



Agenda Item A.3
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: October 6, 2021

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jaime A. Valdez, Interim 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.

CITY RE-ORGANIZATION UPDATE:

At the City Council meeting of July 20, 2021, City Council approved an immediate restructure of the City, adding a new General Services Department and making modifications to other departments. As a result of the changes, the Department name is officially "Neighborhood Services," and Library services are joining the current work efforts within the department. In addition, the City has recruited for the Director of Neighborhood Services and the Director of General Services positions. Recruitment for both positions concluded in early October and more information is anticipated to be available by the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting or sooner. Regardless of the recruitment, the Goleta Library Director, Allison Grey will serve as the Deputy Director for Neighborhood Services.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT POSITION:

As the Commission may recall, a part-time Management Assistant position was funded during the budget process to assist with Parks and Recreation related items and support the Parks and Recreation Manager. This new position will be responsible for the Adopt A Park Program and the Butterfly Education Program, as well as some other support roles. During the budget process, there were multiple unfrozen and new positions funded throughout the City, requiring the recruitment process to be


prioritized. It is anticipated that the Management Assistant recruitment will begin in October, with an offer made before the holiday season.

GOLETA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER:

At a special meeting on August 31st, the Goleta City Council voted to assume the responsibility of interim management of the Goleta Community Center when the management lease expires on June 30, 2022. The Council recognized they had a responsibility to manage the programs and use while the ADA and Seismic improvements are taking place at the facility. Additionally, during this interim process, the City of Goleta will work towards the development of a strategic plan, which will be utilized to determine the future of the facility. City Council directed staff to come back at a future meeting with plans and costs associated to the transition of management, staffing needs and the recommendations for the strategic planning process. The special meeting that discussed the capital improvement projects, the results of the community survey and the recommendation to take over interim management can be viewed on the City's website: <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>. For your convenience, you may click here for the actual [Agenda](#), and click here to watch the actual [Video](#). Staff will continue to share information with the Parks and Recreation Commission as it becomes available.

This concludes the Director's report for this meeting.

Approved By:


Jaime A. Valdez, Interim
Neighborhood Services Director