



# Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON 2018 AQUATIC FACILITIES PROGRAMS AND MAINTENANCE**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an update on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Aquatic facilities programs and maintenance for the 2018 season

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive an update on the 2018 Aquatic Facilities Programs and Maintenance and provide feedback.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's (PRCSD) Aquatics Section provides programs and activities that include, swim lessons, recreation swim, pool and pedal boat rentals, day camps, aqua aerobic and safety trainings and certifications for youth and adults six months of age to seniors. Summer aquatic programs are offered at the seven swimming pools identified in Table A, two of which include year-round programming and rental opportunities.

**Table A – Pools**

Locations	Diving Board	Wading Pool	Max Depth	Min Depth	Year-Round	Lap Swimming	Heated
Arlington	YES	NO	10'	2'5"	NO	NO	NO
Hunt	YES	NO	10'	3'	NO	NO	NO
Islander	YES	YES	10'	3'	NO	NO	NO
Reid	YES	NO	10'	3'	NO	NO	NO
Shamel	YES	YES	10'	3'	YES	YES	YES
Sippy	YES	NO	13'	2'5"	YES	YES	YES
Villegas	YES	YES	9'	2'5"	NO	NO	NO

The Parks Division supports the Aquatics Section by maintaining the aquatic facilities. During the past year, in addition to the on-going routine pool maintenance, the Parks Division staff coordinated the replacement of the swimming pool filter tanks and backwash controllers at Bobby Bonds, Hunt and Shamel Park Pools. In addition to the tank and controller project, staff also

replaced the Hunt Park Pool recirculation pump, installed LED light fixture, and created non-slip surfaces at Shamel Park Pool and plastered Arlington Park Pool.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Aquatics Section budget of \$590,000 incorporates a 4% savings reduction and \$50,000 of Measure Z funding, and funds 22 FTE's/100 full and part-time staff and other non-personnel expenditures. In addition to Measure Z and the general fund, PRCSD staff estimate generating \$390,000 in registration fees/revenues and securing \$79,000 in grants and sponsorship to provide subsidized aquatic programs for City residents.

Due to the adjustment of the Riverside and Alvord Unified School District traditional school year schedule, the 2018 summer aquatic season was reduced from ten-weeks to an eight-week schedule. The 10-week season schedule will resume in June 2019. The overall attendance for the 2018 eight-week season was 49,811 participants.

During the summer season, aquatic staff received a 99% good to excellent overall customer satisfaction rating, noted on the 436 program evaluation surveys collected.

### **DISCUSSION:**

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, Eastside HEAL Zone, Riverside Public Library, Riverside Unified School District, and the Riverside Police Athletic League Foundation.

Because of these partnerships, aquatics staff attended 100+ hours of advanced in-service water safety training that featured American Red Cross (ARC), CPR and First Aid techniques, as well as, passive and active save procedures. Certified ARC aquatic staff also provided CPR and First Aid training and certification to 100+ Recreation and Community Services Division staff.

In addition to the one-time, 8-week schedule adjustment, staff also reallocated resources to offer 256 swim classes, 10 weekly recreation swim hours, 110 hours per week of supervised day camp programming and 6 additional days of pedal boat rentals.

The Aquatics Section 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