PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2023 ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.1

SUBJECT: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT - MAY 2023**

DATE: **JUNE 5, 2023**

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❖ Animal Care Services

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Impounded animals	60	49	47	33	37	44	47	59
Returned to owner	9	6	11	3	9	12	10	8
Transferred to adoption center	28	27	34	26	9	24	37	23
Adopted	30	4	39	7	7	17	23	24
Animal License Issued/Renewed	244	195	201	249	211	251	234	251

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	86
Hamilton	42	42	23

❖ Contract Classes

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Youth & Adult Totals:	233	157	84	205	183	366	590	407

❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The Senior Center mailed out their monthly newsletter to 2,318 members. This is an increase of 63 members since April 2023.
- On May 4, Senior Center staff member Alexis Quintero was one of roughly 300 participants that attended Second Harvest Food Bank's annual training and mini conference in Irvine. The Costa Mesa Senior Center and other organizations who partner with Second Harvest met to discuss operations of their food distribution site models and shared ideas on how to improve distributions.
    - The Costa Mesa Senior Center continues to be recommended by Second Harvest Food Bank as a training site to other organizations due to the Center's efficiency in organizing and executing the Senior Grocery program. Please visit www.costamesaca.gov/seniorcenter to view food resources available at the Senior Center and within the community.
- On May 8, the Senior Center hosted an artist reception for recently installed *The Exhibit* artist Alan Mayeda. Alan is a familiar face at the Senior Center, since he is the Center's Tai Chi instructor. Alan's astrological art pieces will be on display through July on the 2nd Floor of the Senior Center.
- On May 11, the Senior Center hosted a festive brunch to honor mothers. The event had 100 participants in attendance! During the event, attendees enjoyed a delicious meal from IHOP

while being entertained by local harpist Tamoko Sato.

- On May 20, Senior Center held an informational booth at *I Love Costa Mesa Day*. Community Outreach Worker, Lucy Tseng, and Recreation Supervisor, Marianna Peña, provided resources and outreach pamphlets to volunteers.

Senior Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	4,317	4,335	3,091	2,450	3,023	3,465	3,836	3,459
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,439	1,425	1,287	1,085	1,405	1,724	1,879	1,682
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	170	110	141	110	255	280	246	258
Wellness Calls	1,213	1,155	1,168	1,066	1,457	1,288	1,412	1,321
Transportation Program Trips	941	830	727	553	758	842	1,169	1,122

❖ Downtown Recreation Center

Gym Programs	Pickleball	Youth Open Gym	Basketball	Volleyball
Participants	112	32	12	117
Visits	604	97	32	222

❖ Downtown Aquatic Center

2022 Aquatics Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Adult Lap Swim Participants	69	71	112	81	88	92	124	128
Total Lap Swim Visits	402	216	249	341	305	350	561	458
Instructional Class Participants	71	0	0	0	10	52	64	122
Instructional Class Attendance	235	0	0	0	33	200	442	562
Swimming Lesson Spectators	215	0	0	0	14	134	444	581

❖ Facility Rentals – May

Facility	Non-Profit	Private Resident	Private Commercial	Non-Resident Commercial
DD Library – Adams Room	2	-	-	-
BCC	-	-	-	-
DRC - Gym	-	-	-	-
NHCC	6	1	-	-

❖ Fairview Park

- The City hosted its *Second Saturday* restoration day on Saturday, May 13, in partnership with the Fairview Park Alliance. The focus for the day was the vernal pool 5/6/7 watershed buffer area. There were approximately 25 members of the public in attendance to support non-native plant removal activities. The next *Second Saturday* restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, June 10.
- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy in hosting additional monthly restoration days on the 3rd Saturday of each month. These 3rd Saturday Restoration days focus on the coastal sage scrub areas in the upper canyon. On Saturday, May 20, volunteers from the Banning Ranch Conservancy and *I Love Costa Mesa Day* assisted in non-native plant removal activities. Approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance to support these restoration efforts.
- The city has partnered with the Sea and Sage Audubon Society to introduce a Bilingual Bird Tour on Saturday, June 3rd, to expand community engagement and education about Fairview Park's unique resources. Roughly 30 members of the community participated in the bilingual tour, representing both English and Spanish speaking families.

❖ Adult Sports

- **Adult Sports – MAY**
  - Adult Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
    - Summer 2023 Season began May 22 – July 17 with 66 teams and a total 657 participants enrolled.
  - Adult Basketball League – Operated by City Staff
    - Spring 2023 Season began April 10 – June 19
    - Monday nights were enrolled with 7 teams and Wednesday nights were enrolled with 8 teams with a total 192 participants enrolled.
  - Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
    - Spring 2023 Season began February 1 to August 6 with a total of 24 participants enrolled.

- **Fields**

Field Usage	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
# of Organizations	45	45	45	45	48	48	48	48
Hours	36,881	31,666	8,648	7,705	14,241	24,385	26,027	77,983

❖ Park Reservations

May 2023				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	4		Shiffer	4
Estancia	9		Smallwood	2
Heller	6		TeWinkle	19
Paularino	2		Vista	1
Pinkley	16		Wakeham	11

❖ Youth Programs

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**
  - Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess
  - Held at Estancia Park
  - Registration began on May 8, 2023

Week #
1 (June 12-June 16)
2 (June 19-June 23)
3 (June 26-June 30)
4 (July 3-July 7)
5 (July 10-July 14)
6 (July 17-July 21)
7 (July 24-July 28)
8 (July 31-August 4)
9 (August 7-August 11)

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
  - Fee-based program from June 12, 2023-July 21, 2023
  - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
  - Registration began on May 8, 2023

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	40	32
3-4 year old (T/Th)	40	25

- **Camp Mini Explorers**
  - Fee-based program from June 12, 2023-July 21, 2023
  - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
  - Registration began on May 8, 2023

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	40	40
3-4 year old (T/Th)	40	28

- **Teen Program**
  - Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades from August 22, 2022 – June 8, 2023
  - Teen Centers at TeWinkle Middle School and Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
  - Offers shuttle transportation from Ensign Inter./Newport Harbor High School to the DRC Teen Center and Save Our Youth (SOY)

Program Location	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	18
TeWinkle Middle School	99
Shuttle Service	**Students**
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	18
Save Our Youth (SOY)	3

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- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**
  - Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – June 9, 2023
  - Held at nine (9) NMUSD elementary schools
  - Capacity limits and may vary per session

School Site	Capacity	Enrolled
Adams	40	40
California	60	61
College Park	40	39
Davis Magnet	80	83
Killybrooke	40	41
Paularino	40	28
Sonora	40	37
Victoria	40	38
Whittier	40	28

- **Summer R.O.C.K.S**
  - Free resident summer program from June 12, 2023 – August 18, 2023
  - Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
  - Registration began on May 8, 2023

Balearic Community Center
Session 1 (June 12-July 14)
Session 2 (July 17-August 11)
Session 3 (August 14-August 18)
Downtown Recreation Center
Session 1 (June 12-July 14)
Session 2 (July 17-August 11)

- **Youth Sports – Volleyball**
  - Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
  - Season: March 28 – May 27, 2023
    - Registration began February 6, 2023

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	40
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	24
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	31

❖ **Special Event Permits**

2023 Permits	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	22
Permits Issued for May	8
Permits at City Facilities	5
Permits at Private Commercial Property	3
Pending Permits	3

❖ **Capital Project Updates**

- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update is ongoing. Staff have been meeting with representatives from the MIG team, exchanging information, and discussing the timeline for public meetings. The first public meeting with MIG and the Fairview Park Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14. Public notices will be sent out regarding that meeting.
- Two capital projects have been designated funding through Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley's Office. The projects include the expansion of the Costa Mesa Skatepark and the completion of the Café at Lion's Park. Both projects are currently in the pre-design phase with staff preparing the Scope of Work for design.
- One capital project, the Expansion of Ketchum-Libolt Park, has been designated funding through Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie Norris' Office. This project is also in pre-design. Community outreach meetings are currently underway, with meeting times to be posted soon.
- Four (4) other sites have been designated as locations for funding provided through Senator Dave Min's Office. These project sites include the Jack Hammett Sports Complex, TeWinkle Park, Fairview Park, and Shalimar Park. Actual project scope for each site is undertermined as the projects undergo review by the City Council. Two community outreach meetings for Shalimar Park have been held, with more currently being scheduled.
- Brentwood Park: No updates, however the project is included in the discussion of the Capital Improvement Program presentation that is on the agenda for the June 6, 2023, City Council Meeting.

❖ **Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan**

- The consultant has completed the updates and edits requested by staff, and a revised draft has been provided for staff review. There may be additional changes required which will likely need additional funding per the scope of the agreement.

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Movies in the Park | Puss in Boots: The Last Wish	Saturday, June 17	Lions Park
Free Park Symphony	Sunday, June 18	Balearic Community Center
Independence Day Celebration Lunch	Wednesday, June 28	Senior Center
Fish Fry	Friday – Sunday, June 23-25	Lions Park
Independence Day Celebration	Monday, July 3	OC Fair & Event Center
Concert in the Park | The Reflexx	Tuesday, July 11	Fairview Park
Concert in the Park | Savor	Tuesday, July 15	Fairview Park
Concert in the Park | Tijuana Dogs	Tuesday, July 25	Fairview Park