

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, FOR APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT EA-338 AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HP 94-1 DESIGNATING THE URHO SAARI SWIM STADIUM (aka PLUNGE) AS A DESIGNATED CULTURAL RESOURCE LOCATED AT 219 W. MARIPOSA AVENUE. PETITIONED BY: THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO.

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1994, an application was initiated by the City of El Segundo for approval of an Environmental Assessment and Historic Preservation application to designate the Urho Saari Swim Stadium (aka Plunge) located at 219 W. Mariposa Avenue as a local cultural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed Environmental Assessment EA-338 and the supporting evidence with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act, State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of El Segundo Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Resolution 3805); and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 1994, the Planning Commission did hold, pursuant to law, a duly advertised public hearing on such matter and notice of the public hearing was given in the time, form and manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 1994, the Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 2355, recommending to the City Council approval of Environmental Assessment EA-338 and Historic Preservation HP 94-1; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1994, The City Council did hold, pursuant to law, a duly advertised public hearing on such matter and notice of the public hearing was given in the time, form and manner prescribed by law, and opportunity was given to all persons to present testimony or documentary evidence for and against proposed Environmental Assessment EA-338 and Historical Preservation HP 94-1; and

WHEREAS, at said City Council hearing the following facts were established:

1. The existing 0.46 acre site is a legal lot (Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Map Number 4136-004-902, and as a portion of Block 83 and 84, as recorded in Map Book 20, 22 and 23) developed with a swim stadium.
2. The existing plunge, located at 219 W. Mariposa Avenue, in the Open Space Zone, is currently used as the City's Swim Stadium. The facility continues to be a premier aquatic facility for the community of El Segundo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after consideration of the above facts and study of proposed Environmental Assessment EA-338 and Historical Preservation HP 94-1, the City Council finds as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1. The proposed project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1, as the continued operation of an existing facility; and
2. That when considering the whole record, there is no evidence that the project will have the potential for an adverse effect on wildlife resources or the habitat on which the wildlife depends; and
3. That the City Council thereby authorizes and directs the Director of Planning and Building Safety to file with the appropriate agencies a Certificate of Fee Exemption and de minimus finding pursuant to AB 3158 and the California Code of Regulations. Within ten (10) days of approval, the City of El Segundo shall submit, a fee of \$25.00 required by the County of Los Angeles for the filing of this Certificate along with the required Notice of Exemption. As approved for in AB 3158, the statutory requirements of CEQA will not be met and no vesting shall occur until this condition is met and the required notices and fees are filed with the County.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ DESIGNATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCE

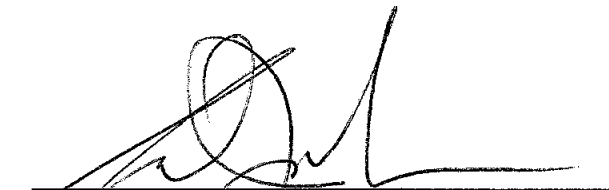
1. The proposed designated cultural resource is fifty-four (54) years old, built by the Work Projects Administration (WPA) in 1940.
2. The building is associated with Mr. Uhro Saari, a significant person in local history. Mr. Saari was an Olympic coach recognized nationally and internationally, who coached water polo and swimming for the City at the Plunge from 1941-1973, and whose water polo and swim team members won regional, national and international titles.
3. The building reflects and exemplifies a particular period of national history, since the architectural style is Classical Moderne (aka PWA Moderne) and typical of the 1930's Work Projects Administration (WPA) projects, built by the United States Public Works Administration (PWA) during the Depression.
4. The building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style and period of architecture, and method of construction. The construction is unique for the time period due to the lack of roof support columns, and the inclusion of roof trusses which span one-hundred ten (110) feet. The structure and the pool is still located at the original site, the exterior and interior of the building have not been altered, and the original architectural integrity of the building has been preserved.

GENERAL PLAN

The proposed cultural resource designation of the Plunge is consistent with the City's General Plan Land Use, and Open Space and Recreation Elements. The Land Use goal, objectives and policies are designed to encourage preservation and enhancement of the City's cultural, historical, and architectural sites and monuments (Goal LU2 and Objective LU2-2). Policy LU2-1.1 calls for preservation of publicly-owned buildings of cultural, historical, or architectural significance within the City. The Open Space and Recreation goal, objectives and policies are designed to prevent future loss of existing recreation resources, as well as to preserve existing public recreation facilities which are adequate for serving the existing and future resident population (Goal OS1, Objectives OS1-1, and Policy OS1-2.1).

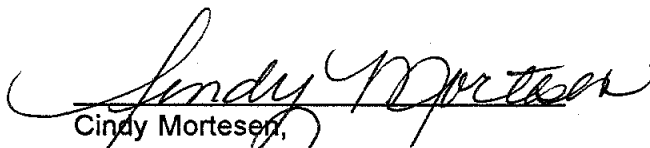
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves Environmental Assessment EA-338 and Historical Preservation HP 94-1, to designate the Plunge as a designated cultural resource and to mark the site with a uniform and distinctive marker.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of MAY, 1994.



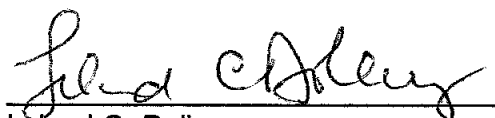
Carl Jacobson, Mayor
of the City of El Segundo,
California

ATTESTED:



Cindy Mortesen,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leland C. Dolley,
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA |
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES | SS
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO |

I, Cindy Mortesen, City Clerk of the City of El Segundo, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the whole number of members of the City Council of the said City is five; that the foregoing resolution, being **RESOLUTION NO. 3866** was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor or said City, and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a **regular meeting** of the said Council held on the **5th day of April 1994**, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Jacobson, Mayor ProTem Weston, Councilman Switz,
 Councilman Robbins, and Councilwoman Friedkin.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

WITNESS MY HAND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID CITY this **19th** day of May,

1994.



CINDY MORTESEN
City Clerk of the
City of El Segundo,
California

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