

## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 2, 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

### AUGUST 2021

#### PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

##### PROGRAMS

- Summer camp is ending August 6<sup>th</sup>. We felt we've had a successful camp this summer since this was the first camp we've done since the summer of 2019. There are some things we feel we can improve on and will for our upcoming Thanksgiving camp in November. It was an extremely hot and raining summer. We appreciate being able to use the council chambers and the Marathon Rec Center on those rainy days and being able to give our campers an opportunity to get out of the heat for a portion of the day.
- We are in the planning stages to start an afterschool program for school age kids. This afterschool program will provide tutoring, crafts, games, and sports. The plan is to have this afterschool program up and running after the holiday break.

##### BEACHES

###### Sombrero Beach

- We continue to sanitize and restock the toilet paper in the restrooms in the afternoons and evening hours.
- We've identified some parts of the playground equipment at the beach that has some rust spots, so we are sanding it down and applying a rust/corrosion protectant to those areas to help prolong the life of the playground equipment. We were able to locate the paint codes for the original playground equipment paint, so once that comes in, we will be able to paint those surfaces the original color.
- We also identified a couple spots on the pour-in-place playground surface that has been torn up. We were able to locate a pour-in-place patch kit repair those areas. To repair the pour-in-place areas, we may have to close a portion of the playground area until that area dries up. If so, we will inform the public when those closers will take place. (It should be only a few hours, but no more than a day).
- There have been a few complaints about the kayak release area on the westside of the beach. The new ramp can be difficult to walk over when placing kayaks in the water. We are looking for some type of mobi-mat to go over that area to make a smooth transition from the beach into the water.

## **Coco Plum**

- Everything is good at Coco Plum Beach

## **PARKS**

### **Jesse Hobbs**

- No issues at Jesse Hobbs Park

### **Community Park**

- Yoga classes continue to happen at the amphitheater Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They scheduled a full moon yoga session at the amphitheater for the month of July and August during the full moon.
- NFL Flag Football registration was moved back to August 6<sup>th</sup> and tryouts will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Community Park soccer fields starting at 6:00 p.m. Practices will be August 16 – August 27<sup>th</sup> with the first games being played on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration has picked up since we moved the dates back allowing those parents who were out of town for the summer to register their child for flag football.
- I've spoken with Caitrin from Marathon Youth Club about them assisting AYSO soccer this season. We are working on a schedule so there is no conflict between NFL Flag and AYSO soccer. Flag football will be played on Monday and Wednesday.
- Adult softball season came to an end July 27<sup>th</sup> with a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. There was a total of 8 teams who participated this past season. We are hoping to start another season this fall (TBD).
- We are looking into starting a corn-hole league this fall as well.
- We're hoping to have the RFP for the playground structure at the Community Park out for bid so we can get moving on replacing the playground equipment.
- Still waiting for an estimate for the fencing around the batting cage. We are going to put up the harnesses to hold up the netting, but we are not going to put up the net until we get an estimate for the fencing.

### **Rotary Park / Dog Park**

- We have been able to fill a couple volunteer coordinator positions for the Rotary Park build.
- We are going to start advertising for playground apparatus sponsorships along with creating other fundraising activities to reduce the cost of the new playground build.
- We are going to start having zoom meetings with those interested in helping with the build, so when the time comes, we will be prepared.

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

- We are planning to have our annual Halloween Haunt event at the Oceanfront Park sometime in October (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October).