

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2020

11:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

REMOTE ONLY

COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN (CHAIR), COX AND KUNKEL

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, JEN BURBIDGE, PERI EDMONDS

ACTION: APPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND
KUNKEL

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

PRESENTER: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Jen Burbidge, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department programs.

Beginning in March, recreation programs were cancelled and park gates locked. Parks were able to stay open the entire time with new rules implemented.

Phase I – Early May

- Parks and recreation services recovery plan
- Parks and trails open
- Restrooms, shelters, playgrounds and other group amenities closed
- Offered virtual programs
- Promoted families playing together, messaging and continue social distancing by adding signage through the website, on-site, and social media
- Added “Keep It Moving” language to signage and messaging

Phase II – Mid June

- Outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside one’s household is allowed
- Open park restrooms on winter/limited schedule

Phase III – End of June

- Summer registration started July 1
- Outdoor group recreational sport activities (up to 50 people) are allowed per field
- Recreational facilities at 50% capacity or less is allowed
- Social gatherings with no more than 50 people allowed, reduced further to only 10 people
- Open skate park, picnic shelters, and other group amenities (allowed up to 50, but then reduced to 10 people)
- Open playgrounds
- Family Entertainment series limited to 50 (ran 2 out of 6, now cancelled)
- Swim lessons open with proper safety guidelines and updated to a family format
- Implement Park Ambassador Program
- Museum open with social distancing

Cancellations

- 3rd of July event
- Lacey in Tune Summer Concert Series
- Family Entertainment Series
- Lifeguard Program at Long Lake Beach
- Playground Pals
- Teen Camp
- Counselor in Training Program
- Two day camp sites reduced to one day
- Some Cultural Camps and Programs
- Some Sports and Fitness – all indoor fitness on hold
- August movie nights
- History Talk

Recent activity at Long Lake Beach was reviewed and determined that visitors were social distancing, but not wearing masks. Several calls were made to the Department of Health.

An update was provided on the Rainier Vista Skate Park upgrade, with an anticipated completed date of August 10, 2020.

Staff advised that Parks & Recreation has received their trademark “Put us on your play list”, and is waiting on artwork before promoting.

The City of Lacey made the decision to expand the team sports guidance to require players to wear masks both on and off the field. Staff is working on how to modify all future events, trips and fall programming in order to proceed with them.