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12:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Ruby Tumber, Management Analyst
DATE: May 17, 2018
SUBJECT: **Review Stanford Avenue Curfew Hours and Parking Permit Pilot Program: Mission Peak Regional Preserve Crews**

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber will present a recommendation to the Board Operations Committee (BOC) regarding the Mission Peak Regional Preserve Modified Park Hours Program. The original, year-long program was initiated in September 2014 to fall 2015. At the November 2015 BOC meeting, the program was extended an additional year. The following year at the November 2016 BOC meeting, hours were amended per the request of the Committee. Since the implementation of the modified hours, trail counts are showing a reduction in illegal after-hours trail usage originating from the Stanford Avenue trailhead.

At the June 15, 2017 BOC, another update was provided and the Committee requested revisiting the topic at the end of summer 2017. An additional update was brought forward in October of 2017, during which the Committee agreed to continue the modified pilot hours for an additional six months and reassess the program in April 2018. At the April 19, 2018 Board Operations Committee meeting staff presented a recommendation to increase evening hours by one hour and to extend the modified hours until July 2020. At that meeting the committed tabled the staff recommendation and requested that the item be held until additional public input could be heard at the Park District / City of Fremont Liaison Committee meeting, held on April 26th. At the liaison meeting twenty-one (21) members of the public commented on the modified hours agenda item. Twelve (12) speakers commented against changing the current modified hours program and nine (9) speakers were in favor of extending hours.

As stated above, current trail counter data has shown a general decline in total illegal after-hours trail use. The data also indicates a higher number of illegal after-hours trail use in the early morning hours between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Based on this data and committee input, staff is again recommending that the Board Operations Committee approve a revision to the modified hours program by extending only the evening access hours (by one hour) to accommodate public access for activities like after work fitness and those wishing to watch sunset from the peak. The morning access time will remain at 6:30 a.m. as it has been since the start of the program. In addition, staff are recommending extending the term of the program until July 7, 2020 when the current lease agreement with the City of Fremont for the land parcels adjacent to the Stanford Avenue entrance expires.

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1:00 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Mimi Waluch, Business Services Manager
DATE: May 17, 2018
SUBJECT: Update District-wide Stables and Arenas

Business Services Manager Mimi Waluch, will present an informational overview of the District-wide equestrian barns and arenas, including history, amenities, revenue, maintenance costs, and future planned projects. This presentation is a response to the 2017 Board Operations Committee’s interest in this item.

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1:20 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Ira Bletz, Interpretive and Recreation Services Northwest Regional Services Manager
Jeremy Saito, Recreation Supervisor
DATE: May 17, 2018
SUBJECT: Community Services and Volunteer Update

Interpretive and Recreation Services Northwest Regional Services Manager Ira Bletz, and Recreation Supervisor Jeremy Saito, will provide an update of the District-wide Community Services and Volunteers Program.

The presentation will include a recap of volunteer activities, highlights from 2017, and the introduction of a new pilot program to expand volunteer opportunities for community and corporate groups working with park operations staff in the field.

In 2017, over 24,000 volunteers contributed 168,700 hours for volunteer park activities. That represents a 13% increase in volunteers from 2016, with a 12% increase in hours contributed. Furthermore, District-wide volunteer programs have increased by over 49% in the last five years. Requests for group volunteer projects has also increased by 20% from last year.

To build on the volunteer program’s success and provide more volunteer opportunities, staff held a Volunteer Program Discussion with park supervisors and managers from all the units of the Operations Division and staff from the Regional Parks Foundation. This volunteer summit, held in November 2017, included a brief history of the District’s volunteer program, a volunteer program update, and a brainstorming discussion of ideas to expand volunteer projects for groups.

The result is a new pilot program launched this year to offer volunteer project days within each park unit over the course of the year. This allows for improved coordination of in-park projects between park units, the Community Services and Volunteers Program staff, and interested volunteer groups. Each unit is scheduling volunteer project days throughout the year. Volunteer groups, especially corporate groups, are funneled into these preset projects and dates, optimizing the help of volunteers to best fit the needs of different parks.

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