Locker Tile	\$40431	
#22	#23 Locker Room Painting	\$39000	
#23	#24 Lockers	Need estimate	Replacement Locks for existing lockers

#11 & #12	#25 Sound Abatement	Need estimate	Repair existing
#24	#26 Ext doors	\$38474	
#35	#27 Staff Locker Room	\$10400	Include low cost security
#31	#28 Modify Front Desk	\$6500	Details needed
#42	#29 New Air Ducts Pool	\$55000	
#37	#30 Enclosure	\$60000	
#32	#31 Admin offices	\$19500	
	DELETED ITEMS		
#6	Building Heat Pump VFD	\$15000	Not recommended by McKinstry
#15	HVAC Pool supply fan VFD	\$15000	Not recommended by McKinstry
#16	HVAC Lobby Supply VFD	\$10000	Not recommended by McKinstry
#17	HVAC Lobby Exhaust VFD	\$10000	Not recommended by McKinstry
#18	Interior Doors	\$64650	Replace on as need basis from operating budget
#27	UV	\$62455	Issues regarding safety of product
#34	Modify supply/staff room	\$10400	Issues addressed in #27
#36	Add windows	\$30379	Cost and energy loss
#38	Addition	\$900000	Cost prohibitive
#40	Privacy showers	\$144203	Issues addressed in #20
#41	Privacy changing	\$40465	Issues addressed in #20
#43	Vending power management	\$1438	Require from rental company