



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 28, 2020

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 various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Arts and Crafts Show Reopening

The Department has been working closely with the City Attorney's Office since March regarding the safe re-opening of programs, services, and the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show (Show). As the County slowly re-opened under the RISE model, the Santa Barbara County Health Department (SBCPHD) approved the Show to reopen, with appropriate safety protocols for retail operations, in September, six months after the first COVID-19 related Health Officer Order. Anticipating a reopening, the Show's Advisory Committee began meeting in early September while staff surveyed members and developed protocols for safe reopening. The survey results indicated that just under half the participants wanted to return as soon as possible, while the remainder split their vote between two later dates. With input from Show members and the Advisory Committee, staff developed a plan giving show members who are not comfortable returning a series of options for placing their membership on hold, while allowing other members to use a weekly advanced reservation system, similar to the process being used for Municipal Tennis and Los Baños pool, to fill-in the show line. Additionally, staff temporarily suspended several administrative procedures, including minimum attendance requirements to exhibit and allowing members to fill-in the show line starting at State Street.

Staff developed safety protocols in accordance with State and County guidelines, including displays being set back six feet from the sidewalk, mandatory face coverings, social distancing requirements, and two handwashing stations placed along the Show. Also, returning Show members were required to individually certify with the SBCPHD Rise program. On Sunday October 11, 2020, the Show officially returned with 32 members

exhibiting on Cabrillo Boulevard between State Street and slightly east of Garden Street. After two weekends of operation, feedback from participating members has been positive and staff anticipates increasing participation through the holiday shopping season.

Bohnett Park Renovation and Storm Water Treatment Project Construction

Construction of the Bohnett Park Renovation and Storm Water Treatment Project (Project) began on October 20 and is anticipated to be complete in three months. The project includes both recreational and water quality improvements to Bohnett Park. The park improvements include new accessible paths and walkways, new site furnishings including picnic tables, BBQ grills, trash, recycling, and coal receptacles, new streetscape fencing, and an improved play field with new turf, irrigation, and landscaping.

The second Project component includes a subsurface storm water treatment system. This system will consist of underground gravel-filled chambers that will capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water from two exiting storm drains that run underneath Bohnett Park and empty into Old Mission Creek. The chambers will be installed underneath the existing play field and will be connected to the storm drains with new subsurface piping. The treatment system will have the capacity to capture storm water runoff from a one inch rain event for approximately 6-acres of urban development surrounding the park. The Project will also include the installation of storm water pre-treatment vaults and a new catch basin on San Pascual Street.

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