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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED
ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Candioty, Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Wright, and Chair: Muhammed

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker**. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: March 13, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance.

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR - PARK RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL FROM SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider approval of a proposal from South High School students to research and solicit community input regarding a new playground at Alta Loma Park.

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a presentation on the 2023 Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Annual Report.

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR - DISCUSS AND APPROVE LITTLE LIBRARY INSTALLATION IN HICKORY PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and approve Little Library installation in Hickory Park.

7E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – REVIEW DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

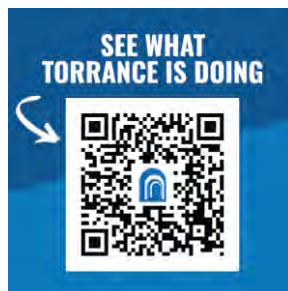
Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission review the Department Monthly Reports for:

- Administrative Services
- Park Services
- Recreation Services

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Candioly, Craft, Habel, *Hoover, Mele, and Wright

Absent: Absent Chair Muhammed

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,
Senior Recreation Services Minter,
Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo,
Administrative Analyst Lee.

*Commissioner Hoover left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mele.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Acting Chair Candioly stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's website on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Torrance Youth Council introduced themselves.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 10, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to approve Item 6A, as submitted. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CITY MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATE ON TORRANCE CENTER MASTER PLAN AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Assistant City Manager Danny Santana presented slides with an overview of the history and growth of the Torrance Civic Center, beginning in 1956, and which included a map of the current Civic Center buildings. He noted that the City now owned approximately 30 acres of the 40-acre plot, with the remaining 10 acres of land owned by the State.

He discussed areas to be considered in the indexing and feasibility study of all existing structures: age and condition of buildings, the cost of refurbishment versus replacement, seismic analysis, aesthetics of the environment and the structures, ADA deficiencies, existing and projected programming needs and opportunities to use real estate values to fund the redevelopment. He added that the plan would need to have phases, to accommodate funding obligations and to minimize service delivery disruptions. He explained that the City had issued a request for proposal (RFP) for a Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study in January 2023 and in July 2023 had awarded a contract to Gruen Associates to assist the City in the Civic Center Master Plan.

Assistant City Manager Santana noted that Gruen Associates had recently completed a space planning analysis of current conditions with City Council, Department heads, management and staff and added that the next step was now ongoing, to obtain feedback from residents, commissions, employees and patrons to better understand the needs for the Civic Center Campus. He confirmed that a community survey had been released in January and was available online, in paper form at City locations, such as the libraries and the permit center, as well as through the City's social media and at this meeting. He added that presentations had been made at homeowner's associations, neighborhood watch programs, faith-based organizations and the school district. He explained that additional community open house events were planned and the deadline to complete the survey had been extended to March 31.

Assistant City Manager Santana confirmed that there was no current plan or set budget and public input was essential in developing the plan. He explained that in April or May, the consultant would draft three design alternatives based on public feedback and the City would conduct a second phase of community outreach with open houses, pop up events and presentations at commissions and City Council meetings. He noted that the draft Master Plan would again be presented for public input and then be presented to the Planning Commission and Council for review and adoption in the winter of 2024.

Feedback from the Commission:

Commissioner Craft stated that he had not seen any information on the Master Plan before tonight and expressed his concern that the outreach effort had been deficient.

Commissioner Wright requested that a citizens' oversight committee be created. He noted that he believed that the Plunge could be relocated to another area in the City, but that the Administrative, Police and Library should remain at the Civic Center. He stated that he would like to see a large venue for events and added that he believed that it would be best if the old structures were removed and rebuilt, rather than remodeled.

Commissioner Mele stated that the Civic Center was scattered, dated and reflected being built piecemeal over a period of time and she confirmed that she would be in favor of demolition and rebuilding. She noted that all the current recreational services and studios that were offered at the Civic Center should remain in some form, if not at the Center, then elsewhere in the City. She stated that there was a community effect if all services were offered in the same location/hub. She noted that technology issues and office requirements needed to be addressed so that the new buildings were able not only to be built but continue to remain up to date.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hoover, Assistant City Manager Santana stated that the City would like to reacquire some or all of the county/state-owned land, but to date, had not been successful. Assistant City Manager Santana stated that the budget and how the project would be funded would be determined by the Council, with options identified by staff. He reported that the project could be done in phases with interim locations for employees and services and also include vertical parking structures, a larger theater, dining services, hotels and other types of housing.

Commissioner Hoover requested timely reports to the public on the project.

Commissioner Habel stated that he would like to see parking improvements in the number of available spaces and the convenience to the various venues in the Center.

Commissioner Wright noted that it was important to reacquire the land where the traffic court was located and to add additional central parking, preferably in a vertical structure, rather than open parking.

Commissioner Craft requested that the City provide a rendering which would incorporate the suggestions from the community.

Acting Chair Candioly noted that the vacant lot by the closed Sears building could be a possible location for temporary buildings during the reconstruction phase. He added that he would like to see garden areas included in the plan.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved to accept and file Item 7A: the Update on Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study; motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed)

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Community Services Director La Rock thanked the Commissioners for their attendance at the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Social Services Commission special joint meeting and noted that liaisons and members of the Social Services Commission apologized for the cancellation due to their lack of quorum. He stated that the meeting would be rescheduled at a date to be determined.

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the City Council had approved an amendment to the Municipal Code for the minimum distance of any new pickle ball courts constructed in City Parks to be a minimum of 250 feet from any residential properties.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that the City Council had approved the Civic Engagement project by South High students to place little free libraries in select parks.

Community Services Director La Rock that the City Council had approved a firework display for July 4 and approved the Torrance Dodger Day for Sunday, July 21, with \$15 tickets to be resold to residents.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that an Eagle Scout project had been completed at Madrona Marsh to install a new welcome kiosk.

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival would be held on April 7 at Columbia Park and the 49th Bunka-Sai Festival would be held April 20-21 at the Cultural Arts Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to receive and file the updates. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed)

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PROPOSED BATTING CAGES AT LAGO SECO PARK

Community Services Director La Rock discussed the proposal from Riviera Little League (RLL) to install batting cages at Lago Seco Park and reported that the Lago Seco Park area community members would present before the Commission at this meeting. He reported that the item would go before the Council, with all the feedback that had been provided for the item by both the community members and the Commission.

Sue Gibson, a Lago Seco Park Community member, used a slide presentation to illustrate her concerns about the batting cages being installed at Lago Seco Park.

Jamie, a Lago Seco Park Community member, used slides to show issues at Lago Seco Park created by the presence of RLL: parking problems, lack of maintenance, spillages from portable restrooms, trash, dirt piles, noise and light pollution, encroachment on the rest of the park and security and safety issues due to inadequate protection of equipment and non-adherence to the rules and noted that the League had not negotiated in good faith and had created an atmosphere of distrust in the community. She recommended that the league use the Hit Factory facility for batting practice.

Mitchell, a Lago Seco Park Community member, suggested that a series of workshops between RLL, the community and the City might lead to a collaborative decision and a new lease for RLL.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Hoover, Community Services Director La Rock stated that any reports of infractions in the Park that were observed by City staff or reported to City staff were dealt with the League/leasehold representative. He noted that all leagues were required to have a community liaison who could be easily contacted by the public and the City contact. He explained that all four Little League locations were up for ground lease/land management renewals this year and added that the negotiations for those leases would begin in private sessions with the City Council and then continue through the public forum.

In response to a question from Acting Chair Candioly, Community Services Director La Rock stated the Commission could make any number of recommendations: support or not support the batting cages, remain neutral, make no recommendation or postpone consideration to a future meeting. He added that the Department's report to the Council would contain the summary of the three Commission meetings on the batting cages, along with a summary of the public and Commission's comments.

*Commissioner Hoover left at 8:17 p.m.

Commissioner Craft questioned whether sound meters could be reinstalled at the park.

Mr. Pat Pyle of the Rivera Little League thanked everyone for their neighborhood report. He noted that the league was only requesting 1.1% of the Park area and that the League was committed to do a better job at communicating with the neighborhood and securing the location.

In response to a question from Commissioner Habel, Mr. Pyle explained that using the batting cages at an outside location would lengthen the time in between games, extend the closing time of the final game of the day and add to the league's cost. He confirmed that rubber balls could be used in the batting cages and noted that there were other methods to mitigate the sounds.

Three members of the public spoke in favor of the batting cages.

Members of the public spoke against the batting cages.

Commissioner Mele noted that Lago Seco Park had the most League players and the lowest number of fields, which resulted in seven days of play for three months. She discussed the impact of the League on the neighborhood and the park.

In response to questions from Commissioners Craft and Mele, Community Services Director La Rock explained that staff's review of the current proposals had determined that option 3 would be the only option to be considered, due to the need for safety installations and buffer zone.

Commissioner Wright commended both sides for their presentations and stated his hope that a compromise could be reached.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to continue the discussion of batting cages at Lago Seco Park for a future meeting. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion.

Community Services Director La Rock requested that the motion to continue discussion be further defined.

Mr. Pyle of the Rivera Little League stated that the League would be happy to address any noise mitigating measures and the footprint of the structure.

Commissioner Mele related her belief that the community was not in favor of the batting cages, as demonstrated by their presentation and stated that there would be no point in continuing the discussion between the two groups. She suggested that the Commission could discuss the matter at a later time, if they wished to make any recommendations.

Community Services Director La Rock reminded the Commission that members of the public would be able to attend any meeting and speak to the item for one minute each.

Commissioners Wright and Habel stated that they were amenable to the explanation of the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to continue the discussion of batting cages at Lago Seco Park for a future meeting. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed and Commissioner Hoover)

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- Review Department Monthly Reports

Administrative Services

Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Reports for January and February 2024, included in agenda packets and noted that there were some reporting issues which would be corrected for the next meeting. Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo reported that the Police department had been called out on numerous times for both routine issues, as well as an assault and battery on a Ranger at the Farmer's Market. He noted that the Ranger had recovered and thanked the Rangers for their work in difficult situations.

Administrative Analyst Lee highlighted completed and ongoing Home Improvement projects and noted that there had been 22 services in January. He discussed the average attendance for Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Farmer's Market, in the months of January and February and the monthly revenues. He reported that the Community Gardens continued registration at Columbia Park and registration would soon open for the gardens at Lago Seco Park. He discussed coyote sightings and trapping in January and February and noted that 430 pet licenses had been sold in January and 452 pet licenses in February.

Park Services

Community Services Director La Rock presented the report for the months of January and February 2024, included in the material of record and announced that the project to replace the basketball courts at Guenser Park had begun. He noted that the perimeter path at the park would also be redone. He explained that the replacement of playground equipment at Entradero Park had been postponed due to the development of a sinkhole. He discussed the enhancement of the playground at Paradise Park, aided by a donation from a neighborhood HOA. He added that playground upgrades/repairs had been made at Greenwood, Los Arboles, Columbia, and McMaster Parks. He announced that the Splash Pad would open on May 30 and added that Friends of the Madrona Marsh were celebrating their 50th Anniversary season. He discussed the ADA survey for the parks and noted that the park staff had begun to work on the list of needed repairs.

Recreation Services

Senior Recreation Services Minter presented the Recreation Services Monthly Report for January and February 2024, included in the material of record. She announced that the winter season was ending, and the spring session was beginning. She noted that the afterschool program made Valentine cards for the Meals on Wheels program, the ATTIC teen center hosted a hearts and crafts event, where students made crafts for Operation Gratitude and the Senior Center craft group donated handcrafted dolls, aprons and pillowcases to children's hospitals and hospice programs. She added that in March, registration began for volleyball, adult basketball and soft ball and swimming and noted that the Senior Travel program had returned with a trip to

Tanaka Farms and a farm-to table lunch. She discussed adaptive recreation's preparation for the Special Olympics and invited all to join the Recreation Services social media sites to follow all of the events.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to receive and file the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Mele seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed and Commissioner Hoover)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Services Director La Rock stated that there was no date yet for the grand opening of Sea Aire.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, April 10, 2024

MOTION: At 9:26 p.m., Commissioner Craft moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mele and a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Absent: Chairperson Muhammed and Commissioner Hoover)

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Commission Meeting of
April 10, 2024

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file Community Services Department updates:

- The City Council approved an amendment to the Municipal Code that requires a minimum distance of 250 ft. between all new public park pickleball courts and residential properties.
- The City Clerk is calling for Commissioner applications, which are due by May 9, 2024. More information is available on the City's website under the City Clerk Department.
- A report to the City Council regarding off-leash dog parks is tentatively scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PARK RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL FROM SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

RECOMMENDATION

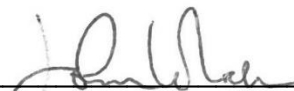
The Community Services Director recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider approval of a proposal from South High School students, Hannah Lee and Maggie Gerlach to research and solicit community input regarding a new playground at Alta Loma Park.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In January 2024, South High School students, Hannah Lee and Maggie Gerlach, presented staff with an idea to research and seek community input regarding the replacement of the playground equipment at Alta Loma Park as their project to earn the California State Seal of Civic Engagement.

Staff met with the students to confirm the scope of the project. The students would initiate contact with the surrounding community to solicit feedback on the replacement of the playground equipment and what amenities the community would like to see in the replacement project. Staff is providing the students with playground industry catalogues to assist the outreach effort. The project does not require City Council approval and with the Commission's approval, the students can commence their project.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Alta Loma Park Project Proposal

Alta Loma Playground Renovation

Hannah Lee & Maggie Gerlach
South High School SCSE Project

ATTACHMENT A



AGENDA

Introduction

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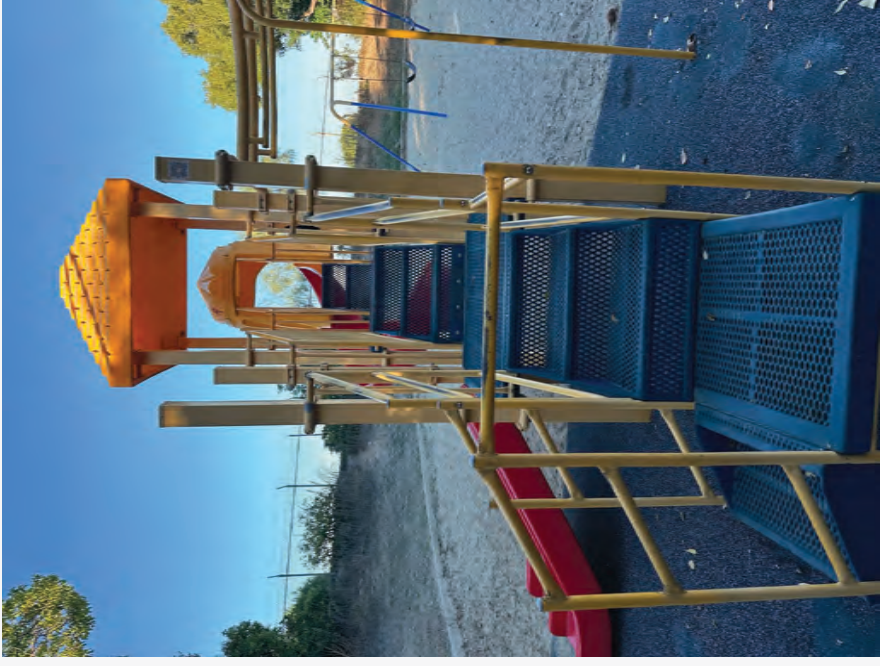
ABOUT US

We are juniors from South High School, looking to renovate the Alta Loma Playground, as many of the current recreational areas are too old & dangerous- which may result in little ones getting hurt.

In order to avoid this, we want to propose a plan to renovate the park for little ones, and also add outdoor equipment for kids with disabilities as well, in order to make a park that is welcoming to all.



Alta Loma Park's Current State



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Timeline

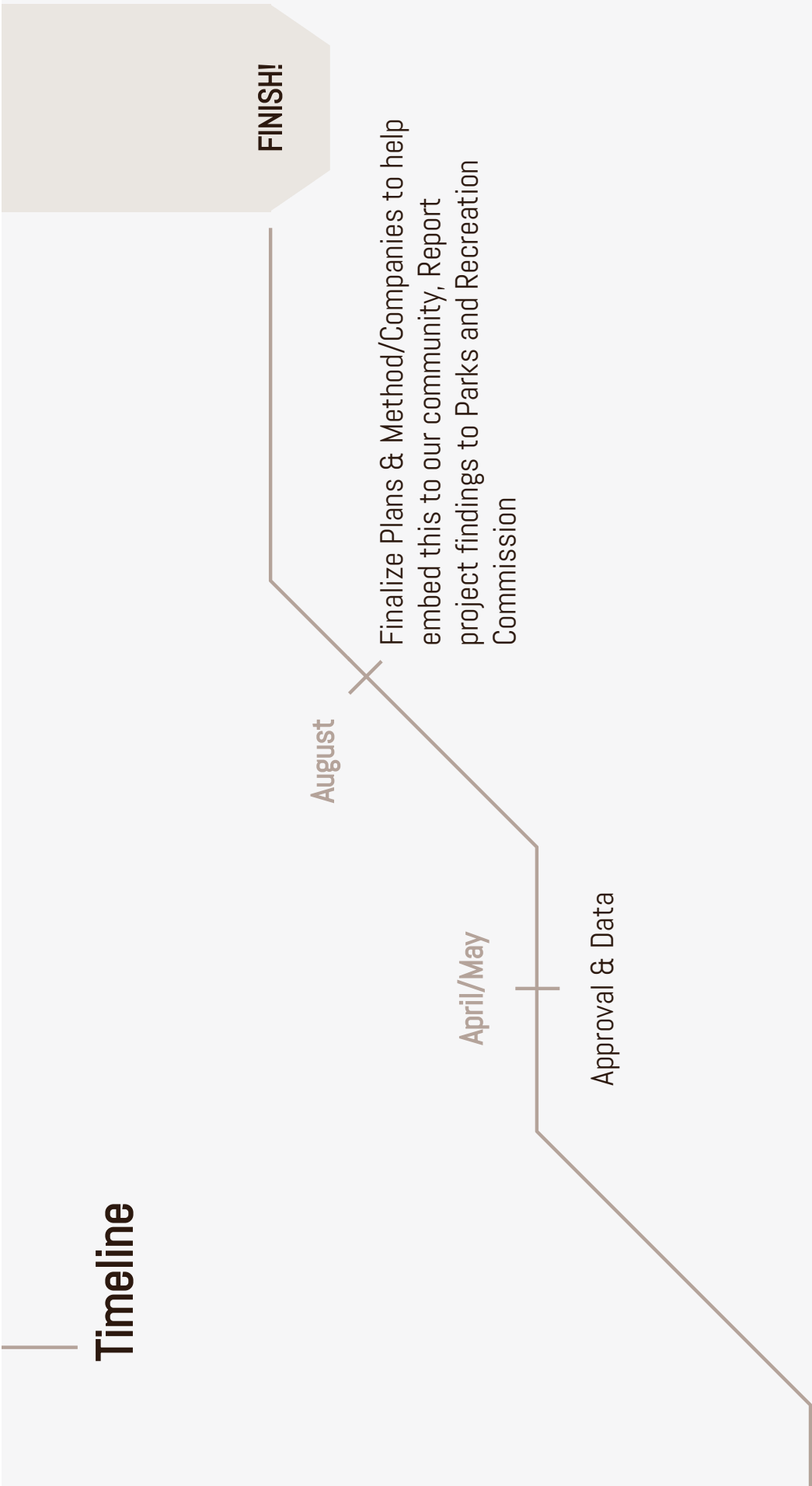
FINISH!

August

Finalize Plans & Method/Companies to help embed this to our community, Report project findings to Parks and Recreation Commission

April/May

Approval & Data



CONCLUSION

For Commission Meeting
April 10, 2024

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: DISCUSS AND APPROVE LITTLE LIBRARY INSTALLATION IN HICKORY PARK

On March 20, 2024, the Torrance Youth Council (TYC) discussed and approved purchasing a "Do It Yourself" (DIY) Little Library kit as an additional resource near the current Happy to Chat Bench at Hickory Park. This Little Library will house various books and advocate the motto "Take a Book, Share a Book." The Youth Council believes this will help foster community connections, support education, and encourage a love for reading.

Currently, the Happy to Chat Bench is overseen by the Happy to Chat Bench Committee who assign specific TYC to visit and maintain the bench every two weeks to encourage park visitors to sit and chat. The new Little Library will be added to this committee and will ensure the maintenance of both amenities.

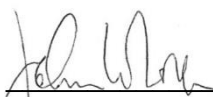
If the Commission approves the installation of the Little Library project, staff will discuss the placement of the Little Library with the Park Services Manager. Staff believe this will be a fun opportunity for Torrance Youth Council to bond and work together.

Respectfully submitted,



Garrett Craig
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – March 2024

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor

During the month of March the Ranger Unit (15 part time staff) maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays.

- Weekday afternoon patrols include providing a uniformed support presence at all city libraries.
- Weeknight patrols focus on supervision of field permits and securing facilities.
- Weekend patrols include general supervision of the parks, educating patrons on rules, and facilitating building and picnic reservations.

Parks

- High number of alcohol contacts (tailgaters at Wilson Park post roller hockey and softball); TPD callout initiated.
- Permitted group at Wilson Park Sports Center drinking and smoking resulted in a TPD callout to clear the scene.
- Hostile building permit associate put hands on a Ranger assigned to close the building for not allowing the party to go past permitted time; TPD callout.
- Increased unlicensed activity at Columbia, El Nido, Entradero, Guenser, La Careterra, McMaster, and Torrance Parks.
- Instances of E-Bikers increasing.
- Frequent contacts with coaches from NFL Flag Football for holding unpermitted practices; Some compliance gained.

Statistics were kept of common incidents that Rangers observed during the month of December.

| Municipal Code Violations | March | YTD |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Alcohol | 55 | 108 |
| Amplified Sound | 1 | 6 |
| Dog Off Leash Contacts | 135 | 396 |
| Marijuana/Smoking | 15 | 60 |
| Parking Violations | 12 | 31 |
| Trespassing on Closed Fields | 0 | 10 |
| Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts | 36 | 94 |
| Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts | 1 | 1 |

| Park Patron Specific Contacts | March | YTD |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Assisting Park Patrons | 35 | 72 |
| Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts | 17 | 76 |
| Defiant/Disruptive Subjects | 60 | 124 |
| Missing Subjects | 0 | 1 |
| Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage | 2 | 61 |
| Skating/Biking Violations | 19 | 81 |
| Suspicious Subjects | 0 | 5 |

| Building, Park, and Facility Issues | March | YTD |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal | 178 | 383 |
| Facility Maintenance Report | 19 | 87 |
| Hazard Report/Removal | 7 | 58 |
| Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations | 0 | 0 |

| City Resource Support Requests | March | YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| EMT/Fire Department Call-Outs | 0 | 0 |
| Park Services Call-Outs | 0 | 0 |
| Police Department Call-Outs | 3 | 7 |
| Ranger Unit Call-Outs | 8 | 37 |

| Unhoused Interactions | March | YTD |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations | 40 | 108 |
| Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests | 14 | 50 |
| Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks | 27 | 74 |

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of March, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 19 households, with ongoing projects at 11 additional households. Total mobile home clients 7, with 7 mobile home households completed.

| | March | YTD |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| ADA | 1 | 3 |
| Carpentry | 9 | 21 |
| Electrical | 5 | 15 |
| Paint | 0 | 0 |
| Plumbing | 6 | 15 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 12 |
| Total number of services provided | 23 | 63 |

FARMER’S MARKET PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer’s Market Manager

March was a rainy season for the Farmers’ Market. Even though it rained during many of the Saturday markets, the Easter Bunny still made a visit and was well received by all our customers. Harries Berries, everyone’s favorite, came back to the market. The market is still full of citrus like grapefruits, pomelos, finger limes, and Meyer lemons, as well as Valencia, navel, blood, and Cara Cara oranges. Spring veggies are beginning to appear with lettuces, Swiss chard, and spinach in full season.

The Tuesday market has a new pre-packaged samosa vendor and a new Spanish tortilla vendor.

The Expressive Conduct User Zone continues to be well utilized at the Farmers’ Market. Supervisor Janice Hahn visited the zone and expressed many compliments for the market.

During the month of March, the Farmers’ Market operated on four Tuesdays and five Saturdays. Average attendance for Tuesdays was 6,176 and for Saturdays was 15,015.

| Revenue | Tuesday | Saturday | Monthly Total | FY YTD |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| July 2023 | \$29,845.82 | \$82,444.05 | \$112,289.87 | \$112,289.87 |
| August 2023 | \$34,931.62 | \$63,640.08 | \$98,571.70 | \$210,861.57 |
| September 2023 | \$25,713.50 | \$75,370.72 | \$101,084.22 | \$311,945.79 |
| October 2023 | \$30,268.48 | \$59,403.21 | \$89,671.69 | \$401,617.48 |
| November 2023 | \$27,117.16 | \$54,493.02 | \$81,610.18 | \$483,227.66 |
| December 2023 | \$19,922.07 | \$63,176.65 | \$83,098.72 | \$566,326.38 |
| January 2024 | \$28,283.52 | \$52,749.96 | \$81,033.48 | \$647,359.86 |
| February 2024 | \$14,451.75 | \$65,632.62 | \$80,084.37 | \$727,444.23 |
| March 2024 | \$26,232.37 | \$63,354.57 | \$89,586.94 | \$727,444.23 |
| March 2023 Comparison | \$17,480.72 | \$57,901.40 | \$75,382.12 | \$636,760.00 |

COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer’s Market Manager

Community staff purchased a multi-functional tool shed for Columbia Park. Columbia Park gardeners are registering their plots for the next two years. Staff continues to clear plots out for the next community gardeners.

ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS – Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst

Coyote abatement continues Monday through Sunday trapping. The trapping cycle begins anew every October. The City’s pet licensing program with DocuPet also continues servicing Torrance residents, with its yearly reporting restarting in December.

Coyote Report

During the month of March, there were 33 reported coyote sightings by the public, with 1 coyote captured by the vendor.

| Type of Coyote Encounter | March | Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sighting Reported by Public | 33 | 132 |
| Dog Attack | 0 | 1 |
| Cat Attack | 0 | 2 |
| Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality | 0 | 0 |
| Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality | 3 | 21 |
| Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins | 1 | 6 |
| Injured Coyote | 0 | 3 |
| Total Encounters | 37 | 165 |

| | March | Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present) |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Coyotes Trapped | 1 | 15 |
| Carrion (non-trapped) | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 1 | 18 |

Pet Licensing


Statistics provided below may not be finalized numbers as the official invoices are delivered by DocuPet, the vendor, to the city at the end of the second week of each month.

During the month of March, a total of 523 licenses were sold. 499 of these were purchased through DocuPet’s online portal and 24 were purchased offline by mail. Total revenue received by the City will be approximately \$15,926.51.

| | March | Year-to-Date (December 2023 – November 2024) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Licenses Sold | 523 | 1,726 |
| Donations Received | \$20.00 | \$66.00 |
| Total Revenue less Fees | \$14,332.50 | \$52,824.02 |

For a year-over-year comparison, in March 2023, there were a total of 627 license sales resulting in revenue of \$19,442.98.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – March 2024

ALL PARKS

- Reported graffiti.
- Performed playground equipment safety checks.
- Performed routine maintenance and inspections.
- Adjusted security light timers and check of all irrigation clocks for time. Repairs made where needed.
- Cared for dedication trees.

Custodial/Rental Buildings

- Cleaned and serviced all rental facilities and restrooms.

Events

- PAVA Volunteer Day at Wilson Park

Turf Management

All Sports Fields

- Columbia, De Portola, El Nido, Guenser, La Romeria, McMaster, Walteria & Wilson are currently on track for weekly routine maintenance.
- Service to the fields has remained steady since winter rains have slowed. We anticipate increased service hours to select locations such as Columbia and Mc Master as plans for yearly field restorations ramp up in the late spring.

Baseball Diamonds

- Service included the fields at Guenser, Mc Master, Columbia, El Nido, La Romeria, Walteria, De Portola & Wilson parks. Weed abatement efforts have and will continue to increase through the late winter early spring due to germination and growth. Due to recent rain / storm conditions some regular daily service has been reduced or rescheduled as conditions required. Daily reports are being forwarded to the Recreation department to allow for scheduling changes as needed.

SPECIALTY CREWS

Projects Crew

Projects crew has remained available to assist all three supervisors and all parks leads with daily ongoing support for all parks emergencies and planned construction projects such as playground repairs, concrete sidewalk repairs, sign replacements fence and block wall repairs new barbeque grill installation & Concrete path repairs among many others. See each park by District for this month's contributions.

Mowing Crew

- All mowing is currently on track apart from a few minor delays in service to some locations mainly due to recent winter storm activities leaving behind wet soil conditions.

Crews have remained ready for redirection as higher priority projects or emergency tasks are required.

- Lead Maintenance Workers have continued training our new Maintenance Worker staff members on the safe operation of large & small equipment such as Toro Big Red & Toro Zero Turn mowers as well as our New Holland Tractor to promote safe work practices and gain regimented experiences operating large equipment under direct supervision.
- Groundwork training has also continued for our permanent full & part-time staff including new hires regarding the safe use of edgers, blowers, string trimmers and hand tools.
- Lead Maintenance Workers have also continued training our new Maintenance Worker staff members on equipment maintenance such as required oil changes and greasing of the lawn equipment.

VOLUNTEERS and GRANT PROGRESS

| | Volunteers | Hours |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Live Steamers | 26 | 282 |
| Wilson Horseshoe Pits | 2 | 10 |
| Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center | 61 | 616.25 |
| Seaside Heroes Park | 35 | 82.25 |
| Civic Center Veteran’s Memorial and Rose Garden | 8 | 12 |
| Entradero Park | 2 | 26 |
| Guenser Park | 6 | 36 |
| Lago Seco Park | 5 | 15 |
| Wilson Park | 53 | 156 |
| TOTAL | 198 | 1235.5 |

Grant Progress

No information currently

PARKS BY DISTRICT

District 1 – Descanso, Guenser, La Carretera, McMaster, Osage

Guenser Park

- Work on the basketball courts concrete slab was completed and plans for the court paint colors and striping are also under way. Estimated project completion is Late May to early June.
- Weed abatement on fencing and DG trails.
- Gopher abatement

McMaster Park

- Picnic table boards were painted and replaced in Library Patio Area
- Trimming was also completed west of the library.
- Completed dig alert & stump grinding at east side of Library.

District 2 - Entradero, La Romeria, Paradise, Sunnyglen, Victor

Enrtadero Park

- Completed Fence & Gate repairs to area on south side of sump

Paradise Park

- Planted a dedication tree
- Trim down the wax privet in front of park
- Completed repair to rules sign

Sunnyglen Park

- Irrigation repair on the southwest corner of park
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Victor Park

- Completed installation of new drinking fountain with bottle filler
- Completed Basketball backboard restoration including target striping
- Weed abatement on fencing and DG trails
- Completed installation of new BBQ grills

District 3 – City Yard, Civic Center, Columbia, Delthorne, El Nido, Greenwood, Pequeno

City Yard

- Projects Crew removed tree stump lost from previous storm
- Completed weed abatement spraying ongoing

Civic Center

- Irrigation repaired North of Plunge gate entrance and fence post repair in the same area
- Projects Crew repaired concrete approach on the North side of Plunge.
- Completed installation of Pool banner on west facing plunge wall

Columbia Park

- Repair to DG trails on the west side of park.
- WCA trimmed all trees.
- Completed installation of S E path light pole
- Weed abatement is ongoing.
- Gopher abatement is ongoing
- Completed repairs to baseball bleachers as preparation for Eagle project.

El Nido Park

- Assist PD with removal of unhoued personal belongings.
- Completed repairs to the parking lot wood rails
- Weed abatement is ongoing
- Gopher abatement is ongoing

Greenwood Park

- Completed final phase on repairs and painting to Tree bench.

District 4 – Downtown, El Prado, Pueblo, Southeast Library, Sur la Brea, Torrance, Torrance Scout Center, Wilson Park

Downtown

- Completed installation of Eight new iron trashcans & removal of old cans

El Prado Park

- Planted two dedication trees

Pueblo Park

- Planted two dedication trees Torrance Park
- Completed Irrigation repair near westside of park
- Installed flagpole lockbox for baseball field
- Completed weed Abatement spraying ongoing

Wilson Park

- Vine removal at the Amphitheatre still in progress
- Completed repairs to southwest walkway just above ball diamond #1
- New storage container for staff equipment purchased and set at park
- Completed weed abatement spraying is ongoing
- Completed phase one of Selik Bench installation
- Completed stump removal at several locations

District 5 – El Retiro, La Palmona, Lago Seco, Los Arboles, Miramar, Riviera, Seaside Heroes, Sea Aire Golf Course

El Retiro Park

- Trim planter in front of library

Lago Seco Park

- Volunteer group helped spread wood chips to deter weeds

Los Arboles Park

- Weed abatement ongoing

Miramar Park

- Fill in gopher holes with dirt
- Gopher abatement

Seaside Heroes Park

- Volunteer group assisted in weed removal

Riviera Park

- Glued down bench that was removed by unknown

Sea Aire Golf Course

- Transported reel mower and bagger to City Yard garage for service
- Completed fence repair and installation of 25ft of barbed wire

District 6 - Alta Loma, De Portola, Discovery, Hickory, Walteria

Alta Loma Park

- Remove tree trunk and fill in hole with dirt

De Portola Park

- Weed abatement ongoing

- Gopher abatement ongoing
- Completed installation of replacement slide 2-5 play area
- Completed fence post repair at the north park entrance near Winlock & Tandem way

Discovery Park

- Completed removal & replacement of rusted North Park bench
- Performed weed abatement spraying ongoing

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)

| March Attendance | Hard Count | Projected Count |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Preserve | | |
| Nature Center | | |

Volunteer Hours for March 2024

| Assignment | Hours | Volunteer Count |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Advanced Restoration Crew | 28:02 | 4 |
| Animal Care | 11:21 | 3 |
| Docent (tours/outreach) | 47:37 | 8 |
| Education Programs | 49:14 | 4 |
| Gift Shop Clerk (must be 21 or older) | 36:05 | 5 |
| Habitat Support & Maintenance | 4:25 | 2 |
| Native Plant Propagation | 4 | 1 |
| Nature Center Maintenance Support | 16:19 | 1 |
| Preserve Entrance Greeter | 89:17 | 10 |
| Reception Desk Greeter | 88:50 | 8 |
| Restoration Program | 123:34 | 29 |
| Research Assistant | 6:40 | 1 |
| Special Assignment | 95:50 | 1 |
| Outreach (events & schools) | 15:05 | 2 |
| | | |
| Total | 616:19 | 61 Individuals |

Respectfully submitted,

 by Jeff Bischoff for
Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for March 2024:

FACILITY BOOKING AND REGISTRATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Kenita Trinidad, Facility and Registration Program Coordinator and Suzy Corzine, Senior Program Specialist*

Facility Booking:

During the month of March:

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 75 short-term permits for fields
 - Long-term field users were issued 700 permits
 - There were 0 softball tournaments held at Wilson

- Picnic Reservations:
 - 30 bouncer permits were issued

| Park | Picnics | Guests |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Columbia Park | 25 | 829 |
| El Nido Park | 4 | 200 |
| El Retiro Park | 7 | 350 |
| Hickory Park | 4 | 200 |
| Lago Seco Park | 6 | 300 |
| McMaster Park | 0 | 0 |
| Paradise Park | 5 | 250 |
| Torrance Park | 4 | 175 |
| Victor Park | 0 | 0 |
| Walteria Park | 4 | 190 |
| Wilson Park | 20 | 780 |
| Total | 79 | 3274 |

- Facilities Revenue Report:

| | March 2024 | 2024 YTD | March 2023 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Attic | | \$239.75 | |
| Facility Reservations | \$760.00 | \$1,960.00 | \$147.00 |
| Field Lights/Support | \$8,535.54 | \$20,982.41 | \$6,720.27 |
| Field Prep | | \$35.00 | \$157.50 |
| Filming Permits | | \$- | |
| Hockey Rink | \$3,738.23 | \$2,958.23 | \$2,800.00 |
| Picnic Reservations | \$5,955.00 | \$12,935.00 | \$7,935.00 |
| Pool Rental | \$11,473.75 | \$23,453.75 | \$12,530.00 |
| Special Events | \$500.00 | \$800.00 | |
| Sports Center | \$2,772.00 | \$4,432.00 | \$3,893.00 |
| Torrance Art Museum | | \$- | |
| LA Galaxy Sports Complex | \$9,534.00 | \$38,558.02 | \$19,393.57 |
| Weddings | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Monthly | \$43,568.52 | \$106,654.16 | \$54,576.34 |

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 1,138 enrollments for a total of \$115,010.83 during the month of March 2024:

| | Resident | Non-Resident | Total Enrollments | March 2024 Total Fees | March 2023 Total Fees |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total | 649 | 489 | 1,138 | \$115,010.83 | \$116,535.37 |
| Staff | 146 | 80 | 226 | \$27,322.58 | \$33,900.46 |
| Web | 503 | 409 | 912 | \$87,688.25 | \$82,634.91 |

In March we continued Spring registration, Afterschool, and began selling Dodger tickets.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Justin Ferneau, Recreation Supervisor; Jacob Castillo, Recreation Supervisor and Traci Fuentes, Senior Program Specialist

Aquatics:

- We're approximately halfway through Spring swim lessons and the public had positive reviews about staff and the program from our previous session.
- New Summer programming is being planned and will be in the Summer Seasons Guide. New programs include coached adult Masters Swimming, Junior Lifeguards and movie nights, and a precompetitive swim team, Torrance Torpedoes.
- All but one swim lesson class is full for the month of April.
- The drop-in lap swimmers accounted for 1,258 pool visits.
- Recreational swim had 64 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental group *Swim Torrance* had 1,521 swimmers this month and *LAPS Masters Swim Team* had 72 swimmers.

- P.A.L.S. Swim Team continues their weekly workouts.
- The Lifeguard and Aquatics Instructor positions are open.
- Spring *Learn to Swim* lessons filled quickly, with only a few spaces still available.

Youth Sports:

- Fall basketball season concluded at the beginning of the month. All participants and coaches were excited for the playoffs and championship series.
- Volleyball registration took place having multiple divisions close within the month. Registration was extended for a couple of divisions because of the high number on the waitlist.
- The Clinic and Games will take place in April for 8 weeks.
- Youth Sports Staff had their Basketball Debrief and were very happy with how the season took place.

Adult Sports:

- The Adult Basketball program has continued to be a service to our community.
- The Adult sports staff had their seasonal meeting bringing some new ideas for next season sports.
- The Roller Rink is finally broken in from our daily hockey rental. Lots of positive feedback was made.
- The Roller Rink received new hockey goals, but they were not fit for use and were returned. New goals are being researched and will be purchased soon.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have also continued to be strong throughout the month, and all patrons have shown, or expressed their satisfaction. Rentals have also been affected by the weather and several were moved to other fields or cancelled.
- Judo and youth cheerleading have been using the MPR frequently this month, and all have been enjoying their time while at our facility. Kendo has also returned to the MPR this month and has expressed happiness to be back at our facility.
- The Adult Softball Program has been delayed several times due to weather conditions. The schedules have been modified and updated. The program will now finish mid-April. The weather has been unpredictable and has been a major issue for field users and city programs.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Sea-Aire Spring golf season kicked off in March with better weather and longer hours of operation.
- Total golf rounds played in March at Sea-Aire were 3,016.
- Local Grade and High School golf teams started their season with practice rounds at Sea-Aire throughout March.
- On March 20th, the Chadwick Boys golf team held an inter squad golf challenge.
- The Friday morning Sea-Aire Seniors golf club picked up an additional five new members in March.
- The Thursday morning Sea-Aire Women's golf club held a low gross and low net tournament on March 21st.
- The fairways and greens are in nice shape after the February rainfall.
- The Sea-Aire community room rentals on weekday evenings continued throughout March.
- On March 26th the local Neighborhood Community Watch group held a meeting in the Community Room.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / PARK DROP-IN / DAY CAMPS / VIRTUAL RECREATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Nicole Madera, Recreation Supervisor and Anthony Chavez, Senior Program Specialist*

After School Club Program:

March has been a busy and rainy month for the After School Club! The participants took part in a Community Service Project collecting dry goods for the Stillman Sawyer Family Services Center. The After School Club was able to donate 135 dry and canned good items to the organization.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins April 23 for Torrance residents and April 30 for non-residents. Two new sites will be added to the offered locations: Towers Elementary and Bert Lynn Middle School. Flyers have been distributed to the After School Clubs and information is available on our webpage.

Spring Day Camp:

Spring Day Camp and Teen Camp began on April 1 and that's no joke! 73 campers are enrolled in Day Camp and 16 are joining us in Teen Camp. Campers will enjoy the Farmers Market, Large Inflatables, Spring themed crafts and activities and movies! Keep up with our social media to see some Spring Camp highlights.

Summer Day Camp:

Summer Camp is being planned now and registration will begin soon! Early Camp registration starts on May 15 for Torrance residents and May 28 for non-residents.

Social Media/Virtual Recreation:

Torrance social media and virtual recreation continues to gain followers and provide content and program information to residents. March's social media content included:

- Dodger Day – program spotlight
- ATTIC Pancake Breakfast – program spotlight
- Senior Tech Day – program spotlight and story
- Lap Swim – program spotlight
- ATTIC MADD Event – program story
- Chef Agustin Retirement - staff spotlight
- Torrance Cheerleading end of season – program reel
- New HIP Project - program reel
- We're Hiring – Lifeguard and Aquatics Job Posting spotlight and story
- Senior Citizens Walking Club – program spotlight
- Coed Youth Volleyball Registration – program spotlight
- Youth Basketball end of season – program reel

**TEENS/CO-REC / YOUTH COUNCIL / SENIOR CITIZENS / COMMISSION ON AGING
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson, Recreation Supervisor Senior Programs; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist Senior Programs; Nena Davis, Senior Program Specialist Teen Programs

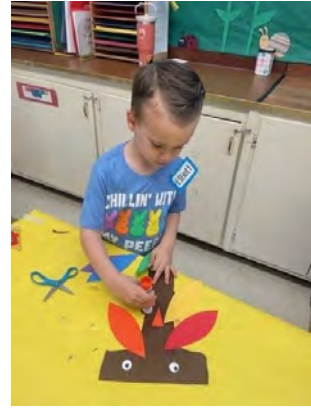
Special Events: No events were held in the month of March.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- March is a fun and busy month for The Early Childhood Education Program.
- In Lollipop Tree, they continue to work on shape and color recognition, cutting and recognizing the numbers 1-9. They made leprechaun binoculars and went on a leprechaun

hunt. This month, they are working on other craft projects for Easter treat bags, rainbows, and bear crafts.

- In Fun & Friends, they have been working on the letters P, Q, R, and S. They had a pajama day, made pancakes, and read about Pigs in the mud. They also worked on fun crafts such as making a quilt, rainbows, and snakes. They also had a St. Patrick's Day Party. They are continuing to work on their sounds, sharing, and cutting.
- The winter session has ended, and we will begin our spring session.
- There were five volunteers this month working a total of 12.5 hours.



Adaptive Recreation:

- On March 4, PALS members met at Board and Brush in Torrance for a St. Patrick's Day and Spring-themed art project. This activity has become a family affair. Many parents are now joining in on the fun! Board and Brush has been offering workshops for PALS since 2020 and it is amazing to see the improvements by the PALS members!
- On Saturday, March 9, the PALS members had the opportunity to participate in a Pickle Ball workshop hosted by a wonderful City of Torrance volunteer named Patricia Samson. The weather was beautiful, the enthusiasm was contagious, and the event was a huge success. Over 20 PALS members were divided into small groups and worked on various Pickleball techniques. Patricia was amazed at how well the participants did! Everyone participated in a game at the end of the workshop. A big thank you to Patricia Samson for hosting this eventful workshop!
- On Tuesday, March 12, a group of 20 participants met at AMC Rolling Hills to watch Kung Fu Panda.
- On Monday, March 25, everyone met at Wilson Park for a walk to Brusters Ice Cream. The evening weather was perfect, and everyone had a really good time.
- Special Olympics Basketball and Swim prepare for April's first LA County tournament. Practices are filled with physical conditioning, skill building, and teamwork.
- Over 118 PALS members have enrolled in the 2024 membership as of March. This includes existing members who are re-registering from 2023 and brand-new members.





THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- Due to no school, THE ATTIC was closed on March 14 and March 15.
- THE ATTIC continued with regular hours, 3:30 – 7 pm, throughout the rest of March. For March, THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 961, including guests and members.
- On Friday, March 29, THE ATTIC staff held an egg hunt for the students. The students enjoyed hunting for plastic-filled eggs around The ATTIC Teen Center! We had two golden eggs that were filled with an ATTIC Café voucher!
- ATTIC staff held game days on Mondays for the members to participate in each week. Monday's games were "UNO," "Star Realms," and "MAFIA."
- THE ATTIC open GYM days are Tuesday and Thursday, 4 – 5 p.m.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Joel Gaxiola- "Dodge Ball" and Ryan Locano- "Basketball Game," Ryan Locano and Joel Gaxiola "TRIVA," and Nena Davis "Nachos and Karaoke for St Patrick's Day."
- Friday Movie days featured "Fast and Furious," "Jurassic Park," "Sign," and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, March 4, 2024, THE ATTIC *Advisory Committee* held its monthly meeting, which was held at THE ATTIC at 6 p.m. There were 16 committee members present.
- Agenda items included the February Fundraiser "Hearts and Crafts" debrief, Pancake Breakfast, May Mental Health Month, and preparation for the March MADD event.
- The Committee members received Pancake Breakfast ticket books. Each Committee member's goal is to sell 25 tickets and promote the event.
- THE ATTIC Advisory Committee hosted a MADD event, "Mother Against Drunk Driving "Rethink Your Drink," on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Students joined an empowering night of pleading not to drink and drive. The MADD event had a guest speaker, Louis Deliz, who was hit as a cyclist by an underage drunk driver. Louis Deliz's engaging story and photos had a very positive impact on students. The MADD event had information booths that included MADD Melissa Estelle, Torrance police officer Gonzales, CHP officer Angelia Gonzales, and Allcove Center Amanda Verwys. Along with three interactive booths run by the Advisory Committee. There were 43 students in attendance.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6 p.m. in THE ATTIC multi-purpose room.



Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The TYC met on Wednesday, March 6 and 20, 2024, to conduct regular business.
- The TYC Happy-to-Chat Bench Committee proposed and approved adding a Little Library at the Bench location at Hickory Park. The item will be reviewed and approved at the April Parks and Recreation Meeting.
- The TYC members discussed and scheduled the upcoming Senior Citizen Tech Day events for the month of April at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- The Youth Council continues to meet in committees to plan for their upcoming events. Saturday, March 23, TYC members met at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center at 8 a.m. for their third Senior Tech Day of the year.

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission met on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room at 9:30 a.m.
- The commission discussed the Older Americans Award program that is currently accepting nomination applications. The deadline to submit a nomination was Thursday, March 21, 2024. Six nominations were received this year and the commission will be selecting the honorees at the April commission meeting.
- A presentation by City Managers office staff, Carlos Huizar, was given to the commission and attendees on the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study. The commission accepted and filed the presentation provided by the City Managers Office staff.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The board met on March 15, 2024, and Claire Towle from the “Taking Time” Organization spoke at the meeting. This group offers compassionate, culturally sensitive, and caring bereavement services for those grieving from any cause, such as a sudden death from an accident or traumatic event or death from an illness. The program is designed for children aged five years or older and senior citizens.
- Focal Point received 80 phone calls and 123 web inquiries in March.
- Focal Point does not accept walk-ins. The office continues to operate from 9 a.m. to noon. However, in-person consultations are available by appointment only.
- Some volunteers work remotely, pick up messages, and make referrals from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Focal Point staff continues to make birthday calls to seniors in the community.
- Focal Point has eight volunteers who collectively worked 108 hours in March.
- The AARP Tax-Aide program began on February 13. Only walk-in preparation is available, and Staff are directing clients to AARP tax programs in surrounding cities.

Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center, Tillim, WALTERIA)

- Everyone aged 50 and older is welcome at the City of Torrance Senior Centers. A five-dollar membership includes the bi-monthly 5-0 and On-the-Go! Newsletter, which announces special events, exercise classes, Senior Center schedules, activities, lunch menus, and more.
- The Bartlett Senior Center crafting group meets in the Hobby Shop every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. There are now 13 crafty ladies each week. All kinds of crafts and all levels of crafting are welcome. These women hand-make dolls and stuffed animals and donate them to the LA Children's Hospital and Miller Children's Hospital.
- The Creative Crafters group meets Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tillim Senior Center. This group is now focusing on making Blankets and quilts for Miller's Children's Hospital, LA Children's Hospital, hospice, and Veteran's Hospital. The group is still creating leis, aprons, and pillowcases. Members are available to instruct and help beginners. The group also explores sewing, quilting, and other craft mediums. There are currently 32 members, and all levels are welcome.
- The Senior Gardening Club will start back up at the end of April.
- The beading workshop meets on Wednesdays at the Bartlett Center from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It has 22 members, and participants of all levels are welcome.
- Torrance Travelers is back on the road again! The March Trip to Tanaka Farms was a success. Seniors enjoyed a tour of the farm from the back of a wagon pulled by a tractor. There were 34 participants who were allowed to pick a box of strawberries and some veggies. They visited the farm animals and then had a boxed lunch. Next stop: The Getty Museum.
- The painting workshop meets at the Tillim Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. All levels are welcome.
- The Senior Citizen Walking Club takes place on Fridays at 10 a.m. The walk is for all levels. The route takes you by Torrance Bakery, and the group can stop for a bite and have coffee. They have a lot of fun and even have a mascot cat named Bobo, who loves walking with them.
- On March 15, 2024, the Bartlett Lunch Program Chef, Augustin Romo, Retired after 31 years of service. He will be greatly missed.



Respectfully Submitted,

Garrett Craig
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:

John La Rock
Community Services Director