





Santa Clara Swim Club

State of the ISC



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State of the ISC | The Importance of Keeping the ISC Functional in the Short Term

- Better service to the Santa Clara community with outreach programs
 - Approximately 50% of club membership across all programs consists of the City of Santa Clara residents. We would like to broaden our outreach to more Santa Clara residents whether they are members of our club or not
 - SCSC to offer free swim lessons to younger kids in Santa Clara public schools with focus on drowning prevention; initial focus on 2nd and 3rd graders with the goal of ensuring that more residents of Santa Clara are given the opportunity to learn to swim (as well as become competitive swimmers in the future), regardless of their financial situation
 - Special Olympics and continuation of our special abilities program
- Provide financial benefit to the City and local businesses
 - Revenue/profit enhancements for all aquatics programs
 - Revenue to restaurants and hotels and more taxes to city as we host more swim meets
- Community benefit to those who use the facilities



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State of the ISC | Short Term Challenges

- Aged Infrastructure at the ISC
 - Built in 1955; minimal structural improvements have been made since then
 - Need to evaluate short-term and long-term solutions
 - Boiler room and bathrooms/showers, improved lighting in the stands are items that should be evaluated in the short term
- Continuous shut-down of ISC pools due to maintenance issues
 - ISC has been shut down for 108 days over the last calendar year
 - Creates incremental cost for clubs as they need to rent facilities elsewhere
- Leads to loss revenue for City and Clubs as residents/members choose to swim elsewhere
 - Schedule is too volatile, unreliable due to unexpected shut-downs



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State of the ISC | Who Uses the ISC

Program	Category	Approximate number of people
City of Santa Clara Aquatics Program	Lap swim	200
	Swim lessons	150
	Senior Swim	100
Santa Clara Swim Club	Learn-To-Swim	1,000
	Competitive	400
	Masters	115
	Water Polo	65
	Special Olympics	60
Santa Clara Diving		100
Santa Clara AquaMaid		250
Local High Schools Meets	CCS Swimming and Diving	1,000
Large Scale Meets	~15 meets throughout the year for all three clubs at an average of 1,000 per meet (swimmers and spectators). Provides incremental revenue to city and local businesses.	15,000



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State of the ISC | Boiler Room



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State of the ISC | Rusting/Deterioration of Structure



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State of the ISC | Bathroom Showers



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State of ISC | Requests

Short Term:

- Addition of the following maintenance projects to the City Council Goal Setting session on Feb 8th, 2022
 - Improve boiler/heater/filtration system
 - Improve locker rooms (bathrooms, showers, changing area)
 - Install better lighting for the spectator area in the stands

Long Term:

- Approve new aquatics facility with support of SCSC and other aquatics programs/groups



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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Meslo

From: Guizhen Zhang <zhangguizhen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support Santa Clara swimming club

Dear Sir or Madam,
Our kids are swimming at SCSC for several years. They really enjoy swimming here with the wonderfully coaches and program. Just I have a concern about the dated facility and want to know what the city can help to improve it.

Thanks for your help,
Guizhen

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Meslo

From: Dave Chapman <dave240z@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:20 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Santa Clara Swim Club (ISC) Facility Needs - 01/25/22 Council Mtg

Hi,

I am unable to attend the scheduled 01/25/22 council meeting on the ISC facility needs, but wanted to share some perspective as a parent of (2) swimmers/members who have been active with the club for over 8yrs.

We appreciate the city's renewed focus and attention on helping the club, but it's no secret that ISC is in need of maintenance to maintain a safe and reliable operation for all who use it. Even if the long-term plan for the city is to completely remodel or even rebuild the facility, shorter-term maintenance is still necessary. Allow me to break this down by functional area with degree of severity (sev 1 = critical, sev 3 = nice to have) for sake of clarity.

Pool & surrounding area

- **Sev 1 - Circulation & Heating System (Pumps, filters, piping, boiler,)**

These systems are essential – without them, we don't have a pool and without a pool, we don't have a club. It's that simple. Over the past few years, we have endured multiple failures of this equipment, causing days if not weeks of downtime to repair in each instance, causing massive disruption for all involved. Of all the challenges we face, this is by far the most disruptive to the club. It is our understanding that many of the components are very old, which makes it difficult to acquire repair parts, further complicating the problem. Rebuilding with newer pumps, boilers and such would add reliability while also simplifying repairs. I don't expect this would be the most simple thing to do, but it is the most critical. Perhaps even adding some redundancy so (3) pools can share (3) pumps, but the facility can operate on just (2). Just an idea, but that kind of enhancement and redundancy would go a long way to helping the facility, and club endure into the future. A simple analogy here would be putting a brand new engine into an old car. It doesn't make it a brand new car, but it can sure breathe a lot more life into what you have for minimal investment.

Changing Area/Restrooms

- **Sev 1 – Bathroom repairs (especially girls)**

Aside from the pool boiler/pump, this is a very close second. These areas are used daily, but in general disrepair with many issues related to inoperable drains, rot/mold, missing hardware/handles and such. 'temporary' showers have been employed in the girls restroom, yet been in use for several years. Broken tiles, inoperable locks and other common wear items are simply in need of replacement. Again, it doesn't have to be an elaborate spa makeover, but folks should be able to safely take a shower, mold shouldn't be present and you shouldn't need a vice grip to operate a shower.

Grandstands

- **Sev 2 – Lighting**

Very few of the overhead lamps are operation. It's very dark/dim at night. Please replace/inspect all bulbs/fixtures as needed

- **Sev 3 – Roof Leaks**

More of an annoyance, but when it rains the roof can leak causing certain areas to be unusable

- **Sev 3 – Bird Nesting**

There are several bird nests near the lights, leaving droppings and other debris.

In closing, this facility is used daily by 100s of swimmers, coaches and parents. It's a vital recreational component for the community and has great potential to be even better with a new head coach. Please consider investing some incremental funds to help maintain this facility properly so we can continue to safely enjoy, promote and share the sport of aquatics and put Santa Clara back on the map with regards to international swimming.

Cheers,
Dave

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Melissa Meslo

From: CAROL <carollwada@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public presentations

It's hard to sit through a council meeting since the bought and paid for by jed York 49er 5 took over. I watch week after week and its embarrassing. I'm especially concerned about Council member Becker. Every week he brings a negative angry agenda. He bullies & disrespects the Mayor, Council member Watanabe, city staff and city manager. He calls well respected community leaders racists. Its unacceptable, abusive and needs to stop. Every week he whines about local blogger being mean to him and tarnishing his reputation. He didn't have respect and a good reputation to start with. He makes false accusations, ignores and yells over the gavel. Anyone can look at archive council minutes and see the embarrassment. I would petition for censure /admonishing of Council member Becker for his poor behavior to be put on future agenda but the 49er 5 will vote against it. I would like to see a list of accomplishments or any thing positive Becker has done for his district not to include nosing around district 1 acting like he is the Mayor of the north side. Certainly not including private stadium tours, frequent 49 meetings etc

Regards, Carol

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From: Dhruv Jain <dhruv.jain@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for the Santa Clara Swim Club

Dear City Officials,

I believe there is a city council meeting today and the International Swim Club in Santa Clara is one of the topics of discussion. I am a Santa Clara resident (2110 Coolidge Dr, Santa Clara) over over 10 years now and we have benefited a lot from the Swimming center. Our son has been a regular there for swim classes and it is a much better experience than other private gyms. That said, we'd like to see a stronger investment in the facilities such that it is usable 12 months of the year (currently the swim lessons are happening in Mary Gomez pool), with better shower / locker / other facilities.

I would appreciate it if you could take this under your planning considerations. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Regards
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