



**Agenda Item A.4**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: August 2, 2022**

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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Jaime A. Valdez, Neighborhood Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the Director's Report on current events and projects supported by the Neighborhood Services Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Neighborhood Services is responsible for a variety of community related concerns, issues, programs, and projects. The information in this report is designed to inform members of the Parks and Recreation Commission of items occurring within the community that have an indirect impact to Parks and Recreation facilities and/or services.

Appointment of New City Manager

On July 19, the City Council approved the appointment of Robert Nisbet as City Manager effective September 1, 2022. Michelle Greene was appointed Manager Emeritus, to assist with transition activities, as needed by and subject to oversight of the new City Manager. Mr. Nisbet is currently the City Manager for the City of Half Moon Bay and is familiar with Santa Barbara County. He brings more than 28 years of professional management experience to his new role, including four years as the City Manager of Half Moon Bay, six previous years as Assistant General Manager for the East Bay Regional Park District, twelve years with the Santa Barbara County General Services Department (including seven years as the Department Director), and seven years as the Public Works Director for the City of Carpinteria.

Summer Events at the Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley Libraries

Over 800 community members have signed up for our 2022 Summer Reading Program, which includes all-ages programming. On Friday June 24th, children lined up at the Goleta Valley Library to drop off their favorite stuffed animal for a sleepover event. Staff were thrilled to see more than 200 "stuffers" dropped off this year for the "all-nighter." Thanks to the California State Library, we are able to make databases including the New

York Times and Value Line, available for free. Tech Tutoring is available to all patrons, staff provides assistance with electronic or mobile devices. For the latest information, please visit [www.GoletaValleyLibrary.org](http://www.GoletaValleyLibrary.org).

### Goleta CERT Program

The Goleta CERT program is gearing up to offer community trainings this Fall. The CERT Basic Course will be held in English and Spanish this Fall for all residents, and the Goleta program is working to re-engage with its graduates from previous years. For more information, please email [CERT@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:CERT@cityofgoleta.org).

### Homelessness Program

The City of Goleta is currently recruiting for a Homelessness Services Coordinator. This position will be responsible to plan, organize and direct programs to address issues and services related to homelessness and the prevention of homelessness; recommends, implements, and promotes the City's Homelessness Strategic Plan; and performs complex, advanced level professional, technical, analytical, and administrative work related to homelessness programs and in support of other Neighborhood Services Department priorities. While this position will not be solely responsible for all encampment clean ups, they will be working closely with law enforcement and Parks Maintenance to ensure that encampments are addressed.

This concludes the Director's report for this meeting.

Approved By:

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Jaime A. Valdez,  
Neighborhood Services Director