

AGENDA

PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020,

AT 6:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Commission Members Jeff Al-Mashat, David Duringer, Debbie Guerra, Joseph Holmes and Chair Chris Long

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes total on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of this Commission. The Commission will listen to all communications; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items not on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following routine items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group. Recommendations for each item are noted in parentheses. Members of the audience may speak on any item(s) listed on the Consent Agenda. Any Commissioner or the Director may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to allow for full discussion.

1. Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission on May 21, 2020.

(Recommended Action: Approve the minutes as submitted or revised.)

VOICE VOTE

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. **Status Update Regarding Parks & Recreation Department Operations and COVID-19 (Corona Virus).** The Commission will receive an update on the impact of COVID-19 and Parks & Recreation Department operation changes, park uses and special events. **(Recommended Action:** Receive and file an update regarding the Parks & Recreation Department operations in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

3. **Future items discussion:** Walkability to City parks, public art opportunities, Parks & Recreation Element update, Chair Long

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- a. Tri-Cities public recreation postcard
- b. Utility Box Art update
- c. Senior Center Feasibility Study
- d. Master Tree Study in partnership with Cal Poly
- e. Parks & Facilities Matrix Discontinuation
- f. New City Newsletter - Grover Gazette
- g. Public Relations with TripepiSmith
- h. YMCA Summer sports and childcare in Grover Beach
- i. GB Community Center preschool room remodel
- j. 9/11 virtual event with Estrella War Birds fly over

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER Chair Long called the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. with all Commissioners teleconferencing.

ROLE CALL **Commissioners:** Jeff Al-Mashat, Joseph Holmes, Debbie Guerra, and Chair Chris Long were present. Commissioner Dave Duringer was not present.

City Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Kathy Petker, Recreation Coordinator Madison Ochotorena, and Deputy City Clerk-PRBC Secretary Nicole Retana we also present via teleconference.

FLAG SALUTE By all present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Parks and Recreation Director Petker welcomed and introduced new employee Madison Ochotorena.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020**

Action: It was motioned by Commissioner Al-Mashat and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. **Parks & Recreation Department response to COVID-19 (novel Coronavirus) Pandemic.** The Commission received an update on the Parks & Recreation Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts related to operations, parks and special events.

Parks and Recreation Director Petker discussed COVID-19 and how it has affected the Parks and Recreation Department. She stated that refunds for classes and events had been processed, the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series had been cancelled and that the City was in Stage 2 of 4 of the State's re-opening plan. She discussed the Nicholl's Foundation grant funds of \$20,000 allocated toward the concert series would be forwarded to 2021 and that \$10,000 dollars would be allocated for Police Department youth outreach programs and the purchase of materials and supplies.

Recreation Coordinator Ocotorena spoke of future virtual events that Parks and Recreation were working on including one that would focus on first responders.

Chair Long inquired if Stone Soup would be cancelled. Parks and Recreation Director Petker responding that it was not organized by the City but the City was a major sponsor

and she was unsure of the final decision on the festival but it was unlikely to occur this summer. Further discussion ensued regarding calls to the City regarding COVID-19.

Discussion continued among all regarding the rules of COVID-19 and the posting of signs in the parks/sport courts.

Director Petker also informed the Commission that the Ramona Garden Park Center was the COVID-19 testing facility in the South County and that it was taking an average of 130 tests a day and equipped with a doctor, nurse, intake person and security guard.

Commissioner Guerra questioned how long the testing would occur with Director Petker responding through June as far as we knew.

Action: Received information on the Parks and Recreation Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Commissioner Holmes and Commissioner Guerra shared information from the Annual CA Parks & Recreation Society Conference they attended March 10-13, 2020 in Long Beach.**

At 6:39 pm Commissioner Guerra left the teleconference.

Commissioner Holmes expressed gratitude for the ability to attend the Conference and spoke on homelessness, park procedures and programs to investigate for the City.

Chair Long discussed his experience at the Conference.

At 6:46 pm, Commissioner Guerra returned to the teleconference.

Commissioner Guerra expressed gratitude for the ability to attend the Conference and spoke about her positive experience at the Conference. Explaining not all the classes were available due to the beginning of COVID-19 although she gave an overview of the presentations she was able to attend, such as City for Dogs Project and Commissioner Class.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

CHRIS LONG, CHAIR

Attest:

SECRETARY TO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
NICOLE RETANA, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
(Approved at _____ PRBC Meeting _____, 2020)



PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION



TO: Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission

DATE: June 18, 2020

FROM: Kathy Petker, Parks & Recreation Director

PREPARED BY: Kathy Petker, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Status Update Regarding Parks & Recreation Department Operations and COVID-19

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission will receive an update since the last update provided on May 21, 2020 regarding the Parks & Recreation Department's operation changes, park uses and special events with COVID-19 impacts.

BACKGROUND

This report is an update to last month's status report as the Parks & Recreation Department continues to navigate public services during the Country's response to the novel Coronavirus, or commonly referred to COVID-19. The Department continues to follow directions from the City Manager's office at the State's directions under the Stage 2 of the 4 stages of reopening.

DISCUSSION

Due to restrictions, public recreation opportunities are limited for in-person activities and many events, classes and programs have been cancelled or postponed. City offices are closed to the public for in-person services, but are available online and by telephone. Since the closure of many programs and classes, staff has processed class refunds, transfers, and credits for all customers. Fortunately, sponsorship revenue funds were reallocated from the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series for current needs funding to Police Department youth outreach and education.

However, the Department is offering creative programming to help recreation participants stay active and engaged with the COVID-19 operational guidelines. For example, the Department assisted with the community spirit campaign #GBtogether with yard signs placed throughout City parks and facilities and provided many to the public for their front yards. Informational banners were ordered and installed in parks for the public's information on physical distancing requirements. In partnership with our adjacent cities, a community wide postcard was mailed to all residents within Grover Beach, Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande that encouraged readers to view our respective City websites for public virtual recreation opportunities. Recently the City lifted restrictions regarding public sports courts and now all tennis and basketball courts are reopened to the public with

physical distancing noticing. The City's public park wide-open grass spaces are open to the public, however, all playground equipment is still closed to the public due to the inability for children to maintain a 6' physical distance, as well as concerns regarding high touch areas. Park facilities such as restrooms and the South County Skate Park remain closed. Sizzlin' Summer Concerts were cancelled for this season, with performers to be rescheduled in 2021, as concerts and festivals are not authorized until Stage 4 of the State's plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

Due to the cancellation of numerous Department activities, limited revenues have been realized. Typically, the P&R Department receives approximately \$10,000 in revenues on a monthly basis for all classes. The Tiny Tots preschool enrichment program is authorized to restart under the State's guidelines to provide childcare for working parents. Staff is working with the instructors to reopen in early July. Facilities and park reservation revenues vary depending upon season and average approximately \$5,000 a month.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

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