

Communication from Public

Name: Thea Marsh

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I learned to swim with my dad when I was two and a half and I've grown up watching him teach in our pool till I was 12. I always wanted siblings so I would join in the classes with the other swimmers all the time. I was like a big sister to them and they loved it! The families were super nice and when I got older I would get home from school and they would sometimes let me hold their babies which was my favorite. The way my Dad teaches is very calm so most of the time you could barely hear anything. In fact, me and my friends made way more noise, splashing singing and playing in the backyard. The only scary memory I have from watching my Dad teach was when I was in 5th grade. My Mom picked me up from school and on the car ride home she began to cry. She explained that our next door neighbors were upset with my Dad for his job, that they were playing a horrible radio station onto our backyard. She said I couldn't swim with the kids on that day and asked me to stay inside when I got home. I did, but it was so loud I could still hear it. I remember hearing someone over the speaker say the words "fucking", "nun", cock and "asshole." I remember thinking that the men talking sounded angry and mean and in all honestly I was a little scared. It seemed scary because it was blasting so loud from the Kubrin's speakers intentionally pointed into our backyard and only when my Dad was teaching the kids. This went on for about 3 days. I'm sixteen now and I know who Howard Stern is and I know that the Kubrins were doing that on purpose just to hurt the swimmers. They also pointed surveillance cameras over the fence looking into our backyard which was weird when I was having play dates with my friends. We used to change our swimsuits outside and we didn't know how long the cameras were there. I've grown up with almost all the people on our street and we have super nice neighbors. I've played with some of the kids growing up and I even babysit a few of the kids on our street. No one has ever said there was a problem with my Dad teaching kids. I really hope he can do it again because the families were so nice and happy I miss having that around. If I was on the City council I would vote to let him teach again. It's not a big problem and it's a positive thing for everybody. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Thea Marsh

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Comments for Public Posting: Bill Marsh's "Swim To Bill" has revolutionized much more than just the way children learn to swim, he teaches children and parents alike the importance of resilience in the face of trepidation, the fruits of consistency, and the absolute joy of accomplishment while having a great time. The kids love him almost as much as the parents do. He is respectful, kind, and tirelessly encouraging. You forget this is what he has done for thousands of kids over many decades and feel he is teaching only your child and speaking only to you. He is an institution and allowing him this permission would no doubt enable many more to benefit from his wisdom and expertise.

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Comments for Public Posting: Bill is a wonderful instructor who helps children in our community thrive in the water. His contributions should be celebrated and his efforts build confidence and survival skills for our little ones. Creating a space for him to teach is a no brainer and only helps the community.

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Comments for Public Posting: Swim to Bill provides important confidence-building and life saving skills for children. Both our children have learned to swim with Bill and had to wait extended periods due to there not being pools available to use. It would be a huge benefit to the community if children could practice these important skills regularly. Bill has such a considered and thoughtful approach, his expertise are invaluable.

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Name: Connie C.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello - I would like to add my enthusiastic support for Swim to Bill to receive a Conditional Use Permit for his home address. We live in a big city where lots of folks work from home these days. While it's not really possible for Bill to operate this particular home business in an indoor setting, the permit application (as revised and responsive to prior comments) provides for a very reasonable operation that makes a big impact on young people's lives (and those of their parents). I'm one of those parents whose 3-year-old benefitted from the kind and gentle instruction Bill provides (I note she did not scream for her lessons but she did giggle and squeal with delight, which might annoy some grumpy neighbors). I also strongly believe the City should support a business that enables ALL families to benefit from stellar safety instruction - to limit Bill's operation to private pool owners would deprive less fortunate families of his instruction. Thanks for allowing for public comment. I hope you will approve Swim to Bill at this location.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Kohm

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Comments for Public Posting: To call Bill Marsh a swim teacher would be to do him an injustice. Bill doesn't just provide children with swimming lessons. He provides them with courage and self-esteem. In just a few short lessons, Bill transforms children who are terrified of the water to confident kids who fight to stay in the pool. For my wife and I, Bill gave us the gift of hope as well. Our hearts broke every time we watched our son shake in fear as soon as he heard the word "swimming." Our son was so scared of the water that hours before a lesson he would be teary eyed. On his first day with Bill, he even threw up because he was crying so hard before stepping foot in the pool. Fast forward to just two lessons later, and my son was swimming. The tears were gone, and he looked at Bill and said, "The other swim school couldn't get me to swim in two years. You did it in two days." So, please don't call Bill a swim teacher. Call him a one in a million role model for children and even their parents. Anyone who would try to limit Bill to where he could teach should be ashamed of him/herself. Every child needs and deserves a Bill who can guide him/her through fear to success. The world would be a better place if everyone could just harness one-tenth of his enormous and generous heart. I hope you will help Bill persevere in this battle, and discourage the would be obstacles who care more about themselves than the world around them.