

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights April 21, 2020



ACKERMAN PAYOUT REQUEST #10

Executive Director Harris presented the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvement Project Payout Request #10 from Wight Construction and discussed the status of the project. Following a brief discussion, the Park Board of Commissioners approved Wight Construction payout request #10 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements-Construction Management Services in the amount of \$6,065.33.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISTRICT UPDATE

Executive Director Harris reminded the Park Board of the current status of the Park District including the closures of facilities, suspension of programs and cancellation of events and activities. Harris discussed the financial status of the District explaining that many of the programs are not running and status of upcoming programs is unknown as revenue is not being collected as well as some program fees are being refunded. Harris relayed that the District did defer \$800,000 in budgeted expenses for 2020 and presently, events, athletics, programs, and seasonal facility openings are all being evaluated and will certainly be influenced by upcoming mandates from the Governor and the CDC. Director Harris provided that despite those challenges, the District remains productive, motivated, and resourceful during this time.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito then provided a summary and status of recreation department activities to the Park Board that the District has provided to its patrons. Esposito then briefed the Board on the status of events and activities that were coming up. Lastly, Esposito reviewed that staff is preparing opening and operational procedures for the facilities should they be allowed to reopen.

SUNSET POOL DISCUSSION

Harris stated per the direction of the Park District Commissioners at the April 7, 2020 Workshop meeting, staff has compiled a detailed report with financial projections regarding the Sunset Pool facility. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito along with Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani discussed the report that was divided into four sections: financial, training and maintenance scenarios, consideration factors, surrounding communities' information and staff recommendation.

The report provided information regarding Sunset Pool budget with projections of budget based on three (3) potential opening dates and a final scenario of the facility not opening at all. The Park Board reviewed projections and financials based off of possible opening dates including May 23rd, June 13th, July 4th, and remaining closed for the season. The Park Board had a lengthy discussion of the financial factors, impacts and the many other factors that would play a role and have affect on the decision of when, and/or if to open the Sunset Pool Facility. Staff has also reached out to

surrounding communities and stated others are also currently researching and evaluating similar options.

Staff recommended to the Park Board that based on the assumption that the stay-at-home order will not be lifted and with a possibility of an extension of the order, that the pool opening should be delayed until at least June 13th with a final decision on opening of the pool for the season to take place at the May 5th Workshop meeting. Commissioners expressed their concern with the complications involved from an operational standpoint of the pool, the safety of the public and employees and adhering and implementing the many guidelines that have yet to be established. All agreed to delay the opening of Sunset Pool to June 13th and to reevaluate and make a final decision at the May 5th Workshop meeting when hopefully more information and guidance will be provided from the Governor and CDC.

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (FFCRA) POLICY

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani stated that the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was signed into law on March 18, 2020 which requires employers to provide employees with paid sick leave and expand family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions will apply from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Cinquegrani presented the details of this Act, per Park District legal counsel, to the Park Board of Commissioners and the Park Board approved the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Policy as presented.