



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Parks Current Status Update

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Title

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Recommended Action

Receive briefing on the current status of parks

Report

Issue:

Receive update on the current status of parks and steps that are being taken related to the COVID-19 health crisis.

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Background and Analysis:

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department has worked to quickly adapt to uncertain times, while simultaneously prepare for an uncertain future. Below is a bulleted summary of the high-level actions that have been implemented, are in the process of being implemented, or are under consideration for the future action. Some of these actions are tied to larger City-wide strategies, while others are specific to our operation. At the meeting, the Director will give a general overview of these actions and answer questions related to our Department's response to COVID-19.

- Summarize approach to closure of facilities and cancellation of programs
- Declaration of exigent financial circumstances April 12th
- City-Wide Budget Reduction Plan Shared May 12th
- Tier 1 Parks Department budget cuts Already implemented
- Tier 2 Additional cuts Under consideration for next steps

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- Tier 3 Capital budget transfers Planned if necessary
- Virtual Programming Update Began mid-April
- Ongoing coordination with Lacey and Tumwater Joint press release May 5th
- Current phase I status, what is open/closed As of May 5th
- Prioritizing summer day camp and childcare programs
- Evaluating ways to adapt programs to meet social distance guidelines
- Phased approach to re-opening programs and facilities

Attachments:

None