

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Tukwila Metropolitan Park District

TO: Tukwila Pool MPD Board

FROM: Rick Still, Parks and Recreation Director 

DATE: September 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Staff Report

ISSUE

Staff update on pool issues

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No Financial Impact

BACKGROUND

This Informational Memorandum is to update the Board on the Capital Project, Operations, Other Issues and a Short Term Agenda Review.

DISCUSSION

CAPITAL PROJECT

The pool was closed Sunday, September 1st through Sunday, September 8th for the Labor Day Holiday warranty work. Staff coordinated this work effort with McKinstry. The scope of work focused on replacing the pool re-circulation pump with a smaller motor and larger sized impeller to maintain the required flow rates and prevent cavitation from continuing to happen. Work by the contractor took one additional day longer than planned therefore work was not completed until Friday. After completion, a filter and water balancing period occurred for two days.

Staff made inspections and necessary adjustments to the system throughout the weekend to ensure the water was balanced for Monday. There were power outages that affected the area starting at the pool and heading west on 144th up to the Tukwila International Boulevard. The outages happened on Thursday and Friday. The second outage caused an issue with the pump that heats the pool water. Monday morning staff found the pool cool and began troubleshooting the issue. There was no noticeable damage upon visual inspection, however, staff believed there was an electrical issue so McKinstry was contacted and an electrician was sent to investigate. The electrician's inspection concluded the issue was a blown fuse, repair was completed immediately.

The showers were inspected by McKinstry and staff and adjustments were made to the system after many tests and recalibration. This should fix the issues regarding hot and cold showers.

Staff took advantage of the warranty work closure and to conduct much needed maintenance and cleaning of the facility after a very busy summer. The deck, locker rooms, and lobby flooring were all deep cleaned. Broken soap dispensers were replaced. Some benches were removed that caused operational issues on the pool deck. Pool deck equipment was relocated around the pool

for use in appropriate areas or types of swims (i.e. kickboards are now located at the end of the lap lanes down by the starting blocks).

OPERATIONS

Revenues: August revenues totaled \$30,321, breaking the \$30,000 mark for the third month in 2013 and breaking monthly records for the 4th month in a row. August was the 4th largest revenue month at the pool since 1973.

Swimming Lessons: Lesson registrations continued to be strong with 562 lesson registrations for classes in August. Each of the two August swimming lesson sessions had record registrations. A total of 1488 lesson registrations were accepted from June 24- August 29th and roughly 10,400 lessons taught.

Drop in Visits: A total of 1,659 drop-in visits were accepted in August, a total of 1,466 drop in visits was recorded in July. More than 50% of August drop-ins were comprised of youth.

Pass Sales: Pass sales were strong in August with a 42% increase in pass sales over August 2012.

Rentals: Rentals were strong throughout the summer. A few highlights included Alaska Airlines' Pilot Water Landing Safety Training and various summer camp programs. High School Girls swim practices resumed Monday, August 26th with both Kennedy and Foster High Schools practicing at the Tukwila Pool.

Special Events: On August 31st staff concluded summer programming by hosting a Floating Movie Night; the movie "Surf's Up" attracted several local families. Staff is planning the 40th birthday celebration, scheduled for October 19th.

Partnerships: Staff continued to work throughout August with the Tukwila School District and Foster High School to prepare for High School single gender PE classes for the 2013/2014 school year. Staff, through the CTG grant, has been developing the 3rd grade lesson voucher program and supporting policy. Staff partnered with Tukwila Parks and Recreation to assist with programming for the Adventures in Aquatics youth camp the last week of summer. Campers participated in swimming lessons, open swims, diving class, water safety education, lifejacket safety and survival swimming training. They also received a behind the scenes pool tour.

Suggestion Box:

The suggestion box was opened Tuesday, September 3, 2013 for the first time around noon. Vanessa, Amy and Malcolm were present. There were fourteen comments in the box, TPAC determined none of the suggestions needed to be presented to the Board.

Scholarships: Demand for scholarships has been strong throughout the summer. 77 swimmers have taken advantage of the scholarship program with 137 scholarships awarded since April 2013. In August, 50 scholarships were awarded and used towards 543 swimming lessons by 38 individuals. The average August scholarship award was \$44.85. The average age of scholarship program participants is 8 years old.

Scholarship recipients wishing to receive a continuing scholarship must demonstrate progress over the course of a session; however the participant may not necessarily progress to the next level of classes. Each participant progresses through the levels of the swimming program differently and staff works with each participant and/or their parent/guardian to ensure that participants are obtaining increased swimming proficiency.

Tukwila Pool Scholarship Report							
Month	# of Scholarships awarded	# of visits covered by scholarships	# of individuals	# of returning recipients	% of returning recipients advancing to next course level	Value of scholarships	average value per scholarship
April	4	32	4	0	-	\$ 176.00	\$ 44.00
May	28	125	28	2	100%	\$ 684.45	\$ 24.44
June	19	154	19	7	79%	\$ 709.50	\$ 37.34
July	36	230	28	18	75%	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 49.81
August	50	543	38	30	55%	\$ 2,242.50	\$ 44.85
Totals	137	1084	117	57	77%	\$ 5,605.45	\$ 40.92

ATTACHMENTS