



AGENDA NO: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Action: _____

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council **DATE:** November 10, 2008

FROM: Recreation and Parks Director

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Adoption of Resolution 77-08 Supporting the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation and their goal of providing an Aquatic Center in conjunction with the County of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Coastal Unified School District and City of Morro Bay.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council review the attached information and considers support of the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation and their goal of providing an Aquatic Center in conjunction with the County, the School District, and the City of Morro Bay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

SUMMARY:

City Council has directed staff to work with San Luis Unified Coastal School District and San Luis Obispo County to form a collaborative effort to reinstate a public pool. Staff has and will continue to work with these agencies to resolve the need for a local community pool. Additionally, a fourth party, the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation (MBCPF) has emerged with the desire of partnering with the three established agencies. The MBCPF is seeking City of Morro Bay support as they work to provide the community with a state of art aquatics facility.

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City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____

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BACKGROUND:

The concept of constructing and operating a public pool has been discussed since the closure and removal of the Morro Bay High School pool back in 1998 and 2001 respectively. In 2004, City Council directed staff to reopen negotiations with the School District in the attempt to reestablish a swimming pool on school property. In 2006, City staff met with School District staff to pursue the concept of a joint project, which would involve the County, School District and the City of Morro Bay. Please find the attached memorandum dated July 31, 2006. All three agencies continued to meet in hopes of developing a Memorandum of Understanding which would outline agency involvement, commitment and responsibilities. While these three agencies continued their work, a fourth party became interested in the swimming pool project. This special interest group formed a nonprofit organization named the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation and immediately began seeking partnerships with the County, District and City.

DISCUSSION:

The Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation has presented their intent and mission at the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held, September 2008 meeting. The Foundation does host a web site, www.morrobaypool.org. The following information was derived from their web site and is included for informational and discussion purposes.

Foundation Mission ô The Foundation is an organization of individuals, in partnership with participating agencies that are committed to raising funds to build and sustain a community aquatics center.

Foundation Vision

- Develop a state-of-the-art, attractive aquatics facility that can serve as a community-gathering place for all ages.
- Facilitate the building and maintenance of an aquatic facility for the health, safety, recreation, and competition needs of the community.
- Create adequate facilities so that aspiring athletes may excel to their full potential.
- Enhance community spirit.
- Create opportunities for youth and senior programs, particularly before and after-school programs, vital to the health of the whole community.
- Support activities of value for all ages and a place where the whole family can play and exercise.
- Support swim lessons and programs for all ages.

- Promote safe and healthy swimming.
- Support before and after-school recreational programs that cover a diverse range of safe and supervised activities to meet a variety of individual interests and needs.
- Provide individuals of all backgrounds and ages with experiences that will improve their quality of life as well as promote values of health, sportsmanship, community and excellence.
- Create employment and educational opportunities.
- Enhance economic vitality of the community.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends Council review the attached information and adopts Resolution 77-08 which supports the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation and their goal of providing an Aquatic Center in conjunction with the County, School District, and City of Morro Bay.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-08

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MORRO BAY COMMUNITY POOL FOUNDATION, A
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH THE MISSION
TO PARTNER WITH PARTICIPATING AGENCIES THAT ARE COMMITTED TO
RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A COMMUNITY AQUATICS CENTER**

**THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

WHEREAS, for many years, San Luis Obispo Unified School District operated an outdoor swimming pool at Morro Bay High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the San Luis Obispo Unified School District closed the outdoor swimming pool at Morro Bay High School due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the swimming pool at Morro Bay High School was the only public pool available in the community; and

WHEREAS, residents of Morro Bay now have little access to other public swimming pools; and

WHEREAS, a Community Aquatics Center would greatly serve the communities of Morro Bay, Los Osos and Cayucos; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Morro Bay has directed staff to work with local agencies to reestablish a community swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation is a local nonprofit organization with the mission to partner with participating agencies that are committed to raising funds to build and sustain a community aquatics center; and

WHEREAS, the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation is willing to conduct a pool feasibility study using criteria approved by San Luis Obispo County, San Luis Coastal Unified School District and City of Morro Bay; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, California that they hereby support the Morro Bay Community Pool Foundation in their mission in building and sustaining a community aquatics center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of November 2008 on the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

JANICE PETERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRIDGETT BAUER, CITY CLERK