



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE AQUATICS SECTION PROGRAMMING

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the Aquatics Section's programming for the 2017 summer season.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide receive the report and provide feedback on the Aquatics Section's programming for the 2017 summer season.

BACKGROUND:

The summer Aquatics season runs from early June through August. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's (PRCSD) Aquatics Program offers families and community members many healthy, affordable, and safe aquatic activities for youth and adults, ranging from six months of age to adults. Aquatic Programs are offered at seven seasonal swimming pools and two year-round swimming pools. Attendance for the 2017 season was 53,000 youth and adult participants.

Summer instructional programs include youth and adult swim lessons, adult fitness swim, senior water aerobics, water Zumba®, junior lifeguard camp, lifeguard certification classes, summer youth aquatics camp, Rethink Your Drink health and fitness campaign, and drop-in recreation swim. In addition to the variety of activities offered, staff also secured free and or subsidized funding assistance through the Kaiser Permanente Foundation, LA 84 Foundation, American Red Cross, Riverside Community College Foundation, Riverside Unified School District, and the Riverside Police Athletic League Foundation. Once the school year began in late-August, the Aquatics Program continues offering year-round programming at two pools – Shamel and Sippy Woodhead Pools.

DISCUSSION:

The Recreation Division's Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget includes \$500,000 to operate the Aquatics Program, of which \$448,200 is collected in revenues and \$73,875 in grants and sponsorships.

Because of these partnerships, the Aquatics Program participated in 100+ hours of advanced in-service water safety training that featured American Red Cross, CPR and First Aid techniques,

as well as, passive and active save procedures. Through this continuous training, staff successfully implemented two passive saves at Sippy Woodhead Pool during the 2017 Aquatics season.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department would like to recognize the Aquatics Program for their commitment to water safety professional development and the Sippy Woodhead Pool team for their commendable life-saving actions.

- Jacob Rosenberger, Aquatics Recreation Coordinator
- Nick Torres, Assistant Aquatics Recreation Coordinator
- Fernando Guzman, Pool Manager
- Christian Khan, Pool Manager
- Nicholas Andree, Lifeguard
- Xochitlquetzal Diaz, Lifeguard
- Vincent Azpeitia, Lifeguard
- Idania Santibanez, Lifeguard
- Joseph Alvarez, Lifeguard
- Devin Foster, Lifeguard
- John Johnson, Lifeguard
- Kevin Chung, Lifeguard

The Aquatics Program will continue to offer affordable, safe, and active programs for the community through partnerships with the City and non-profit organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation