



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JULY 11, 2016**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON AQUATICS SECTION PROGRAMMING

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the Aquatics Section programming.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback, and receive the report for file.

DISCUSSION:

During the summer season, which runs from early-June through mid-August, the Recreation Division's Aquatics Section offers families and community members many healthy, affordable, and safe aquatic activities for youth starting as young as 6 months old to adults. Programming is offered at seven seasonal swimming pools and at two year-round swimming pools throughout the City. The attendance for the 2015 season was approximately 51,000 youth and adult participants.

Summer instructional programs include youth and adult swim lessons, adult fitness swim, senior water aerobics, junior lifeguard camp, lifeguard certification classes, summer youth aquatics camp, and drop-in recreation swim. Once the Riverside Unified School District begins the academic year, typically in mid-August, the Aquatics Section continues offering year-round programming at Shamel Park Pool and Sippy Woodhead Pool at Bobby Bonds Park.

The Aquatics Section also offers special programs including the "ReThink Your Drink Campaign" which provides information designed to educate youth and adults on the benefits of consuming healthy beverages; LA84 Foundation provides swim lesson scholarships to youth; Operation Splash – Kaiser Permanente Foundation provides swim lessons, drop-in swim, and senior swim scholarships; the American Red Cross provides training scholarships for staff and swim lesson scholarships; plus, Riverside YMCA provides free Drowning Prevention classes for youth and adults in the City.

The Aquatics Section will continue offering affordable, safe, and active programs for the community through partnerships between the City and non-profit organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation