

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Proposed Streetlight Pole Banner Installation Featuring Swimmers from the Culver City Municipal Plunge.

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ATTACHMENT A

Jason Christopher

Jason is an amazing inspiration. When he was 20 years old, he was on the fast track to becoming a basketball star. He was on a full basketball scholarship when the unimaginable happened--he was in a severe car accident and nearly died. Doctors tried to keep him alive for a week, but an infection in his leg was so severe that they told him, "It's either your leg or your life." Today, Jason's life is very different than he ever imagined. It was a struggle to accept his new fate, but he wanted to live by example, and so he focused on overcoming the odds. Today, he is a personal trainer and swims regularly at the pool for strength and balance. He hops out to the pool deck, just as he appears in the photograph, without any walking aid. He was honored to be asked to be included in this project and feels it is an empowering message to see the athlete that still stands tall, even if he only has one leg.



Barry Shore

Barry Shore is one of the most animated, upbeat, positive people I've met at the pool. Always smiling, always happy to see you. A typical greeting is yelled from a backstroke, "Hello Beautiful Person!" Everyone is beautiful to Barry. He swims religiously. And that truly makes sense once you get to know him. Imagine waking up tomorrow morning and not being able to move. Your body is totally paralyzed. That's exactly what happened to Barry Shore five years ago. His paralysis was so intense that he needed to be on a respirator. Doctors initially could not figure out what was wrong. Such a sudden onset of complete paralysis was mystifying. But eventually they determined he was suffering from Guillain-Barré Syndrome, a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system. Five years ago, Barry could not walk. He was in a wheel chair. His physical therapist suggested he try getting in a pool to keep his circulation going. He tried it. And his life was once again transformed. Movement came, but not as quickly as the paralysis took over his life. It took time, but very slowly he regained some mobility. Through it all, Barry was ever hopeful and willing to work very hard. Today, he swims three hours a day--rain or shine. He's religious about it.



Teri Muttera

When I first laid eyes on Teri I immediately sensed her natural athleticism. It's simply the way she carried herself. She walked with a complete sense of ease and profound understanding of how all the parts interconnect. There are lots of people walking around in the world who do not possess their physical selves. Teri is not one of them. As the inevitable disrobing took place, my suspicion about Teri, was quickly confirmed. She is quite the profound athlete and has the legs and biceps to prove it, but more than that, she has the will that accompanies them. As I would later find out, she spends hours a day working out—for fun. She is a regular at the pool and has been for many years. What you don't know about Teri is that she and her husband are intense art collectors. When she is not working out, she is absorbing art in any way she can.



Chef Rohan

Chef Rohan, as he likes to be called, swims to release the stress from being a professional chef, even though, it makes his perfectly coifed mustache sag. He loves swimming for all the positive benefits, and swims regularly before going to work in his kitchen.





