

4.a.1 Recreation Division

Staff reported that the Summer Aquatics program began on July 6 but has been drastically reduced and modified this year due to COVID-19. Only Woodbury and Gary Hall pools are running programming. Social distancing and sanitizing procedures are in place to ensure the safety of staff and participants.

The department put on its first special event since the pandemic began, Movie in the Park(ing) Lot featuring *Sonic the Hedgehog*. This event was free and sold out in less than a day; 120 spots were filled but only about 50 percent attended the day of the event. Staff are planning to offer two more drive-in events in August in different areas of the city.

The preschool program the City offers is moving forward with resuming classes in the fall with modifications. Adjustment to maximum number of students in each age group have been made to abide with State guidelines.

Staff informed the commission of the cancellation of youth basketball and day camp programs due to the coronavirus. The Atlantis Play Center and the Sports and Recreation Center also closed until further notice. Staff created a Virtual Recreation Center webpage which offers virtual contract classes and programs and provides many resources to the community.

4.a.2 Human Services Division

The Human Services Division has been focused on serving the most vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring that the community has access to food and resources. The Buena Clinton and Magnolia resource centers have worked with local agencies and donors to provide food to the community. The City has partnered with Second Harvest who provide fresh produce and shelf stable food items and Bracken's Kitchen who has donated 160 frozen meals each week. In addition, through a special grant program in partnership with Community Development Department and CAPOC, is providing shelf stable food items, dairy, and fresh produce biweekly as well as a hot meal program on alternate weeks for a six-month period.

Buena Clinton is beginning to focus on a virtual day camp program, and parenting, ESL, and GED classes through Santa Ana College.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, in addition to the food resources mentioned above, have also received donated fresh produce boxes from Tanaka Farms; Domino's Pizza has donated pizzas for families; and diapers are being distributed in collaboration with Community Action Partnership. The Center just began the new FaCT

grant this month which will provide funding for the next three years. The new partners are TASK, who provide IEP consultations and special education workshops; Interval House who handle domestic violence cases; Human Options who offer individual and group crisis counseling. Some of the programs that are currently being offered include: Women's Virtual Recognition event, fathers only parenting class, loss and grief group, personal empowerment program, and summer youth and teen virtual programs, six-week parenting class, and six-week women's support group.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center in partnership with Meals on Wheels has been doing weekly drive-up meal distributions to replace the daily lunch program. Five to seven meals are provided for each senior, serving an average of 325 seniors per week. Second Harvest Food Bank also provides shelf stable boxes, this program began to phase out at the end of June. The homebound food delivery program continues to operate and grow to almost 90 individuals. Staff has revamped the senior newsletter, The Scoop providing important resource and coronavirus information not only for seniors but also for families. The Center has new partnerships with CERT and the Korean chamber who have provided volunteers to support their efforts. The Center is preparing to launch virtual classes and case management.

4.a.3 Facilities Division

The Community Meeting Center has been modified to adhere to current health and safety guidelines. Modifications include one way entrance and exit doors; one way-direction path throughout facility; signage for mandatory face coverings; installation of sneeze guards in the office; and Public Works sanitizes after each event. The Center is currently not open to the public, only City Council and Commission meetings are being conducted; however due to the rising cases of COVID-19, City Council meeting will return to Zoom beginning next week.

Regarding fields, recently the County allowed youth sports "camps" to resume, however as of late yesterday, all youth sports including practice, team drills, and training are no longer allowed statewide.

The following amenities are currently closed at parks due to high risks: basketball courts, fitness equipment, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, and picnic shelters and pavilion. The dog park, skate spot, and tennis courts remain open.

In March, two of the City's leased facilities went under new management. The indoor soccer arena at Garden Grove Park is now under the direction of Esparza Soccer Academics, the same operator who runs the Pioneer Park indoor soccer arena. They plan on having

youth soccer clinics and leagues, adult soccer leagues, and special events to attract new users to the facility.

The hockey rink at Chapman Sports Complex is now under the direction of Orion Sports. Their goal is to revive youth hockey. This facility is one of a few outdoor hockey rinks in Southern California so they anticipate a draw from surrounding areas once they begin programming.

4.b. Public Works Department Update

The department has been busy with providing support with facility closures and sanitizing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, as well as continuing their support on capital projects.

4.c. Capital Projects

4.c.1 Atlantis Play Center Fence

Staff reported that the project has experienced some delays in manufacturing and shipping due to COVID-19. So far, they have laid the posts for the footings and have begun to install the mesh along the back side of the park. The construction is going well, the contractor anticipates the project to be completed by the end of July 2020.

4.c.2 Garden Grove Park

Staff informed the Commission of this new capital project. The City was designated additional CDBG capital improvement funds. Staff used recently implemented Master Plan as a guide to select Garden Grove Park for this project. Richard Fisher Associates is the consultant who has put together the site plan and specifications. The project will go out to bid in a few weeks. It will consist of demolition and replacement of the large pavilion as well as the three small picnic shelters and installation of new barbeque grills. There will be construction of an ADA accessible walkway from the handicap parking area to the picnic areas and playground area. The playground areas will be demolished and combined into one large size playground area with two age group sections. There will be some electrical work to the pavilion and security lighting will also be added to walkways.

This project will be funded through CDBG and park fee funds. The goal is to complete this project in late spring of 2021.

Commissioner Stevens inquired on the cost of the project and whether the playground equipment will have ADA features. Staff stated that the approximate cost is \$1.5 million and staff did request consideration of including ADA units as part of the specifications.

4.c.3 Magnolia Family Resource Center Improvements

Magnolia Family Resource Center has undergone some aesthetic improvements. The building has been painted using the same color scheme used for the Faylane Park pump house which now serves as a template. Other improvements include painting the handball courts and adding the GG logo to it, painting the picnic shelter, and the installation of veneer stone to the bottom part of the building in the near future.

4.c.4 Gary Hall Pool Shade Structure

Staff reported that a new shade structure is being installed at Gary Hall pool. The structure measures 30 ft. wide by 12 ft. deep. The project should be completed by Monday, July 13. The plan is to install one at Magnolia Park pool next year, as well as Woodbury pool depending on Prop. 68 grant funding.

4d. Cancellation of Special Events

Staff informed the Commission that Jack O' Lantern Jamboree has not been cancelled yet; staff are brainstorming ideas for virtual or socially distanced options. Staff began discussions regarding Winter in the Grove and again, maybe offering virtual options. Since this event is farther out, it has been more difficult to plan with guidelines changing constantly.

Staff also reported that Concerts and Movies in the Park have been cancelled. Initially staff discussed the possibility of drive-in concerts but are not confident that the community can safely socially distance and wear masks with these type of events. The committee will reconvene in August to revisit the idea for the fall. Although the concerts have been cancelled, the Voice of Garden Grove will move forward virtually. The committee recently screened applications and selected this year's contestants. Each week, videos will be posted on the GGCF Facebook page, judges will rate the contestants and the winner will move to the final week of the competition; five will move on to the finale. The winner will be awarded \$500 and an additional \$500 to his/her high school choir. The runner up will receive \$250 with an additional \$250 for his/her high school choir.

Another event that has been postponed until 2021 is the Open Streets event. The bike lane on the Right-of-Way is open now, although some components still need to be completed.

Community event permits are not being issued during this time or the near future.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Ramirez complimented the City for being responsive to graffiti issues in a quick manner.

Commissioner Solis thanked staff for all their work during these challenging times.

Commissioner Stevens also thanked staff including part-time employees and volunteers for providing services and resources to the community.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Modified Operations for City Hall/Facilities

Staff previously mentioned in their earlier report modifications at facilities and fields. Staff added that the reduction of room capacities will most likely discourage the community to book events in the near future.

Modifications to City Hall building are in place, including screening patrons as they walk in the door, requirement of masks, plexiglass barriers are in place, and many departments are assisting community members by appointment only. The City website contains all regulations and guidelines City Hall has in place, there is a designated link for Coronavirus information.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

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