

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

Date: City Council Meeting of March 4, 2013

To: Mayor & City Council

From: City Manager *CM*

Subject: Various Items for consideration for Referral by the City Council to the Parks & Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Refer one or all of the following items to the Parks & Recreation Commission to review and make recommendations to the City Council

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and I have been discussing and reviewing various topics and subject matters that should be reviewed by Committees/Commissions of the Council. Staff analysis, input and work product would follow based on the issue and the conversation of the Commission.

List of Items:

1. Festival of Lights – should it be renamed to Festival of Stars?
2. Community Park – should it be renamed to Star Park?
3. Dog Feces in Community Park, especially around play structure
4. Alcohol use in Parks. Community Park, tot lot at Silverspot
5. Mission Blue lighted sign
6. Teen Center Programming
7. Assessment of cost effectiveness of recreation programs

Analysis

Item 1, & 2 - These ideas have come from citizens and should be discussed by the Commission.

Item 3 – The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed this issue as part of allowing dogs in the Community Park. The Commission's discussion included only allowing dogs during community-wide events. The Commission determined to leave the rules as they were, but requested that staff replace signs which stated dogs needed to be on leash and cleaned up after. These signs were replaced.


Item 4 – By ordinance, alcohol is prohibited within 1000 feet of an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold. This would include both the Community Park and the Tot Lot next to Silverspot.

Enforcement is on a complaint basis or as a tool for the Police Department to deal with “bad behavior”. On one occasion the City did allow a permit for alcohol to be sold as a fundraiser at a community event in the Community Park. Historically, staff has not discouraged alcohol consumption during community events, where individuals brought their own alcoholic beverage, as we have not encountered any problems over the years. We have a pending permit request for a beer garden in conjunction with the Zippy Race so it is timely to discuss this type of use.

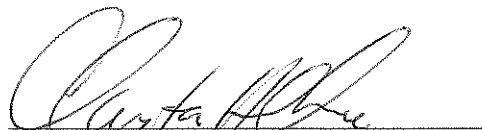
Item 5 – The idea is to improve recognition of the Mission Blue Center so that vehicles do not travel down to Altamar and park in private parking. The Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed this issue and assigned it to their Facilities Subcommittee. The Facilities Subcommittee did a site visit and determined a sign similar to the one located at Purcell-Murray which was lit would be adequate. Staff needs to determine a cost of this option and bring it back to the full Commission for discussion and possible recommendation to City Council.

Item 6 – In coordination with BES some after school programming has shifted to the middle school. The current Teen facility is under consideration for other non-city uses so consideration of the building is not appropriate at this time. However, the Parks and Recreation Commission has been studying the issue of programming and a survey has been sent out to Middle Schoolers and their parents to determine what a Teen Program should include. The survey is also available on the City’s website.

Item 7 – This reiterates the Council’s desire to have the Parks & Recreation Commission review services and programs to evaluate, compare and contrast their effectiveness. Even though large, looming budget cuts do not seem on the immediate horizon it is useful for the City to have back-up plans in case of worse case scenarios.



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