



**Agenda Item A.2**  
**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

**CONTACT:** JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Manager Project and Program Updates

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the Parks and Recreation Manager Report on progress for current Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects and associated programs.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Neighborhood Services is responsible for a variety of park-related Capital Improvement Projects and specialty programs related to parks and recreation.

**ADOPT A PARK:**

The Adopt A Park program continues to be strong. In July, we secured two additional groups (one organization and one resident) to adopt Bella Vista Park and the trails at Evergreen Park. Most adoptions take place on either the first or third Saturdays of the month and anyone is welcome to assist. Staff is currently working with the Boys and Girls Club for adoption of the field next to their facility and another group to assist with a variety of tasks associated with a handful of active parks. These volunteers provide valuable support to the City of Goleta, and they are much appreciated.

**PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH RECAP:**

The 2022 Parks and Recreation Month was a huge success. We had between half of a dozen and a dozen participants in each free clinic, and everyone had a great time learning to play bocce, handball, bankshot, and disc golf. The exception for participation was Pickleball having 51 total participants with a waitlist of another 50, and although Tennis had nobody pre-registered, we were able to find a handful of people in the park that were interested and took advantage of the opportunity. Throughout the month we received some additional suggestions, and we are looking forward to the 2023 calendar to include nature walks and talks. Photos of some of the workshops are included in Attachment 1.

STOW GROVE PARK PROJECT UPDATE:

The City Council will be receiving an update on the project at their next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. This update provides the Council with information on the process, details on the existing Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) as well as methods outlined in the General Plan for moving forward. Staff is requesting that the City Council authorize staff to move forward with the preparation of a Master Plan for Stow Grove Park including two or more draft conceptual plans. This would expand the project beyond a field renovation with ADA accessibility improvements to allow for consideration of new and/or expanded park amenities. Staff expects to hold another public workshop in September with Parks and Recreation Commission review in the fall. The project will resume, based on direction provided, after this update to the City Council.

COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGEMENT

The City of Goleta is scheduled to take over the management of the Goleta Community Center on January 1, 2023. In preparation of this transition, staff are working with the Goleta Valley Community Center organization to make this transition as smooth as possible for the organization, the City, and the users of the facility. City staff have met with the existing staff and tenants to discuss transition and anticipated timelines and will continue these conversations throughout the coming months.

The city is currently in the process of hiring a Recreation Supervisor that will serve as the day-to-day manager of the facility and will likely begin working in September of this year. This position is beginning earlier than the transition date to assist in the planning and implementation process.

In addition to the management of the facility, the City of Goleta will also facilitate a Strategic Planning Process for the Goleta Community Center. This process will kick off by early Fall and will take approximately nine months to a year. At the conclusion of this process, City Council will determine if the City of Goleta will retain management or solicit for another non-profit to manage the facility.

Approved By:

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Jaime A. Valdez,  
Neighborhood Services Director

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Photos from July is Parks and Recreation Month

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

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## PHOTOS FROM JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

