

**Study Session: Facilities Planning**

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Elizabeth Hanauer	<p>Hi. I'm Elizabeth Hanauer and I grew up in Laguna Beach, graduated from the high school, and moved back to town with my husband and two children six years ago after living away for over twenty years. Laguna Beach is a wonderful town with a lot to offer in terms of its natural beauty, strong sense of community, focus on the arts, and offerings for senior citizens. However, in speaking with many parents in the community, it seems that there is a real dearth of recreational facilities geared towards youth. The beach is fantastic and the Junior Guards program that the City runs is a great amenity, however beyond the beach there really aren't enough activities for kids to do locally. Many parents must leave town in order for their children to do activities and use neighboring cities' recreational facilities, such as Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, and Newport Beach. It seems that the City's upcoming purchase of the St. Catherine's property could provide a unique opportunity for some much-needed recreational facilities that can serve Laguna's youth and families, and we hope that the needs of this group will be considered when doing the plans. While this group tends to be less vocal than others, it is not for a lack of desire! Thank you.</p>