



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: VERBAL REPORT --- FAIRMOUNT PARK TOPICS AND STATUS OF PARK RANGER PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Discuss Fairmount Park concerns and provide an update on the Park Ranger program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback and possible solutions regarding the concerns surrounding Fairmount Park and provide feedback and support regarding the Park Ranger program.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 21, 2020, Park and Recreation Commission meeting, Vice Chair Mitchell requested we agendaized the topic of Fairmount Park concerns. She walks the park every morning and has noticed a few concerns.

DISCUSSION:

On January 8, 2021, Vice Chair Mitchell emailed Director Cruz regarding the Fairmount Park concerns she had previously mentioned. She stated there are several locations where people had been shooting paint balls in the park and noticed wildlife had been shot with some type of weapon. Other concerns include shooting of other types of BB or pellet guns, fishing string that endangers wildlife, increase in homelessness in the park, and the need for Park Rangers.

Commissioner Mitchell has provided the attached photos in which you can see an enormous amount of fishing line that has been retrieved. There are also pellet gun cartridges and BB's that are being used to shoot around the park.

Director Cruz will provide a verbal update to discuss lake maintenance, treatment of wildlife and dangers of fishing line on wildlife, and discuss the possibility of bringing back the Park Ranger program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Photos