

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 37

Approved February 13, 2014

WHEREAS, The pool at the Davey Lopes Recreation Center did not open during the summer of 2013 due to the cost of repairs and ongoing operations, and the City subsequently planned to demolish the pool and replace it with a "spray" park; and

WHEREAS, Residents in South Providence and surrounding neighborhoods urged the City to allocate funds to allow the pool to remain open as a recreational asset to children and families in the community; and

WHEREAS, Swim instruction and access to swimming facilities are important for young people in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, the City has closed a number of public pools, and has restructured its recreational offerings to Providence youth; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of swim instruction opportunities and public pools is necessary in order to ensure young people have access to recreational opportunities and programs that positively impact their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence authorizes the Council President to establish a Special Commission to Study Swim Instruction and Public Pools, and that such commission shall examine:

- 1) issues surrounding swim instruction;
- 2) the expansion of public-private partnerships to increase access to pools and swim instruction;
- 3) operating costs;
- 4) safety rules and regulations;
- 5) data collection and record keeping; and
- 6) the use of water parks as an alternative to pools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission shall hold public meetings and submit a report with recommendations to the Recreational Advisory Board and the City Council no later than April 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall appoint, with approval of the City Council, five (5) members to the Commission, including two (2) members who are residents of Ward Eleven, where the Davey Lopes pool is located.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

Ann Lee
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Angel Taveras
Mayor
Date: 2/13/14