

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

From: C Lau [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 6:25 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item # 4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Stop The Tracy Pride Drag Queen Show on 10/9/22

I have been an active community member in Tracy for 22 years. I am extremely concerned about the Tracy Pride Event and Tracy Pride Drag Show being held at the Public Lincoln Park in Tracy on Sunday 10/9/22 from 10am-4pm. This event is being promoted as "Family Friendly" even though there are 9 Drag Queens performing Outdoors in a Public Park next to the Tracy Public Library and Lincoln Public Children's Playground. Children should not be exposed to inappropriate sexual dancing that is indecent. The details and photos of the 9 Drag Queens are on the Tracy Pride Facebook Page. It is my understanding that this event is being sponsored by the Stockton Pride Center and that Lincoln Park is being rented out for the event. Katie at the City of Tracy Parks & Rec Department was not aware that there would be a Drag Show at the event. Promoting this as a Family Event is not appropriate and could be considered Grooming and exposing children to Pedopophilia. Please stop this and keep our Tracy children safe. Here is the link to the Tracy Pride Facebook Page with photos of all 9 of the Drag Queens. Cathy Lau

<https://www.facebook.com/TracyPrideEvent>

Public Comment – Agenda Item 3.D

City Council received 20 duplicate and 2 additional emails in support of keeping the current Tracy Aquatic Center Concept Plan moving forward from. Below are the names of the members of the public who submitted the email and below that is the language in the 20 duplicate emails. **TOTAL IN SUPPORT: 22**

DUPLICATE EMAIL:

I am writing to strongly encourage you to not support city staff's request to seek alternative plans for the Aquatic Center. The city has in its possession an approved Plan that is the result of years of work and input from the community. It is a Plan that this city council approved in 2019 and gave the greenlight to fund completely in February of this year.

It is troubling that the city is even considering alternative design plans, and even more troubling that they are asking council to consider less than what was promised to the community. Agreeing to staff's proposal is nothing short of willfully ignoring the community!

Our community has waited 20+ years for a water park that Tracy deserves, and not some watered-down version that staff wants. What staff is proposing will once again set this project back several years. Please do what is right for the community. Move forward with the current Plan and do not start this process over. Thank you for your consideration.

The following additional 2 emails (not duplicates) in support of keeping the current Tracy Aquatic Center Concept Plan moving forward were also sent to City Council:

From: Felicia McKee-Fegans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Keep the current Tracy Aquatic Center Concept Plan

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for keeping the current Tracy Aquatic Center Concept Plan moving forward. Revoking the Concept Plan will set the project back by years!

Our community has waited 20+ years for a water park that reflects the community's needs and input and has sufficient funding.

Please do what is right for the community and move the current Concept Plan forward to construction.

Thank you.

From: Nathan Maez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: Web - City Manager <CM@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Keep the current Tracy Aquatic Center Plan

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to not support the building of the aquatic center in Tracy. The city has far more important needs that will benefit all residents and visitors of our beloved city. Improved infrastructure, a revamped mall/shopping center, and a continued focus on the downtown area are all far more crucial to the economic success and quality of life within Tracy. The aquatic center is an over bloated concept that has the chance to be rife with corruption, runaway costs, and over promising and under delivering.

It is troubling that the city is even considering moving forward with the aquatic center in the first place, given the condition of our roads, public infrastructure, and lack of small, more budget friendly amenities.

Our community has waited 20+ years for a water park, but the city has neglected common necessities that ensure a high quality of life. What staff is proposing will once again set this project back several years, which is absolutely the right move. Staff is ensuring that the citizens of Tracy are not going to be lining developers' pockets with their hard earned money, and are instead asking questions and demanding answers that supporters of the aquatic park simply have not given. Please do what is right for the community, and postpone all plans for the aquatic park until our roads are fixed, the rest of our infrastructure is modernized, and more needed amenities are developed here. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Nate Maez

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Tankersley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Overflow Homeless Encampment in Banta

I want to address the City of Tracy's plans for a overflow homeless encampment in Banta near the railroad tracks and the Chevron Station. The City has already spent funds on the dirt work and material has been brought in prior to being approved. We live next door to this location and are furious with the City's Plan to bring the homeless population into the Banta community. Homeowners, business owners, farmers in the area as well as Banta School will be negatively impacted by this decision.

Katie Bradford

Sent from my iPhone

Candidates, electeds and community leaders pledge to be civil; Tracy should do the same

In 2018 San Luis Obispo leaders of seven cities and the unincorporated county signed a code of civility. They invited the public and media to hold them accountable if they failed to live up to the pledge to:

Listen first. Respect different opinions. Be courteous. Disagree constructively. Debate the policy, not the person.

Adults don't need a code of conduct; we all learned "listen first" and "be courteous" in kindergarten. We must choose to live in either an age of acrimony or start healing our harmful divisions.

We've witnessed particularly nasty behavior on the part of elected officials, candidates and the public. As a result, some Tracyites are afraid to share their opinions or even attend meetings because of the fear of being attacked in person or online.

This is wrong and its time we turn it around. The Tracy Code of Civility is now launched and ready for everyone to step up and pledge their commitment to clean campaigns and civil discourse. As we approach the final month before the November election, now is the time. For more information on the Tracy Code of Civility and to make your pledge, click the link, and follow the progress on Facebook.

By their pledge to be respectful and civil in campaigns, we can rely on candidates to be respectful and civil in office as well. Voters and residents should also be able to rely on better collaboration and solutions. This is how we enjoy the process of community building and creating relationships that benefit the City of Tracy's quality of life. And because we do not live in isolation the goal is to bring this to every city in and to the County of San Joaquin.

CODE OF CIVILITY

A healthy democracy respects the people's right to debate issues with passion. A healthy democracy not only tolerates disagreement but welcomes it in order to refine ideas and create policies that benefit the greater good.

The deterioration of civility across the country and within our community poses a threat to our democracy and our civic well-being. This deterioration:

- Compromises the integrity of a healthy, representative democracy
- Closes the door on depth of thought, reducing complex problems to harmful oversimplification
- Deters potential leaders from running for office or serving in government
- Poisons the civic well and discourages citizens from engaging on pressing community issues
- Casts the spotlight on poor behavior rather than shining a light on possible solutions
- Sets a poor example for our children

We have crafted this Code of Civility as a promise to each other, and to the people and institutions we serve, that we will always strive to conduct our debates - whether in person, online, or in written communication - in ways that allow for the widest range of opinions on ideas and policies, yet also respect the dignity, integrity and rights of those with whom we might disagree. With our individual and collective commitment to this code, we welcome fellow candidates, appointees, elected colleagues, the press and the public to hold us accountable. In our deliberations we pledge to:

- Listen First

We will make an honest effort to understand views and reasoning of others by listening with an open mind to understand, not listening to find fault, allowing thoughtful discussion to lead to the best possible outcomes.

- Respect Different Opinions

We will invite and consider different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, opposed and clarified in a constructive manner.

- Be Courteous

We will treat all colleagues, staff and members of the public in a professional and courteous manner whether in person, online, or in written communication, especially when we disagree.

- Disagree Constructively

We strive to advance solutions to community issues; when faced with disagreement, we do more than simply share our concerns with differing positions, we explain reasoning for decisions and propose a course of action of mutual benefit.

- Debate the Policy Not the Person

We will focus on the issues, and not personalize debate or use other tactics that divert attention from the issue.

- Tell The Truth

We do not tolerate deliberate falsehoods and call these out immediately. When faced with misinformation we correct it. If we were the source, we apologize for our error and pass along the corrected content.