

## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 1, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Paul Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Subject: Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

### PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

#### BEACHES

##### Sombrero Beach

- Playground shade structure is up
- We continue to sanitize the restrooms, playground equipment and pavilions.
- We put up a more secure barricade on the west-side of the beach where the kayak release area is located. We have heard some people are still climbing over the barricade to access that area, but we have not caught anyone doing that, so we haven't been able to address it. Signs are up stating not to enter.

##### Coco Plum

- All is good at Coco Plum

#### PARKS

##### Jesse Hobbs

- Playground shade structures have been reinstalled.
- Someone vandalized the park by painting words "Black Lives Matter" in the grass with white and red paint. Hammer and Dwayne removed it the best they could.

##### Community Park

- The park continues to have a lot of visitors occupying all of our facilities.
- The athletic fields (soccer and baseball) have been fertilized. We closed the fields for a week to let the fertilizer work and allow the grass to grow.
- We decided to close the soccer fields for the month of February on the weekends (Friday -3:00 p.m. to Monday morning – 7:00 a.m.) to give the grass time to rest and grow. Currently, we have a few dead spots on the grass that have been created by heavy use in those areas.
- We will be fertilizing the fields again at the end of the month.

- Yoga classes continue at the amphitheater Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- MHS high school tennis team have been practicing on the tennis courts M-F from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- We continue to monitor the skate park, but nothing major has happened that we know of recently. We will continue to do periodic checks throughout the day and evening hours.
- I have been in contact with Bird-Air who did the previous inspection of the amphitheater. We have all the necessary paperwork signed and now we are working on identifying a date and time to do the inspection and repairs.

### **Rotary Park**

- There were some issues pointed out at the last meeting. We did a walk through of the playground area to point out those issues. A checklist was created to fix those issues. Hammer and Dwayne have been working on fixing those issues that were pointed out in our inspection and that was brought to our attention from the community. Many of those issues on the checklist were fixed. Some of the issues listed will take more time to fix.
- The broken fence around the playground area was fixed the week of February 1st.
- A new sign was installed at the entrance of Rotary Park.
- I have been in contact with the company (Play By Design) who helped with the build of Rotary Park 20 years ago. We had a zoom meeting with the designer (Lisa Deshano) to discuss the plans to move forward. This build will be a community build, so we are looking for volunteers to help with the build. We are putting together a committee to help coordinate the build. There will be a survey going out via social media to get the communities input on what they would like to see at the park. Anyone interested in participating in the zoom meetings are welcomed. The goal is to be ready for the build the first part of year 2022 (January/February).

### **Ocean front / Events Field**

- All is good at Ocean front

### **PROGRAMS**

- Baseball, T-ball, and softball registrations have begun for the month of February. The season will start in March.
- We had registration for Start Smart Baseball for ages 3–5, but only 3 kids signed up for the program by the deadline (1/22/21), so I postponed the program until a later date. I am looking to start the program up in March along with the other baseball, T-ball, and softball programs.
- I met with the Principal (Christine Paul) at Switlik to discuss the use of the athletic fields for our T-ball teams and start smart baseball.
- Austin Tubbs will be starting his tennis program for different age groups (5-8, 9-11, and 12 and up) the first week of February. Each group is limited to 8 participants.
- We are having a Valentine grab bag drop off for the first 50 kids who register for the bags. We will be dropping off the bags Friday, February 12, 2021.