

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2022

11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

REMOTE AND IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS COX (CHAIR ALTERNATE) AND KUNKEL

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN (CHAIR)

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, JENNIFER BURBIDGE, SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, SUE FALASH, RAFAEL FERNANDEZ, ELISSA FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

JULY 3RD FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

STAFF: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION DIRECTOR
SUE FALASH, RECREATION MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Sue Falash, Recreation Manager, advised the City of Lacey July 3rd Fireworks Spectacular is back at Rainier Vista Park with live music, food trucks, kids inflatables and characters.

The July 3rd Fireworks Show is sponsored by the following:

- TwinStar Credit Union
- Interstate Batteries & Capital
- Development/South Sound Center

The event is made possible with the support of the entire City, including Parks, culture, & Recreation Department, Police Department, Public Affairs Department, Public Works Department, Community & Economic Development, and FD3.

The event will also include a high energy dance party by Beat Frequency at 5:00 p.m., and a Beach Boys tribute band by Good Vibrations at 8:00 p.m.

LACEY PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION – 2022 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

STAFF: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION DIRECTOR
SUE FALASH, RECREATION MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Sue Falash, Recreation Manager, presented an overview of the 2022 Summer Activities within the Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Department.

Programs include the Children’s Entertainment Series, Concerts and Movies at Dusk, as well as Play in the Parks, a traveling series that brings games, animals, and music to neighborhood parks throughout the summer.

Summer Daycamps and Playground Pals were also highlighted, as well as various youth sports. Staff advised that water programs are still experiencing a lifeguard shortage.

JUNETEENTH EVENT AND FLAG

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
RAFAEL FERNANDEZ, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, introduced Rafael Fernandez, Management Analyst.

Staff presented on the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration Event and Juneteenth History. The Commission on Equity received a community request regarding a Juneteenth Celebration, and identified a collaboration opportunity with the Fred U. Harris Lodge, who hosts an existing event for the past 40 years. The event is presented by the Fred U. Harris Lodge and partnered with cities of Lacey and Tumwater.

The 2022 Juneteenth Celebration is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Regional Athletic Center (RAC).

The Commission on Equity has made a recommendation to display the Juneteenth Flag at the RAC and/or City Hall on June 18-19, as well as pursue future incorporation within the Flag Policy (Section 5.12 - City Council Policy and Procedures Manual). Council approved flags currently include the Sister City Flag and Pride Flag.

Committee members directed staff to present the Commission on Equity’s recommendation to the full Council at the June 9 Worksession.