



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

.....

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC'S (COVID-19) IMPACTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

ISSUE:

Director Cruz to provide a verbal update regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic's (COVID-19) impacts to the Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2020, the California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency due to the threat of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition to numerous Orders and Guidance documents, the Governor has also established a Resilience Roadmap that provides for when various facilities, uses and programs/services can reopen.

On March 13, 2020, City of Riverside declared a Local Emergency and closed all non-essential facilities to the public to increase efforts to protect the public from the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Subsequently on March 15, 2020, the City issued a minimum staffing order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The minimum staffing order was replaced on July 10, 2020, by a resilient workspace order.

Plans were developed for each City facility to ensure adequate and appropriate protocols, personal protective equipment and sanitation practices are in place to protect the public and staff.

A total of 33 staff throughout the City organization have tested positive for COVID-19 resulting in over 250 staff having to quarantine and undergo testing. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department has had three staff test positive.

DISCUSSION:

A verbal update will be provided regarding the Department's initial response to COVID-19, minimum staffing/resilient workspace, parking lot closures, Mt. Rubidoux, playgrounds, splash pads, pools, community centers, sports continued services, Special Transportation Division, parks maintenance, CIP projects, food distribution, Project BRIDGE, cooling centers, and the Fairmount Park Golf Course.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

Prepared by: Mayra S. Ocampo, Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Adolfo Cruz, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager

Attachment: Ongoing Health and Wellness Services during COVID