



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 25, 2019
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:

Day of Caring

On September 14th, the Santa Barbara community and Department staff volunteered at Skater's Point and the Yanonali Community Garden to participate in the United Way 28th Annual Day of Caring. Nine Youth Council members and 5 Department staff worked hard for 3 hours preparing six vacant garden plots for incoming gardeners, clearing weeds, and picking up trash. At Skater's Point Skate Park, 40 volunteers helped paint the interior and exterior of the perimeter park wall. Volunteers for this sorely needed painting project included representatives from Exxon/Mobile, adult and youth skateboarders and their parents, various City of Santa Barbara employees, and random people who joined in when they saw the work in progress. With such strong support, the painting was accomplished in 2.5 hours. Special thanks goes out to Dunn Edwards Paint of Santa Barbara for their generous donation of paint, valued at \$1,084.

Coastal Conservancy Grant

A grant application was submitted to the Coastal Conservancy in April of this year for the purchase of two beach wheelchairs to be located at East Beach. East Beach currently has two manual beach wheelchairs in disrepair and in need of replacement. The Department was notified this month that the proposal was funded in the amount of \$14,500 for the purchase of one electric all terrain beach wheelchair and one manual beach wheelchair. These wheelchairs will replace the existing chairs with a superior quality product and provide improved ease of use for patrons, as East Beach is the busiest beach with the highest volume of visitors and users. The two older chairs will be repaired and located at lifeguard towers on West Beach and Leadbetter Beach, which will expand

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access on all three City beaches. The two new wheelchairs will be stored at the Cabrillo Pavilion, and all wheelchairs are available for the public's use at no charge.

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