



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Community Workshops for Park Improvement Projects

The Department is holding a number of community workshops in May and June to solicit community input on the Bohnett Park Renovation Project, West Beach Splash Playground, Ortega Park Master Plan and the Dwight Murphy Master Plan. They include the following:

Bohnett Park – May 22, 5:30 pm, on-site at the park

West Beach – May 24, 5:00 pm, on-site at the Wading Pool

Dwight Murphy Field – May 31, 5:00 pm at the Santa Barbara Zoo Discovery Pavilion

Ortega Park – June 2, 10 am at the Globe Theatre, Santa Barbara Junior High

Outreach for these meetings include email, direct mail, and social media.

The Commission will receive a presentation on the workshop outcomes and conceptual plans for Bohnett Park and the West Beach Splash Playground at the June 27 meeting.

Community Workshops for the Arroyo Burro Restoration at Hidden Valley Park

The Creeks Division will hold two community meetings on May 24th, one at 4:00 pm at Val Verde and one at 6:00 pm at Hidden Valley Park. The Commission will receive a presentation on this project at the June meeting.

Front Country Trails

The Department is working with Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara County Parks, and many trails advocates and stakeholder groups, including the Montecito Trails Foundation, Santa Barbara County Trails Council and the Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers, to develop a strategy for repairing and rebuilding trails damaged by the January debris flow. Although the impacted trails are still closed, the strategy will include selecting certain trails most feasible for repair in the near-term. The Department and County Parks are also working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to secure funds to address trails within City and County jurisdiction. A key immediate objective is to prepare and share information for community members regarding the status of the trails, opportunities to volunteer and financially support trail recovery, and which trails are available for use.

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