



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE 2019 AQUATICS SEASON

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's 2019 aquatics season.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive an update on the 2019 aquatics season and provide feedback as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's (PRCSD) Aquatics Section provides programs and activities that include swim lessons, recreational swimming, pool and pedal boat rentals, day camps, aqua aerobics, and safety trainings and certifications for youth and adults (six months of age to seniors). Summer aquatics programs are offered at the seven swimming pools listed in Table A, two of which offer year-round programming and rental opportunities. In addition to the seven city pools, staff collaborated with Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) to provide Recreation Swim at Norte Vista High School pool during the 2019 season.

Table A – Pools

Location	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

DISCUSSION:

Summer instructional programs included youth and adult swim lessons, adult fitness swim, senior water aerobics, junior lifeguard camp, lifeguard certification classes, summer youth aquatics camp, Rethink Your Drink health and fitness campaign, and drop-in recreational swimming.

The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Aquatics Section budget is \$537,000, which includes \$50,000 in Measure Z funds. The aquatics budget funds 100 full- and part-time staff, and non-personnel resources. In addition to General Fund and Measure Z funding, PRCSD generated approximately \$338,000 in aquatics registration fees/revenues, and secured \$74,000 in grants and sponsorships to provide subsidized aquatic programs for City residents. In Fiscal Year 2019/20, the Aquatics Section has generated \$157,500 in revenue (46% of its fiscal year target).

The Parks Division supports the Aquatics Section by maintaining the aquatics facilities. During the past year, in addition to routine pool maintenance, the Parks Division staff coordinated the replacement of two ADA pool lifts, and purchased new pool lane lines.

During the summer season, aquatics staff received a 98% good to excellent overall customer satisfaction rating, noted on the 788 program evaluation surveys collected. Overall attendance for the ten-week summer season was 44,145.

Staff secured funding assistance through the Kaiser Permanente Foundation, LA 84 Foundation, American Red Cross, Riverside Public Library, Riverside Unified School District, and the Riverside Police Assistance League Foundation. Through 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 aquatics staff also provided CPR and First Aid training and certification to 100+ Recreation and Community Services Division staff.

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