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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE
LANE CONFIGURATION OF THE WILSON AQUATICS CENTER

Whereas, when it reopened in 2009 the Wilson Aquatics Center (the "Wilson Pool") was intended to serve local families and school populations as well as D.C. residents generally;

Whereas, the Wilson pool was intended when it reopened to be used in short course configuration with 25 yard (or 25 meter lanes in the central portion of the pool), a shallow end for leisure and learning and a deep end for diving and deep water activities;

Whereas, the Wilson Pool has nevertheless been used in a long course mode – with the lanes running the full length of the pool --virtually all of the time since it reopened in 2009;

Whereas, in the interim a strong constituency has developed for long course swimming both among local residents and swimmers (including tri-athletes) throughout the Metro region;

Whereas, the short course configuration can more fully serve many local families and the area schools including Wilson High School, Sidwell Upper School, Georgetown Day High School, Edmund Burke High School, Deal Middle School and the nearby elementary schools which together serve well over 4000 students;

Whereas, the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") has posted an online survey asking respondents to choose between the following options: (1) 50 meters (long course) (at all times); (2) 25 yards (short course) (at all times); (3) Split Configuration – Primarily 50 meters with 25 yards during non-peak hours; (4) Split Configuration – Primarily 25 yards with 50 meters during non-peak hours; and (5) Split Configuration – Equal time for both 50 meters and 25 yards;

Whereas, the pool can and should serve all potential users, certainly including local families and students and no set of users need be relegated to non-peak (off) hours.

Now therefore be it resolved, that we urge that DPR embrace the principal of shared usage, best embodied by the "Split Configuration – Equal time for both 50 meter and 25 yard" option, and work with the stakeholders pursuant to the principle that the pool is to be shared to establish a schedule that will work best for all current and potential users. We also recommend that at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, DPR reevaluate how any change has worked, and whether it should be modified.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on September 15, 2011, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Matthew Frumin, Tom Quinn, and Beverly Sklover were present.

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