

PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2020

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

FROM: JEFF RUBIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES JR.

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON CITY EVENTS IN LIEU OF NORMAL ANNUAL EVENTS

MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2020

DATE:

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission discuss City events in lieu of normal annual events.

BACKGROUND:

With both community safety and fiscal responsibility at hand, City Council at their May 18, 2020 Workshop and again on June 10, 2020 during budget discussions, reviewed City Events that were scheduled for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year and determined it best to cancel these events. The following are the events that were cancelled:

DATE	EVENT
May 2/3	Arts Festival
June 14	Concert Stone Soul
June 19	Summer Kickoff Party
July 4	Lakeside Run/Pet Show
	Splash Party
	Fireworks Program

DATE	EVENT
July 12	Concert Dark Desert
July 17	Dive in Movie Frozen 2
July 31	Dive in Movie Toy Story 3
August 2	Concert Yachty
August 7	Glow Party
August 30	Concert Cash
October 17/18	Pumpkin Festival
December TBD	Breakfast with Santa

Council requested that staff return with event/program ideas to discuss at the June 24, 2020 meeting. Below are ideas that staff presented to City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The following are event/program ideas that could be implemented in the months to come:

Social Distancing Events

The concept behind Social Distancing Events involves creating activities where groups are kept at a 6ft distance and activities restrict any direct contact between participants. For example, staff can chalk/paint/tape areas with circles, lines or squares to denote 6ft between each party. We will have to limit the number of participants who attend, but we can rotate the parks to involve several neighborhoods.

- Disney sing-a-long
- Animal shows
- Story time with characters
- Family game / sports night: freeze dance contest, corn hole league, Simon Says
- Parking lot bingo
- Children's bingo
- Family picnic
- Movies in the park
- Magic show
- Golf Chip, Put and Drive Event
- Basketball Skills Challenge Program
- Trolley parade with costume characters
- Drive-in-movie, concert, play, comedian, animal/reptile, variety show, etc.
- Drive thru programs summer, fall, and winter themes
- Contests or challenges- residents decorate yards, make forts, pet tricks, lawn zoo, etc.

- Park fun zones silly walk area, skipping only, hopscotch, etc.
- Trail treasure hunts

Virtual / Independent Events

These programs allow community members to participate in events either online or on their own schedule.

- Virtual bingo
- Virtual art show
- Citywide I spy
- Virtual talent show human or pets
- Citywide scavenger Hunts
- Backyard campouts
- Geocaching

Holiday Themed Events - Halloween Trick or Treat Trail

Staff and volunteers can set up along the De Anza trail to distribute candy and offer safe trick or treating. Add a DJ and social distancing circles for activities.

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission discuss City events in lieu of normal annual events.