

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: April 15, 2008 REPORT NO: 08-061
ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of April 24, 2008
SUBJECT: General Overview of the Park and Recreation Department Parks and Services

REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION: INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. No action is required by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None.

SUMMARY:

The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department operates a wide variety of programs and services for city residents, county residents, and tourists. Major Department functions include the operation and maintenance of recreation centers, parks, beaches, open spaces and regional parks; after school playground program operation; disabled and senior citizen services; maintenance assessment district operations and management; downtown enhancement maintenance; Mt. Hope Cemetery operations; brush thinning; outdoor recreation; and habitat protection and restoration administration. The Department also operates and maintains the Balboa Park, Mission Bay, and Torrey Pines golf courses.

There are five operating divisions: Community Parks I, Community Parks II, Developed Regional Parks, Golf Operations, and Open Space. Total general fund adopted budget for FY 2008 is \$87.5 million and includes 769.94 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

The park system contains over 39,500 acres with a variety of park experiences available including: resource (or regional) parks; beaches, community parks; neighborhood parks; mini (or pocket) parks; athletic fields; joint use areas; open space; campgrounds; off-leash dog parks; maintenance assessment districts; and an underwater park. The Department operates and maintains several different types of facilities including recreation centers, visitor's centers, skate parks, pools, a cemetery, historic buildings, and numerous rooms throughout Balboa Park. Finally, the Department operates four 18-hole golf courses (including the City's only lighted course), one 9-hole course and 2 driving ranges at the three golf complexes (Balboa Park,

Mission Bay and Torrey Pines).

Throughout the park system, the Department provides numerous programs and activities. Programs and activities will vary based on community input, attendance, volunteer support, staffing, and other factors. Below is a listing of activities that may be offered during the year. Not all activities are provided by Department staff. As many are offered by Recreation Councils or other private groups renting City facilities the specific programs by site will fluctuate from year to year.

Youth Programs and Activities *(not an exhaustive list)*

Day Camps; Sports Camps; Arts & Crafts; Basketball; Football; Soccer; Gymnastics; Mad Science; Creative Play; Creative Crafts; Young Performance Production; Piano Lessons; Musical Theater; Jazz/Hip Hop Dance; Ballet; Drawing/Painting; Cartooning; Tiny Tots; Gymnastics; Cheerleading; Flag Football; Track; Creative Drama; Tap Dancing; Mighty Mites Basketball; Mighty Mites T-Ball; Mighty Mites Soccer; Little Tykes; Karate; Baton Twirling; Tennis; Baseball Pitching; Junior Counselor Program; Parents Night Out; Tahitian & Hula; Aerobics; Wednesday Mania Kids Club; Racquetball; Little League Bobby Sox; Recreation Swim; Swim Team; Water Polo Team; Swim Lessons; Lap Swimming; Pee Wee Sports; Cooking Creations; Ceramics; Tae Chun Do; Field Trips; Softball; Computer/Homework Club; Revitalization of Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI); STAR/PAL Basketball Clinic; Summer Lunch Program; Teen Workshops/Discussion Groups; Teen Connection; Self Defense; Children's Theater; Broadway Babies; Camp at the Bay; Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp; Camp Diego.

Adult Programs and Activities *(not an exhaustive list)*

Martial Arts; Aerobics; Jazzercise; Basketball; Volleyball; Ballet; Writing; Piano; Painting with Acrylics; Creative Card & Stationary; Bridge; Yoga; Ashthanga Yoga; Dance Aerobics & Body Conditioning; Dance; Tai Chi; 55+ Fitness; Physical Fitness; Weight Room; Softball; Soccer; Actors Workshop; Feldenkrais Class; Karate; Creative Oil; Senior Dances; Tae Chun Do; Dog Obedience; Belly Dancing; Fitness in a Chair; Oriental Brush Painting; Tennis; Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS); Senior Sunny Side Club; Senior Garden Club; Senior Bridge; Senior Doll Club; Senior Lunch Program; Ballet Folklorico; English Class; Floor Hockey; Narcotics Anonymous; Wheelchair Basketball; 39'rs Club; Alcoholics Anonymous; Doll Club; Figure Drawing; Folkdancing; Food Bank; Park Watch Program; Senior Band and Dance; Senior Exercise; Senior Financial Seminars; Shuffleboard Club; Field Trips; Softball; Tennis; Creative Arts; Jazz/Tap Combo; Co-Ed Softball; Warriors Softball; Recovery Softball Program; Peninsula Women's Soccer; New Era Men's Softball; CIO City Softball; Women's Softball; Badminton; Jazz Dance; Judo; Karate; Tap Dance; Lap Swim; Master Swim Team; Water Exercise; Water Safety Instruction; Monthly Theme Senior Dances; Income Tax Assistance; Legal Assistance; Blood Pressure Check Program; Housing Assistance; Employment Services; Telephone-a-Partner; Men's Slo-Pitch; Co-Ed 3-Pitch; Women's 3-Pitch; Men's 3-Pitch; Men's Fast Pitch.

Special Events *(not an exhaustive list)*

Spring Egg Hunt; Celebrate the Family; Halloween Crafts; Halloween Costume Contest; Photos

with Santa; Movies in the Park; Concert in the Park; Kite Festival; Roots Festival; Street Fair; Snow Day; Fishing Derbies; Fourth of July Celebrations; Arbor Day Celebrations; Carnivals; Pancake Breakfast; Fern Street Circus; Inner City Games. The Department also has a Sports Committee.

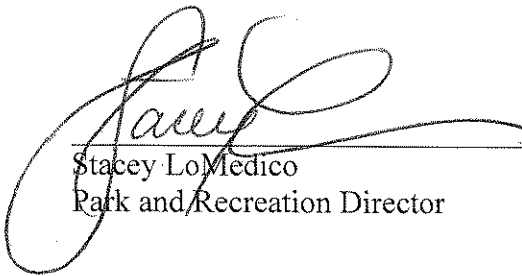
The Department has a very active volunteer program with approximately 26,000 volunteers with over 174,000 service hours in Fiscal Year 2007. The volunteers assist with programs, maintenance, committees, and office work. Volunteers, partnerships with outside groups, and City staff work together to achieve the vision of the Department: *"We enrich lives through quality parks and programs."*

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

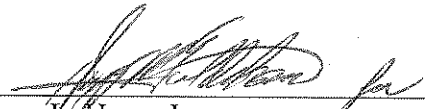
PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: This is an informational report. Key stakeholders will be notified if any future action is taken.



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