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City of Homer Agenda

Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Cowles Council Chambers and via Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID: 990 6701 0473 Passcode: 295088

Dial: 1 253 215 8782 or 1 929 205 6099 or Toll Free 1 888 788 0099 or 1 877 853 5247

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute time limit)

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS (10 minute time limit)

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Commissioner or someone from the public, in which case the item will be moved to the regular agenda and considered in normal sequence.

A. Minutes for the May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 minute time limit)

A. Chair's Report - Mayor's Roundtable Meeting with Advisory Bodies

B. Homer Drawdown - Trails Symposium Report, Commissioner Lowney

C. June Parks Report - Parks Superintendent Steffy

D. Public Works Report - Public Works Director Keiser

E. June PARC Staff & Recreation Report - Recreation Manager Illg

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS (15 minute time limit)

NEW BUSINESS (15-20 minute time limit)

- [A.](#) Memorandum from Parks Superintendent re: Using 2021-2022 Budget Funds and Designating Uses for the 2022-2023 Budget
- B. Memorandum from Chair re: Trash Cans on the Homer Spit Trail
- [C.](#) Memorandum from Recreation Manager re: Discussion on Selecting New Project(s) for the Capital Improvement Plan Recommendation.
- [D.](#) Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk re: Donation of A Mural for Placement at the Skate Park
- [E.](#) Memorandum from Parks Superintendent re: Amending City Code and Leash Laws in Parks

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- [A.](#) 2022 PARC Advisory Commission Calendar
- [B.](#) The Economic Impact of Local Parks - An Examination of the Economic Impacts of Operations and Capital Spending by Local Park and Recreation Agencies on the US Economy

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute time limit)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

Session 22-04, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair David Lewis at 5:32 p.m. on May 19, 2022 from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS LEWIS, ROEDL, LOWNEY, HARRALD, ARCHIBALD, GALBRAITH, AND STUDENT COMMISSIONER FLORA

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FAIR (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
PARKS SUPERINTENDENT STEFFY

The Commission conducted a site inspection at the HERC facility to review current uses and proposed options for a new community center.

AGENDA APPROVAL

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2022

Chair Lewis requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recreation Manager Staff Report

Recreation Manager Illg noted his report provided in the packet and highlighted the following:

- Hiring Seasonal Temporary position has been very difficult
- Broadway Boot Camp was very successful
- Summer Recreation Catalog is available
- vacated to temporary office within the HERC facility
- Joint Use Agreement with KPBSD

Mr. Illg responded to questions regarding metrics for State Parks use, negotiation and development of the mutual agreements.

B. Parks Superintendent Report

Parks Superintendent Steffy provided a synopsis of his report, commenting further on the following points in the response to questions from the Commission:

- Camping is starting to pick up
- staffing is still a major concern at this time
- Contractor hired for the restrooms is so far working out very well
- Church on the Rock had approximately 150 volunteers spread across five different parks
 - o Two other local churches interested in performing some volunteer work in city parks
 - o One is interested in adopting a park
- put a new walk bridge over one crossing on the disc golf course at Jack Gist Park, it may need hand railings for safety.
- WKFL has been adopted by college student who will be addressing the flower beds and moving stuff around
- Currently the only turf that is being managed is the ballfields at Hornaday Park and that is when someone has the time the city will be issuing an RFP for mowing services for once per week this season
 - o They are hoping that more staffing is available in the upcoming weeks but the Parks department is outsourcing to the public sector to fill in the gaps for the services that are provided by his department.
- The old batting cage has been removed at Hornaday Park Little League is installing a new one that will have base anchors in the ground to allow for seasonal removal.
- First of the Free Libraries has been installed
 - o waiting for the locate to be completed for the second location
- Proper pronunciation for Jack Gist (hard g) park
- Softball Tournament bringing people to Homer
 - o three day tournament Bash on the Bay

C. Public Works Director Report

Public Works Director Keiser provided information and facilitated questions from the Commission on the following:

- KBNERR conference in Washington DC to discuss funding opportunities land to support mission of KBNERR:
 - o Kachemak Sponge is top of the list and has received high rankings from their peers
 - o indicated that monies cannot be used for building structures
 - structures cannot be built on the land acquired with funds
 - o not clear what the funding will allow
- Jeff Coble still working on design
- Non-motorized Transportation funding is scheduled for a second reading at the next Council meeting a motion of support from the Commission was requested
- Term contract issued to Landscape Architect
- Staffing issues defined as temporary gigs and housing is a big problem
 - o Outsourcing is difficult since there is the lack of appropriate funding
 - Private businesses are having the same issues regarding staffing
- Working with the developer on the road construction of Fairview Avenue to Eric Lane for Bike Path
- Working with the developer on Adams and E End Road regarding a bike path to Jack Gist Park
- Trying to work a conceptual design with cost estimate for a bike path along Kachemak Drive not sure if she will have the funding

Chair Lewis asked Staff if e-bikes were considered non-motorized transportation.

Parks Superintendent Steffy responded that E-Bikes with less than 50cc displacement or 750 volt motors are considered non-motorized. He noted that there is a speed limit but he did not know that information at this time. Mr. Steffy further noted that it would be difficult since they allow motorized wheelchairs.

Commissioner Harrauld requested clarification on the how they can prioritize the project for Kachemak Drive Pathway project.

Public Works Director Keiser explained that the prioritization is based on what is happening right now and with the Kachemak Drive the State had a project then postponed but if it would happen they would be prepared. She reported the information provided to her by Kevin Walker regarding the work done in 2012.

Brief discussion ensued on the various incidents in the past regarding the kachemak Drive pathway project.

Public Works Director Keiser provided clarification on what the opportunity fund would be used for in response to questions from the Commission.

Parks Superintendent Steffy reported that the group Homer Drawdown has chosen the next big cause to support and that was non-motorized transportation. There will be more information provided to the Commission after the next meeting.

Public Works Director Keiser commented that collaboration on the location of the old Nelson Trail to the High School would allow for brush cutting the area.

Commissioner Lowney encouraged other commissioners to join Drawdown so they can receive the information.

There was a brief discussion on the participation of the city, theory of what drawdown is and how it affects the area and community, limits on the number of Commissioners allowed to join would be three due to Open Meetings Act.

D. May Staff Report – Mike Illg

Recreation Manager Illg reviewed his report that was provided in the packet.

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for Donation of Art for the Municipal Art Collection

Chair Lewis introduced the item and requested a motion and second.

LOWNEY/HARRALD - MOVED TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE DONATION OF ARTWORK BY ALASKAN ARTIST THOMAS STREAM ENTITLED “VERMILION FLYCATCHER “ BE ACCEPTED AND INCLUDED IN THE MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION.

Commissioner Harrauld noted that it was a fun piece and while the donor recommended that it be displayed in the Children’s Library it was not a requirement for the acceptance of the artwork.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. Recommendations for Sidewalks in New Subdivision Development

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Recreation Manager Illg

Recreation Manager Illg referred to the memorandum on page 67 of the packet that City Council approved a resolution addressing the promotion of sidewalks and safe pedestrian access. He stated that while it is not under the purview of the Commission to take action on there is a memorandum from

Commissioner Lowney containing questions and he would like to provide the Commissioner with the opportunity.

Chair Lewis inquired if the Commission is allowed to submit recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Krause responded that this was an unusual situation in that Council has decided to take some action but has not provided any direction to the advisory bodies if so determined. But the Commission can through staff submit a recommendation to the Planning Commission through staff.

Commissioner Lowney provided information on the historical discussion by the Commission on connectivity via trails, sidewalks and wildlife corridors. She recited the lack of direction on where to go with the recommendations made to developers on such connectivity.

Public Works Director Keiser referring to Resolution 22-043 stated that City Council has provided six specifics action items and there is opportunities to be involved as an individual and the Commission. She reported that there is a timeframe, goals and the City Manager is currently working on an implementation plan. So in the near future you will see some of these things that are being referenced taking shape and happening but the City needs a few weeks to figure it all out. Ms. Keiser expressed that having a Trails Symposium was a great idea as it would provide public outreach.

Commissioner Lowney expressed her appreciation for the input and then provided additional concerns and ideas on the following:

- how the commission can assist community groups so that efforts are not repeated but supporting each other's efforts
- previous trails symposiums and what results that were garnered from those efforts
- how the Commission can be heard
- prioritized by the group who attended the second year trails symposium which was used by the commission
 - o This format allowed them to see the seven projects completed
 - o Will show where they need to work
- Working with Homer Drawdown Group for conducting a Trails Symposium in September

Chair Lewis asked if Commissioner Lowney would speak to the effort at the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Lowney declined as she will be in Anchorage the day of the meeting and was uncertain whether she could attend via Zoom.

Ms. Keiser and Mr. Illg facilitated questions and answers regarding:

- Clarification on the ability to address the Planning commission as a whole and their ability to amend the code.
- Clarification on the development currently ongoing that there is no requirement for the developer to install sidewalks.
- participation in addressing the Council directives defined in Resolution 22-043
- Enabling Council support for the Trails Symposium

- Previous recommendations for green space
- Staff review of city code to implement changes
- the need to update city code in relation to the changing needs of the city
- maintaining sidewalks in winter – State versus City
- what should be done compared to what can be done in regards to drainage and sidewalks
- sometimes to getting the necessary easements for placement of sidewalks is not as easy as one thinks
- available grant funding for pedestrian safety

Commissioner Archibald volunteered to report at the City Council meeting on May 23rd.

- C. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Strategies for Deploying HART Road/Trails Funds to Accelerate Non-Motorized Transportation and Road Repair

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Public Works Director Keiser.

Public Works Director Keiser provided a summary review of her memorandum on page 71 in the packet.

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second from the Commission hearing no one come forward with questions for Ms. Keiser.

HARRALD LONEY MOVED THAT THE PARCAC SUPPORTS THE DEPLOYMENT FROM THE HART FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING: \$500,000 FOR THE PAVEMENT RESTORATION PROGRAM, \$50,000 FOR THE SMALL WORKS DRAINAGE PROGRAM, \$230,614 FOR THE SMALL WORKS ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM, \$230,614 FOR EAST ROAD SERVICES IDIQ CONTRACT AND \$56,803 FOR THE SMALL WORKS TRAILS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Commissioners briefly discussed the designated funding for trails maintenance.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMIOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Conceptual Drawing of Proposed Seafarer's Memorial ADA Improvements
- B. EZine Article: Delving into the 2022 Agency Performance Review
- C. 2022 Commission Calendar

There was a brief discussion on finding out additional information on the whom, what, where and implementing an agreement with those parties involved in the Seafarer's Memorial.

Ms. Keiser responded to questions regarding ADA Compliance when building roads and the like but they were not constructed in accordance of the regulations.

Deputy City Clerk Krause, as ADA Coordinator for the city responded to the why and how this happened and what steps are being taken to address the ADA issues.

Commissioner Archibald commented on the proposed drawing and believed that it was a poor concept on the requirements and since the City has agreements with a consultant with expertise in ADA requirements.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Parks Superintendent Steffy encouraged the Commissioners to spread the news that he is hiring and really fun to work with.

Recreation Manager Illg reported on the success of the 29th Annual Safe & Healthy Kids Fair over the weekend there were approximately 300 children that attended, 25 different organizations were involved including the City. There were representatives from the Police and Fire Departments, Library, and Public Works allowed them to use the traffic cones. He then noted that next year since it will be the 30th year they are planning for an even bigger event. This year they gave away 4 bicycles that were donated. Mr. Illg expressed his appreciation for the ongoing support by the Kenai Peninsula School District.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Student Commissioner Flora commented that it was a good meeting and will be absent for the June meeting, she wished everyone a great summer and to enjoy the weather.

Commissioner Archibald reiterated his thanks to Public Works Director Keiser that she has shook things up since arriving at Public Works and it is much appreciated. He reminded everyone about the celebration for Kachemak Bay State Parks 50th at Grace Ridge Brewery on May 25th and then noted that with the rising cost of gas they may be seeing more pedestrians and cyclists around town.

Commissioner Lowney expressed her appreciation for the tour of the Parks Maintenance department at the HERC facility and noted that she used to work in that building in the early 1980's. It is great to see it being used again. She then expressed her appreciation for the work that Public Works Director Keiser is doing and agreed that she does get riled up a bit about these issues noting that the Commission has been discussing them for quite a long time and they just keep spinning around. Ms. Lowney stated that she is an avid walker and uses the trails and various routes through Homer quite often and it is frustrating to see all this development taking place with many of the changes and acknowledged that while it may not be the Commission's fight we can voice our concerns but she wanted to have more of a voice at the table this time and feel that time is right now. Ms. Lowney continued by stating they have the Drawdown Group and Homer Trails Alliance and there are more incredibly positive things happening in the community right now around non-motorized transportation that she believed now

was the time for the Commission to be involved and really make sure Homer develops in the way we want it to develop. She expressed her appreciation for the staff and everything they do.

Commissioner Roedl stated that he would like to reiterate everything that was just said by Commissioner Lowney. This was a great meeting tonight. He expressed his appreciation for all the work that Public Works Director Keiser does and that she is doing a great job. He stated that they were lucky talking about sidewalks and making Homer more walkable and pedestrian friendly, but noted that there are more than bikes and people on the sidewalks as there are a lot of electric things running up and down our sidewalks now and he himself has done a lot of biking and the four foot sidewalks are just not wide enough when you have that many different kinds of vehicles and pedestrians moving on them. We need to get the city codes changed because we will see more vehicles that are not human powered on our sidewalks. Our roads should be designed to have a bicycle or powered vehicle lane and it should be considered soon.

Chair Lewis expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Archibald stepping up and making the report to Council at the next meeting and then noted that he was going to request Student Commissioner Flora make the report but since she was going to be unavailable maybe next time. HE thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next regular meeting is Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

Approved: _____



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission
FROM: Janette Keiser, Public Works Director
DATE: June 6, 2022
SUBJECT: Public Works Director's Report

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1. **Main Street Sidewalk.** East Road Services submitted its preliminary construction schedule for the Main Street Sidewalk Project, showing completion of the project in late August. It's "preliminary" because the actual start date depends on some supply chain issues.
 2. **Non-motorized Transportation Opportunity Fund.** The City Council created this Fund at their May 23 Council meeting and we are already putting it to good use. Thank you for your support! We are moving forward with multiple projects, including, but not limited to:
 - a. West Fairview Ave Extension
 - b. Adams Drive Bike Path
 - c. Reber Trail – re-configuration of steep upper section
 - d. West Hill Road Bike Path Connection
 - e. Old Nelson Bike Path
 - f. Tajen Lane Connection to Eric Lane
 - g. Beauregard Court Connection to Jack Gist Park
 - h. Ohlson Lane/Bunnell Ave – develop a sidewalk as part of the pavement restoration project
 - i. Heath Street – reconfigure the ADA ramps as part of the pavement restoration project
 3. **ADA Fishing Access at Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.** Work on this project is proceeding.



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission
FROM: Mike Illg, Recreation Manager
DATE: June 7, 2022
SUBJECT: City Council Action Related to PARCAC for June 16th Meeting

The following City Council resolutions and ordinances activity relevant to the Park, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission since the last PARCAC meeting on May 19, 2022

May 23rd Regular Meeting

Resolution 22-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Joint Use of Equipment and Facilities Agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption. Memorandum 22-090 from Recreation Manager as backup. **NON OBJECTION**

Resolution 22-046, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting a Donation from Thelma Gower to the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection of a print by Alaskan Artist Thomas Stream Entitled "Vermilion Flycatcher". City Clerk/PARCAC. Recommend adoption. **NON OBJECTION**

Ordinance 22-24, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget and Appropriating an Additional Expenditure of \$106,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund for the Construction of the Main Street Sidewalk Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ordinance 22-25, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$750,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund and \$100,000 from the HART Trails Fund to Establish a Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Fund. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ordinance 22-26, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$500,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund to Establish a

Pavement Restoration Program. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ordinance 22-27, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$511,228 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund to the Small Works Road Repair Program, the Small Works Drainage Program, and the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract to East Road Services. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022 **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ordinance 22-28, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$56,803 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Trails Fund to the Small Works Trails Maintenance Program. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

FROM: Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

DATE: June 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Community Recreation Report

Recreation Specialist: This remains to be a challenging situation but I believe we may be able to hire someone by the end of June. This person I hope to hire will only be available for the summer for 12-20 hours a week. This person will be primarily assisting with the Community Kids program with the option of expanding to cover other programs such as the evening weight room.

Community Kids Program: This partnership with the Center is extremely popular and full as we have a big waiting list of other kids who want to join. They are at the HERC campus (indoors and out) and so far it is quite successful.

Tai Chi: Due to low enrollment (most likely attributed to the nice weather), the instructor has decided to cancel the summer classes with the intent of starting up again in the fall.

Pick Up Volleyball: This program will also be cancelled for the summer months due to low enrollment. The volunteer continues to show up with no one attending. We will bring this back in the fall.

Youth Volleyball Program: I am in the midst of starting a Youth Volleyball program. This is a work in progress as I have at least one volunteer ready to lead the way.

ZUMBA Kids: This program has also just started and is held at the HERC building. We estimate 10-15 will be attending.

Flag Football & Football Skills: The flag football is experiencing a low turnout (8) and we think this will be better suited as a fall activities. The Football Skills program has 20 participants.

HERC Activity Room: I recently purchased some removable foam tiles to line the activity room at the HERC. This will be a huge improvement for the existing programs and will attract new activities as well.

New Multi Use Community Center Project: There was a recent City Council work session on June 6th where the Council provided feedback, thoughts and some preliminary decisions with moving the potential project forward. Related to this topic, I will be presenting the variables and complexities on how the Community recreation program operates within the public schools at a future City Council meeting.

Pickleball Courts: Community Recreation continues to facilitate outdoor recreation through our popular pickleball culture. There are 3 painted pickleball courts at Homer High tennis courts and two locked boxes to store pickleball nets for public use. There is a request to paint additional lines as the demand is immense. While the request has been denied this will be an ongoing discussion.

Pickleball Tournament: We are planning to host a 3 day Pickleball Tournament over Labor Day weekend (Sept 2-4) at the HERC building. There is a small volunteer committee. We hope to attract players (40ish) and visitors from around the state to visit Homer and stay for the long weekend. If this is successful we will try to offer every year with the option of additional tournaments.

Summer Planning/Recreation Catalog: See attachment.

Community Recreation Office: I am officially and temporarily in the upstairs of the HERC building. I am hearing different reports regarding the roofing projects with the potential that it might not even happen or if it does it will be done in increments. Either way, CR is simply getting out of the way for the summer until the Borough are able to determine when and how the re-roofing project will be completed.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Joint Use Agreement: I am pleased to report that this agreement has been approved and signed by both parties. This is a crucial partnership for our community and we hope to continue to expand the collaborative and successful services to community residents for years to come.

COMMUNITY



RECREATION

Summer 2022 - Activity Guide

WELCOME BACK!

The City of Homer Community Recreation Department offers terrific indoor programs at the HERC Gym and Activity Room, Homer High School and Homer Middle School. Outdoor programs like football, soccer and ultimate frisbee are also available.

Here is a resource of great free or low-cost programs available to keep you and your family active and have some fun this spring and summer!

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RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- ☒ Flag Football
- ☒ Football Skills
- ☒ Community Kids Summer Program
- ☒ Ultimate Frisbee
- ☒ Morning Pick Up Basketball
- ☒ Pick Up Soccer
- ☒ Evening Pick Up Basketball
- ☒ Drop In Pickleball
- ☒ Karate & Tai Chi
- ☒ Zumba Kids
- ☒ Pick Up Volleyball
- ☒ Dance Cardio

REGISTRATION

- Check each listing for program fees.
- Pre-registration is required to reserve your spot.



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The deadline to be a part of the Fall/Winter catalog is August 15, 2022 for activities September - February. If you would like your program or business added or to become a contracted instructor through Homer Community Recreation, please call us today.

Community Recreation Mission Statement

The City of Homer Community Recreation will promote community involvement and life-long learning through educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. This will be accomplished through maximizing usage of all community facilities and resources. While utilizing, expanding and uniting local business and school resources and expertise. Our program shall be designed to recognize cultural diversity and to address social and community concerns.

Thank You Homer Schools/Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Most of our activities are made possible because of cooperative use of School District facilities. We extend our appreciation to the District, School Board members, school staff and administrative staff for their support of the Homer Community Recreation Division.

Parks, Playgrounds & Pavilions

The City of Homer provides many parks, playgrounds and pavilions for your outdoor recreational endeavors. Check out Hornaday Park, Bishop's Beach and Bayview Park to name a few.



We Want You!

Volunteers or work as a contracted instructor! We strive to continually develop new and affordable programs for our community. If you have any special skills to share, or ideas for programs you would like to see offered, please give us a call at 907-235-6090.

Volunteer

If you are interested in teaching a class or helping out with the program, please contact us today at 235-6090. Thanks for your support and participation!

Code of Conduct

Proper behavior by all participants is expected at all times. Participants shall be respectful to peers, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities. Community Recreation reserves the right to terminate participation toward individuals who cannot exhibit proper behavior.

Unsupervised Children

Please do not bring children to adult classes/activities. It can be a distraction to others and creates a liability for the recreation program.

Disclaimer

Many, if not all, of the Community Recreation classes are held in the local schools. The school may require any of our classes or activities to be cancelled with limited notice. Classes may or may not be rescheduled pending time and space availability.

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Contact Us

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Registration

Registration is ongoing for most of our programs, but there are some that require pre-registration. Be sure to contact instructor in advance if there is a pre-registration required! Registration for drop in activities is on site.

Refund Policy

Community Recreation will not refund, credit or prorate any classes/activities unless it is cancelled. The manager will determine a refund based on unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

Deadline for the Fall/Winter 2022-23 Catalog is August 15

The catalog will cover activities and programs for the months of September through February.

If you would like your program or business added here or would like to become a contracted instructor through Homer Community Recreation, please call us today at 907-235-6090.

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City of Homer - CAMPING

Hornaday Campground

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360 W. Fairview Avenue

31 Wooded & View Campsites

Homer Spit Campgrounds

- **Mariner Homer Spit** (Milepost .04)
cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/mariner-park
Scenic Beachfront Sites
- **Fishing Hole** (Milepost 2.9)
cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/fishing-hole-campground
Beachfront & Fishing hole sites
(Open year-round)
- **Tent Area 2** (Milepost 2.9)
cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/tent-area-2
Oceanside Beach Camping

Camp Fees & Registration

- All campers must self-register
- RVS & TENTS: \$20 per night
- Fees collected April 1 to October 30
- One RV or Tent per permit
- Display permit visibly
- 14 day limit per campsite

Campground Regulations

- Quiet Hours **11pm-7am**
- Fires must be contained within fire pits
- Dogs & pets must be on leash
- Keep an orderly campsite

City of Homer - PAVILIONS

To Reserve a Pavilion - Submit Form Online

cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/reserve-park-pavilion

- **Mariner Beach**
- **Hornaday Park (2)**
- **Bishops Beach**
- **WKFL Park**
- *Ask us about other available parks for your next event.*

Pavilion Reservations

- Pavilions are available to reserve for Special Events and gatherings.
- To check availability & reservations:
cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/reserve-park-pavilion
- Contact Parks Coordinator at 907-435-3109 if you are unable to reserve online.

YOUTH & TEENS

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation - 907-235-6090

ZUMBA KIDS

**Mondays & Wednesdays
June 6 - 29
HERC Activity Room
1pm**

Let your kids rock out to some fun music while getting some exercise (*without them realizing it because they're having fun!*) **Zumba Kids** features age-appropriate music and moves that get kids movin' to the beat. It's all about feeling fearless on the dance floor, reinforcing the idea that it's okay to just be yourself and dancing like no one's watching!

Students will get to learn several fun dances, both as a follow-the-leader kind and breaking down the steps so students can understand. We'll explore different countries and dances that come from those countries each week. Along with dances, we will have games that encourage movement and help make exercise fun.



*Kids ages 4 & up
can join in on the fun!*

Cost is \$60 for the Series or
\$10 drop-in per class
with reduced rates for siblings.

Contact Gretchen at 907-399-2129 or
gretchen.mccullough@gmail.com

Community Kids Summer Program

South peninsula Behavioral Health Services and the City of Homer Community Recreation Program is teaming up again to offer "Community Kids" Summer program for youth ages 6-12. There will be various games, sports, art and fun stuff happening. Space is limited! Please contact Alyssa for more information and registration at 907-399-4947.

- **WHEN:** Mondays through Thursdays, 1-4pm; June 1-August 11
- **WHERE:** HERC Building
- **FEE:** \$20 per month, per participant

COMMUNITY KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 1 - AUG 11

MON-THURS 1-4PM

FOR YOUTH AGES 6-12

\$20/MONTH Registration Fee

FUN, CREATIVE GAMES & ACTIVITIES

At the HERC Building!

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Space is limited!

South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

CITY OF HOMER, AK

RECREATION

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation - 907-235-6090

Indoor Activities

Morning Pick Up Basketball



Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship and clean indoor shoes is a must. Please do not bring children. For 7th graders and up.

- **WHEN:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6-7am
- **WHERE:** Homer High Gym
- **FEE:** \$3 visit for adults, FREE for youth

Evening Pick Up Basketball



Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship and clean indoor shoes is a must. Please do not bring children. For 7th graders and up.

- **WHEN:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-9pm
- **WHERE:** Homer High Gym
- **FEE:** \$3 visit for adults, FREE for youth

Drop In Pickleball



Come on by and try the fast growing sport in the country! Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship and clean indoor shoes is a must. Please do not bring children. For 7th graders and up.

- **WHEN:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4:30-6:30pm and Sundays, 9:30-11:30am
- **WHERE:** HERC Gym
- **FEE:** \$3 visit for adults, \$2 for youth.

Pick Up Volleyball



Come on by and try the fast growing sport in the country! Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship and clean indoor shoes is a must. Please do not bring children. For 7th graders and up.

WHEN: Sundays, 4-6pm

WHERE: HHS Gym

FEE: \$3 visit for adults, FREE for youth



Outdoor Activities

All Outdoor programs listed are held at Homer Turf Field

Co-Ed Flag Football Program

Sign up and learn how to play flag football! This program is for boys and girls in 4th-8th grades. For information and questions contact Coach Zank at 399-8401 or steelezank@gmail.com.

- **WHEN:** Mondays & Wednesdays
 - June 1 - July 13: 5-6pm
 - August 1 - September 14: 6-6:30pm
- **FEE:** \$25 (Includes t-shirt)



Football Skills

Free summertime football skills and conditioning program for youth interested in high school football. For incoming 9th graders and high school age participants. For information and questions contact Coach Zank at 399-8401 or steelezank@gmail.com

- **WHEN:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7pm; June 1-July 15
- **FEE:** Free

Pick Up Soccer



Pick up soccer for participants in 6th grade and up. For more information contact Ginny at 1-907-398-4027.

- **WHEN:**
 - May 23 - July 17: Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm; Wednesdays & Fridays, 7-9pm
 - July 20 - August 4: Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm; Wednesdays & Fridays, 8-10pm
 - August 7 - September 18: Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm; Wednesdays & Fridays, 7-9pm
- **FEE:** \$3 per visit or \$20 for entire summer

Pick Up Ultimate Frisbee

Come join us to play this really fun outdoor activity! For more information: call Loretta at 1-575-574-8102

- **WHEN:** Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm
 - May 23 - July 14
 - July 18 - August 4
 - August 8 - September 8
- **FEE:** \$3 per visit or \$20 for entire summer

HEALTH & FITNESS

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation - 907-235-6090

Cuong Nhu and Karate Program

Would you like to learn self-defense? Maybe you want an activity to maintain fitness? Or maybe you want something fun to do with friends and family? If so come join us! Homer Cuong Nhu came to the United States in 1971 from Vietnam where it was founded by O'Sensei Ngo Dong and draws influence from 7 traditional styles of martial arts. We don't just teach the physical part of martial arts though. "A martial artist without philosophy is nothing more than a well-trained street fighter." - O'Sensei Ngo Dong. Let us exercise your mind as well. For your first class wear athletic clothes and bring a water bottle. Check out our website: polarisdojo.com or contact Sensei Martha at (206) 414 8319 or at polarisdojo@gmail.com for more information.

- **WHEN:** Youth Classes: M-W-F, 4:30-5:30pm; Adult Classes: 5:45-6:45pm
- **WHERE:** HERC Activity Room
- **FEE:** Contact the instructor



Tai Chi (Taiji) and Qigong

These related health and longevity arts originated in China and are excellent for mind and body health. They are effective for managing stress, enhancing resilience, improving balance, musculoskeletal strength, heart health and mental focus. Classes are open to both beginning students and those with experience. These movement classes are done standing and stepping and designed to build skills through repetition. For questions or more information contact Dean Sundmark at 399-4508.

- **WHEN:** Thursdays, 5-6:30pm, ongoing
- **WHERE:** HERC Activity Room
- **FEE:** \$6 per class



Dance Cardio with Katie Jo!

Katie Jo is back and is ready to dance with my old friends and meet new ones! She is staying close to her zumba roots with her new dance cardio class. Think less Latin and salsa but more hip hop and squats. She is excited to bring you a new class at the HERC building. Plenty of parking and space to spread out. Let me know if you have questions! Bring clean indoor shoes. Find Katie Jo on Facebook: @dancecardiowithkatiejo or email ktjo722@yahoo.com

- **WHEN:** Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
- **WHERE:** HERC Gym
- **FEE:** \$5 per visit, FREE for youth

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library



Summer Programs at the Homer Public Library



Summer Reading Program: June 4 - July 30

This fun annual program includes the summer reading challenge, wildlife bingo and the Homer scavenger hunt, among other activities.

- Kick-off Party: June 4, 3-5pm
Get creative and have fun with a two-hour series of crafts, games and all-ages storytime.
- End of Summer Party: July 29, 5-7pm

Storywalk[®] Trail:

- May 15-June 15: *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- June 15-July 15: *Chirri and Chirra* and *Chirri and Chirra Under the Sea*, by Kaya Doi
- July 15-August 15: *What's Inside a Flower? and Other Questions About Science and Nature*, by Rachel Ignotofsky
- August 15-September 15: *Berry Song*, by Michaela Goade
- September 15-October 15: *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*, by Linda Williams

Tuesdays: June 7 - August 2, 1:00-2:30pm - Outdoor Adventures with Coastal Studies

Thursdays: June 9 - July 7: Read Together Book Club for ages 7-12 reads *The Very Very Far North* by Dan Bar-el.

Teen Get Loud (ages 12-18), 6-8:00pm

- June 16 - Games and crafts
- June 21 - Movie night
- July 7 - Trivia, crafts and snacks

Gullah Geechee Culture Workshop: June 20, 3:30-4:30pm (grades K-6)

Join educator Ted Carter to learn about Gullah (Lowcountry South Carolina) and Geechee (Georgia islanders) west African culture.

Storytime & S'mores at Bishop's Beach: July 21, 7-8pm (weather permitting)

Coding for Grades 3-6: July 14, 3:30-4:30pm

Kids Book Club: 3:30-4:30pm - Read and discuss books with your friends

- July 26: *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters*, by Lenore Look
- July 28: *Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett

Picturing Homer: Modernizing historic photos

June 29, 5-6:30pm - Part I: Explores historic photographs and recreates images with modern technology.

July 27, 5-7:30pm - Part II: Share your photos from Part I with the group.

Art in the Library, Fireplace Lounge: July & August - Exhibits by Thelma Gower, Audrey Wallace, Scott Ulmer, the Senior Friendship Center and the Brewer Family.

For more program info & Book Mobile dates

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center	islandsandocean.org
Center for Alaska Coastal Studies.....	akcoastalstudies.org
Homer Little League.....	homerlittleleague.org
T.R.A.I.L.S.	peninsulailc.org/trails.htm
Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center.....	homerpool.org
Special Olympics Alaska.....	specialolympicsalaska.org
Homer Pop Warner.....	popwarnerhomer.com
Homer Soccer Association.....	homersoccer.com
Youth Theater - Pier One Theatre.....	pieronetheatre.org
Kachemak Bay Running Club.....	kachemakbayrunningclub.org
Kachemak Bay State Parks.....	dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kbay/kbay.htm
Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.....	kachemaknordicskiclub.org
Keven Bell Ice Arena.....	homerhockey.org
Homer Council on the Arts.....	homerart.org
Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow.....	homerropetow.org
Kachemak Bay College.....	homer.alaska.edu
Bunnell Street Arts Center.....	bunnellarts.org
Harbor School of Music & Dance.....	myhsmd.com
Homer Folk School.....	homerfolkschool.org
Kbay Martial Athletics.....	kbaymartialathletics.org
SPARC.....	sparchomer.org
Homer Boys Scouts.....	homerpack555.org
Homer Girls Scouts.....	girlscoutsalaska.org

JUNE 21ST - 24TH

SOUTH CENTRAL HOOPS CAMP

GROW YOUR GAME.

- INJURY PREVENTION
- ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT
- FUNDAMENTAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- TEAM CONCEPTS
- GAME APPLICATION

**KENAI
HIGH SCHOOL
JUNE 21ST & 22ND**

**HOMER
HIGH SCHOOL
JUNE 23RD & 24TH**

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WWW.MAKEYOURSELFUNSTOPPABLE.COM

LEARN FROM SOME OF ALASKA'S BEST

COACH



RYAN ORTON

Oregon grown and University of Alaska Anchorage Men's Associate Head Coach, Ryan Orton, has an extensive coaching resume that he has accumulated over 28 years in the business. He coaches with great care and attention to detail making him, without question, one of Alaska's best to learn from.

COACH



ALYSA HORN

Alaska grown and founder of Make Yourself, Coach Horn is one of Alaska's most sought after Basketball Skill Development Trainers and Strength & Conditioning Specialists. A former pro player for 2 years and collegiate coach for 4 years, she brings tremendous understanding of what it takes to succeed at a high level.

COACH



RYAN ENGBREITSEN

Alaska grown and with an impressive coaching resume (2018 state title and 232-87 record as Wasilla Warriors head coach), Coach Engbreitson is now an assistant coach with the UAA Men's team. He brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for helping Alaskans learn the game.

KENAI

JUNE 21ST & 22ND

3RD - 8TH GRADE 11:30 - 1:30PM
9TH - 12TH GRADE 2:00 - 4:00PM

EACH LOCATION IS "ONE CAMP"

**ONE CAMP
\$79**

**BOTH CAMPS
\$139**

**SIBLING DISCOUNT
-25%**

HOMER

JUNE 23RD & 24TH

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9TH - 12TH GRADE 1:30 - 3:30PM

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SUMMER 2022

CITY OF HOMER COMMUNITY REC



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

ALL AGES!

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 7:30-9:30PM

**\$3 PER VISIT OR \$20 FOR ENTIRE SUMMER
AT HOMER HIGH TURF/UPPER FIELD**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL LORETTA AT 1-575-574-8102

CITY OF HOMER COMMUNITY RECREATION
PRESENTS:

CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL



JUNE 1 - JULY 13, MON & WED 5-6PM
AUG 1 - SEPT 14, MON & WED 6-6:30PM

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
GRADES 4-8
COST: \$25

FOR INFO & QUESTIONS CONTACT COACH ZANK
AT 399-8401 OR STEELEZANK@GMAIL.COM

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\$20/MONTH
Registration Fee

COMMUNITY KIDS

SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 1- AUG 11

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MON-THURS 1-4PM



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**Contact Alyssa at 907-399-4947
For Details or to Sign Up**



City of Homer Community Recreation Registration Form

NAME: _____

☐ FALL ☐ WINTER ☐ SPRING ☐ SUMMER

ADDRESS: _____

HOME/CELL # _____

WORK #: _____

E-MAIL _____

CITY OF HOMER RESIDENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Participant's Name	Class Title	Date(s)	Fee

Total Amount Paid _____

Payment is non-refundable. Classes will not be prorated. Payment for all classes MUST accompany registration form. Make checks/money orders payable to City of Homer Community Recreation or to instructor as noted in class descriptions under "Fees." For more information, call Community Recreation at 235-6090.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND CONSENT TO EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF MINOR

The undersigned, as a participant or as parent or legal guardian of a participant in the City of Homer Community Recreation Program, recognizes and acknowledges that some of the classes involve physical activities that could result in personal injury and/or property damage. Knowing and acknowledging that there is a risk of personal injury or property damage, the undersigned, as participant and/or parent or legal guardian, agrees to assume full responsibility for any and all reasonable risks to the participant and will release, waive, and hold the City of Homer, City of Homer Community Recreation Program, KPBSD, and employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, losses, expenses, and compensation on account of or in any way arising out of any and all known and unknown personal injuries and property damage that might arise from the participant's involvement in the classes. If the participant is a minor child, the undersigned parent or legal guardian consents to the said minor child participating in classes and authorizes the City of Homer Community Recreation to obtain any and all necessary emergency medical care or treatment for the minor child, if reasonable attempts to notify the parent or legal guardian are unsuccessful.

Permission for Photo/Video

From time to time, the local news media and the Community Recreation program will take photos or video of program participants for promotional publication purposes. I hereby agree to recording of voice, appearance, activities, and participation in any program that participant, guardian or adult is involved in. I am also aware that pictures may be posted on the Community Recreation's website and/or catalogs. Initial here if you do not grant permission → ☐

Participant Signature (if over 18 years old) _____

_____ Date

As parent or guardian of _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature _____

_____ Date



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Public Works

3575 Heath Street
Homer, AK 99603

publicworks@cityofhomer-ak.gov

(p) 907-235-3170

(f) 907-235-3145

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission.

From: Matt Steffy, Parks Superintendent

Date: June 8th, 2022

Subject: Remaining PARCAC Funds FY22 and Plans for Funds in FY23

Summary: PARCAC has an annual budget of \$1,500 in the Parks budget to expend as they see fit for promotion of Parks activities, Art, special projects, and various other expenditures as they see fit. For FY22 the fund has expended \$324.95 to support signage for the Lend a Leash program, and has a remaining balance of \$1,175.05. Staff would like some direction on how to expend these funds, as they will expire on June 30, 2022.

In addition to that, staff would like some thought put into the potential uses of next years' funds as we tend to come down to the last minute on what to do with these funds each budget cycle.

Recommendations:

1. Decide how this years' funds could be spent to best serve the interests of the commission in supporting Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture in our community.
2. Discuss strategy for utilizing these funds in the next budget cycle.



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Homer, Alaska 99603

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(f) 907-235-8933

Memorandum

TO: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: MIKE ILLG, RECREATION MANAGER

DATE: JUNE 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion on Selecting New Project(s) for the Capital Improvement Plan Recommendation

Summary

Typically in years past the Commission discussed which projects they would like to recommend to City Council to include in the top five. Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator would come and make a brief presentation at the June meeting. Ms. Carroll is currently on vacation but this meeting is a great opportunity to get the discussion going on potential projects to recommend or new projects to add to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Below is the link to the previous CIP that the Commission can review at the meeting. Take a moment to review it and have a maximum of two projects to recommend as your top priority and any others you would like to recommend adding.

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/economicdevelopment/2022-2027-capital-improvement-plan-0>

Recommendation

Review and discuss potential projects to support and make a recommendation for the 2023-2028 CIP and included as the city's legislative top priority.



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Homer, Alaska 99603

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(f) 907-235-3143

Memorandum

TO: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

DATE: JUNE 16, 2022

SUBJECT: DONATION OF A MURAL FOR DISPLAY AT THE SKATE PARK

Summary

We have received an application for donation of a mural to be placed at the City's Skate Park located at the HERC facility. The artist is a local 10 year old youth who has a passion for BMX and skateboarding. This application is being sponsored by Marjorie Scholl. Please review the application and proposed locations. Previous work from the artist has been included as well as Ms. Scholl's resume.

Recommendation

MAKE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PROPOSED MURAL WITH PLACEMENT AT THE SKATE PARK.



CITY OF HOMER GIFT/DONATION PROPOSAL APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND MAKE YOUR RESPONSES COMPLETE AND THOROUGH.

DATE June 7, 2022

CONTACT PERSON Marjorie Scholl (c/o-Kristen and Jared Cook) TITLE Artist/Teacher

ORGANIZATION IF APPLICABLE Scholl Studios

ADDRESS 4043 Calhoun St. CITY Homer STATE Alaska ZIP 99603

PHONE Kristen-399-2431 FAX Jared-299-2746 CELL Scholl- (907) 299-5948

EMAIL marjoriescholl@gmail.com, Jared- Ez2b4ur@hotmail.com, Kristen-kristennicolew@yahoo.com

TELL US WHY YOU WISH TO DONATE THIS TO THE CITY OF HOMER?

Nakoa Cook is very focused
and spends many hours making art work. As of last year he has realized his potential for
becoming a talented trick BMX bike rider, as well. His interest in making his own murals
has been for a couple years, so when I saw him working effortlessly on one of his latest
drawings a fabulous new mural came to mind. Cooks artistic nature is as if he is in his early 20's.

I am among many that find his art undeniably mature for his 10 years on Earth.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS RELATED TO YOUR DONATION.

TITLE OF ARTWORK Skate

ARTIST(S) NAME Nakoa Cook

YEAR COMPLETED 2022 DIMENSIONS Height 8 x Width 10.35

MATERIALS USED TO CREATE ARTWORK Sign board, acrylic paint, brushes and finishing mediums.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DONATION-

Graffiti style word art, X games inspired, and positively reinforced excitement for the skatepark,
as well as this young artist.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DONATION- TELL US THE STORY BEHIND THE PIECE OR SIGNIFICANCE -

This graffiti-esque work of word art that has been loved laboriously by 10 year old artist, Nakoa
Cook, will provide a colorful boost of vigor to our almighty mighty crowd, at the skate park.

Whether it land on The Sterling Hwy. or at Jack Gist Park, this inspired puzzle of words reminds
us of our 'awesome' potential as a community. A myriad of positive vocabulary formed brightly
to compose a 'here and now' vibe, that graffiti art offers all over our world.

IS THE PROPOSED PIECE ONE OF A KIND? yes IS THE PIECE PART OF A SERIES, LIMITED OR OTHERWISE? no
IF SO, AN EDITION OF HOW MANY? _____ IS THE PIECE COMPLETED? no IF NOT WHEN IS THE
EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE? August 10th, 2022

WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE PIECE? Nakoa and his family have set a weekly schedule
planned for Scholl to meet with him and work on his mural until we agree on it s completion.

PROPOSED SITE OR LOCATION

DO YOU HAVE A SITE(S) IN MIND FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE PIECE? IF SO WHERE? The Homer Skatepark
on the Sterling Highway is the desired location although we would also love for it to be installed at
Jack Gist Park, if that is the decision made for the painting.

IS THIS A CITY OWNED PROPERTY IF NOT WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY? Yes

WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR SELECTING THIS/THESE LOCATION(S)? Nakoa's love for biking and his
interest to inspire the community is another reason for his hopes to donate this piece.

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY PERMITS OR PERMISSIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED? _____

I am not aware of any permits that will be needed.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

DESCRIBE HOW THE PIECE IS CONSTRUCTED OR MADE. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DOCUMENTATION AT THE END OF
THIS APPLICATION. The piece will consist of 2 pieces of 4 x 8 sign board to make the desired size.
It will be painted with acrylic paint and with the use of acrylic mediums as well.

HOW IS THE PIECE TO BE PROPERLY INSTALLED? Depending on the given location, the piece will
be wired to the fence or bolted to a building or to two posts.

DOES THE PIECE REQUIRE ELECTRICITY, PLUMBING OR OTHER UTILITY HOOKUPS? _____
N/A

WHO WILL BE INSTALLING THE PIECE? Jared Cook of Northern Craft Homes LLC.

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED LIFETIME AND STAYING POWER OF THE MATERIALS USED IN CREATING THE PIECE? _____
The expected time line and staying power would be 20-30 yrs, or beyond.

WHAT MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED AND HOW OFTEN? The maintenance and upkeep would be to wash with soap and water, intermittently if birds were to tarish the surface of the artwork.

PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES AND OR EQUIPMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS: _____
N/A

WHAT PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST VANDALISM IF ANY? _____
We have projected a protective layer of varnish in order to offer an anti vandal coating to the artwork.

WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ASSURE THIS PIECE WILL NOT PRESENT A SAFETY HAZARD? _____
Matt Steffy has a plan to review the insallation after it is installed and Cook will fix any concerns.

BUDGET

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FEES	\$200	INSURANCE	\$0
ARTIST'S FEES	\$200	UTILITY HOOKUP	\$0
PURCHASE PRICE PERMITS	\$0	DELIVERY	\$0
STRUCTURAL	\$0	INSTALLATION	\$0
ENGINEERING SITE	\$0	SIGNAGE	\$0
PREPARATION OTHER	\$0	RECOGNITION	\$50
COSTS NOT LISTED	\$0	DESCRIPTION	Asking for \$450 total

DATE PIECE WAS LAST APPRAISED? N/A

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE PIECE OR ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE IF NO APPRAISAL WAS DONE? \$1,200

TIMELINE

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE COMPLETION OR INSTALLATION OF THE PIECE? IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT STAGES AND DATE GOALS TO PREPARE THE PIECE FOR DONATION Nakoa will begin the piece on the 13th of June and he will undoubtably be working on this piece 5 or more days a week until finished.
Nakoa's parents and two sisters are highly artistic as well and will be supporting him while he works, as well. Scholl will begin the project with him the first week and then will be meeting him weekly, there after, until finished by August 11, 2022.

RESTRICTIONS

ARE THERE ANY KNOWN COVENANTS, REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS THAT COME WITH THE PIECE? _____

N/A

WHAT EXPAECTATIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CITY OF HOMER IN ACCEPTING THIS ARTWORK? _____

There will be no expectations from the city except to guide us to where we can install the mural and to enjoy the work once it is hung.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WAS THERE ANY COMMUNITY OR USER INVOLVEMENT IN SELECTING THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION? _____

N/A

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT OR PROPOSED DONATION.

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

☒ AN RESUME OR BIO FROM THE ARTIST WHO CREATED OR WILL CREATE THE ARTWORK.

☒ FIVE TO TEN IMAGES OF PAST WORK FROM THE ARTIST. THESE CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHS.

☒ THREE TO FIVE CLEAR IMAGES OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK

☒ SCALE DRAWING/MODEL OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK

☒ IF YOU HAVE A SITE(S) IN MIND PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE(S) AND A SCALED

DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED ARTWORK IN THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION.

_____ A COPY OF A FORMAL APPRAISAL IF AVAILABLE

_____ TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE MANUAL OR DRAWINGS/RECOMMENDATION FROM STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.

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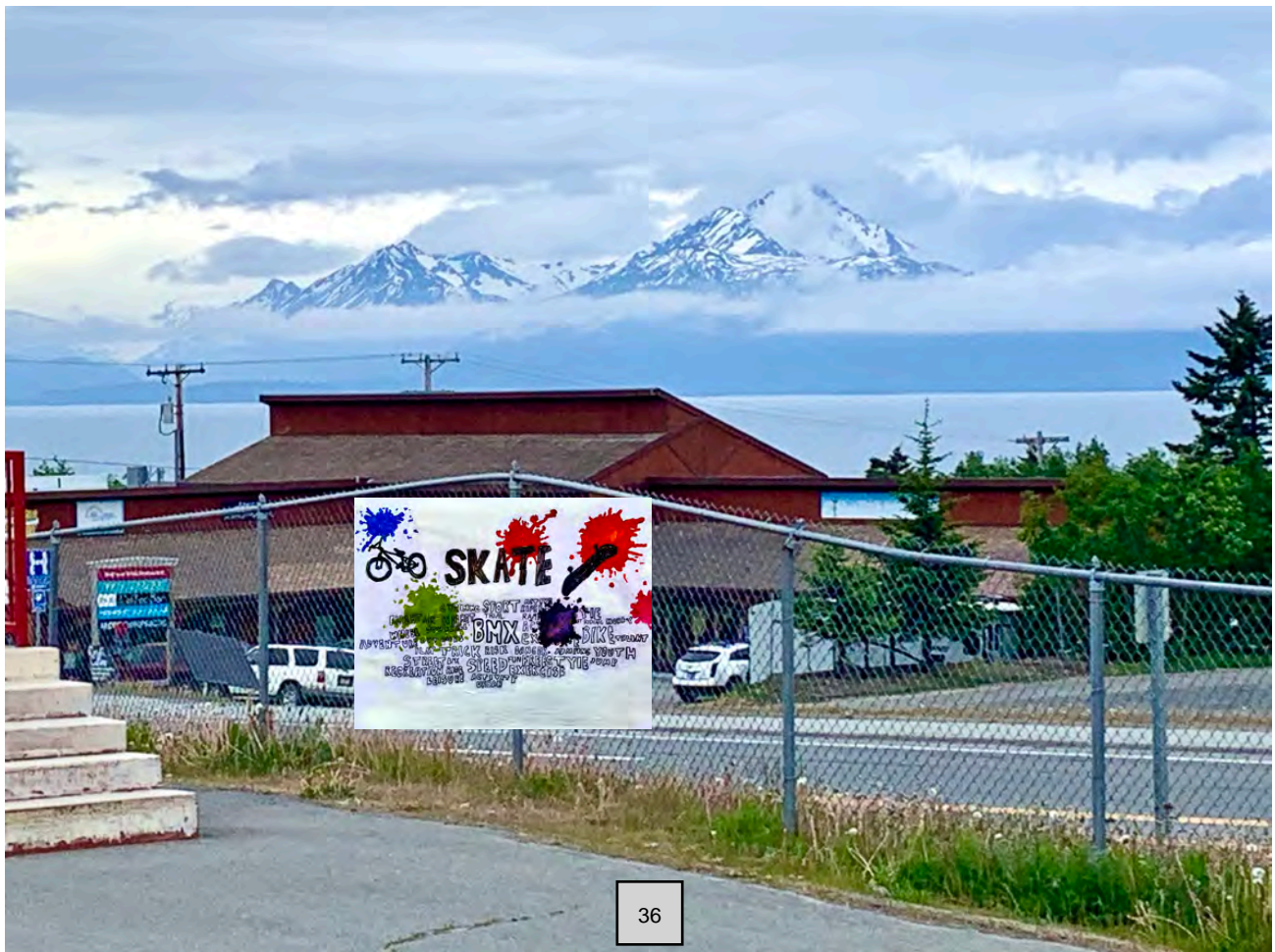


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Marjorie Scholl Scholl Studios



Scholl focuses on indulgence in her work, layering paint with free and unrestrictive movements. Her paintings may describe an impressive body of water, an expressive figure, or a dynamically detailed cityscape. While creating this work, she listens to the paint and completely embraces her subjects. The artist captures the essence of these subjects by sharing an emotional moment with the viewer. Marjorie has completed twenty two solo exhibitions as well as worked, for the last 22 yrs., teaching children dance and art, creating several murals and performances with these future youths of glory.

The artist and dancer currently lives in Homer, Alaska, after traveling up from The San Francisco Bay Area. The contrast of city life and rural Alaska, allows Scholl to capture this duality in her daily work. She has three wonderful children who she is raising with her husband. Scholl's time is filled action packed activities and yet no matter how busy she gets she always finds time to get to the canvas for several hours every day.

Currently Marjorie Scholl

Scholl Studios *Homer, Alaska*

Bunnell Arts Center *Homer, Alaska*

McVarish Gallery *Astoria, Oregon*

Fat Olives *Homer, Alaska / ever-changing works*

Solo Exhibitions

2021-2022

“My Friends Kids” Homer, Alaska Homer Council on the Arts and South Peninsula Hospital Gallery

2021

“Pick a Window” Astoria, Oregon McVarish Gallery

2019- 2020

“Sharing Spaces:The Homestead” Mural Project, The Newby Collection, Homer, Alaska

2019

“Prelude to Missing Momma” McVarish Gallery/ The Secret Gallery Astoria, Oregon

2019

"The Community Mural Project “Sharing Spaces: Salmon Roe /Environmental Stewardship /Animal Spirits /On Ice” City of Homer, South Peninsula Hospital, Bunnell Arts Center, Chapman Elementary Homer, Alaska

2018

“The Jess and Tuck Show (A Mother’s Upbringing)” Bunnell Arts Center Homer, Alaska

2018

Artist in Residence Bunnell Arts Center Homer, Alaska

“Environmental Stewardship”

2015-2017

“Commissioned Works” *Nation Wide*

2014

“Heavy Metal” *APU Leah Peterson Gallery Anchorage, Alaska*

2011

"Landscapes" *Pratt Museum Homer, Alaska*

2007

“In the City” *Fat Olives Homer, Alaska* (Ever changing, evolving exhibit)

2005

"Cityscapes" *Fat Olives Homer, Alaska*

2004

“Oceans and Grass” *Picture Alaska Art Gallery Homer, Alaska*

2001

“Girls of the World” *Bunnell Art Center Homer, Alaska*

2001

“Dedicated to the Cooks” *William Henry Gallery Homer, Alaska*

2000

“Behind Closed Cross-Hatch” *Ptarmigan Arts Gallery Homer, Alaska*

1999

“Once Fell Swoop” *The Chat House San Francisco, California*

1998

“Withheld One Magic Triangle” *Bunnell Art Center Homer, Alaska*

1996

“One Circle Squared” *The Chat House San Francisco, California*

1995

“Solo Speaking” *Cafe Solar* [San Francisco, California](#)

1994

“In and Up” *Bucheon Gallery* [San Francisco, California](#)

1993

“Begin and Become Conscious” *San Francisco Art Institute* [San Francisco, California](#)

Group Exhibitions:

2021

“Paintings for Dogs” *McVarish Gallery* [Astoria, Oregon](#)

2021

“Adventures in Toyland” *McVarish Gallery* [Astoria, Oregon](#)

2020

“Clowns” *McVarish Gallery* [Astoria, Oregon](#)

“Ten By Ten” *McVarish Gallery* [Astoria, Oregon](#)

2015

“Living Alaska: A Decade of Collecting Contemporary Art for Alaska Museums”

The Pratt Museum [Traveling Alaska](#)

2013-2015

“Communities, Disasters, and Change” *Valdez Museum* [Traveling Alaska](#)

2006

“Winter Blues” *Ptarmigan Arts* [Homer, Alaska](#)

1998

“Ritual Objects” *Bunnell Art Center* [Homer, Alaska](#)

1995

“Too Beautiful For Words” *Bucheon Gallery San Fransisco, CA*

1994

“Contemplating Queer Art” *Bucheon Gallery San Francisco, CA*

1993

“Becoming One” *Bucheon Gallery San Francisco, CA.*

Awards:

1994

Painting Award S.F.A.I. (For Seniors/ Awarded Junior Year)

Collections: The Anchorage Museum, The Pratt Museum, Coroline and Michael Ross, Cafe Cups, Fritz Creek General Store, Annett Bellamy, Rika and John Mouw, Asia Freeman, South Peninsula Hospital, Lisa Nolan, Juanita Steiner, Francis Alexander Opatz, Sandra Hudson, Jared and Kristen Cook, David and Anita Hiller, Brad and Judy Hughes, The Homestead, Aleda Yourdon, Catherine and Steve Haber, Catherine Muther, Cathy Smith, Geoffery Wooley, Richard and Judy Collins, Pete Stanwood, Sally and Pat Stull, Margo Leahy, MD, Becky Anderson, Susan Backman, Nancy and Matt Yaki, Ahna Iredale, Ken Water, Becky Anderson, Julie Shaffer, Alan and Mindy Parks, Alexandra Star, Sean Maryott, Diana Carbonell, Tracy and Vincent Tillion

Marjorie Scholl

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WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Hired to Complete 5 Murals in the surrounding Homer Area. The Mural series is entitled “Sharing Spaces”. These 5 murals were commissioned by The South Peninsula Hospital, The City of Homer and Bunnell Art Center, and Chapman School and Angie and Chris Newby. 2019

• **Instructional Aide** **2019-Current**

Fireweed Academy, working with ages 9-12yrs.. Instruction with students in math, language Arts science, dance and art. Working with students who have special needs as well as the general population.

• **Chapman School Artists in the Schools** **2019**

Instruction in Fine art painting and sharing the success in collaborating to complete a 90 x 1,440” Mural Entitled Sharing Spaces.

• **Residency with Bunnell Art Center** **2018**

Working with Middle School age students discussing Environmental Stewardship and What it means to be an artist. Sharing my newest show entitled. “The Jess and Tuck Show- A Mother’s Upbringing”

• **Longterm Substitute Aid**
2017-2019

Kenai Peninsula School District

- Supported students with social emotional and developmental needs
- Fulfilled a 45 day contract with West Homer Elementary
- Created and lead classroom activities
- Worked one-on-one with students to meet individual needs

• **Playgroup Coordinator** **2011 -**
2016

Sprout Family Services

- Created and facilitated child/parent playgroups consisting of movement, art and song
- Communicated weekly with parents and offered parenting support
- Organized and ran Sprout’s equipment library
- Connected family with community resources and parenting curriculum

• **Business Owner/Dance Instructor**
2000-2012

Off the Wall Studios

- Created a dance studio, with classes/instruction in tap and hip-hop.

- Coordinated many dancers & their parents to create full dance recital for many years
- Choreographed weekly routines and maintained all other aspects of owning a business

• **Business Owner/Artist** **1995 -**
Current

Off the Wall Studios

- Completed several shows in portraiture, city scape and landscape paintings.
- Working with local galleries and museums
- Creating commission pieces for local and out of state clients

• **Line Cook** **1998-1999**

Cafe Cups

- Created Specials and followed menu
- Effectively communicated with other staff members
- Created outstanding experience for customers under intense pressure

• **Line Cook** **1997 - 1998**

Lands End

- Created specials and followed menu for a high volume of customers
- Effectively communicated with other staff members under pressure
- Maintained positive attitude, helping morale in kitchen

• **Prep Cook** **1995 – 1996**

Carta: San Francisco, CA

- Learned how to break down exotic foods
- Maintained healthy working relationships with co-workers
- Developed skills in precision at a high pace

• **Cooking Manager** **1996 –**

1997 *San Francisco Art Institute Cafe*

- Managed several student cooks
- Maintained a professional work environment in a fast passed cafe
- Created opportunities for students to access healthy food

EDUCATION & TRAINING

San Francisco Art Institute: *San Francisco CA, Graduated Spring of 1994*
 Bachelor of Fine Arts

- Ages and Stages, Third Edition
- Ages and Stages: Social Emotional
- HIPAA for Healthcare professionals: How to Avoid Disciplinary and Malpractice Actions 2015
- HIPAA Awareness for Mental Health 2016

- Civil rights and Discrimination Complaint
- Circle of Security Parenting Training
- The Power of Play: Proven strategies for Trauma and Attachment in children and Adolescents
- Alaska Strengthening Families



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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission.
From: Matt Steffy, Parks Superintendent
Date: June 16, 2022
Subject: Amending City Code and Leash Laws in Parks

Summary: We have had many incidents of dogs off leash causing severe disruption in our parks, particularly in campgrounds, over the past few years. It is a problem that seems to be getting worse. It is especially problematic when a member of the public asks another dog owner to please restrain their dog, and the situation becomes aggressively confrontational.

Homer City Code 20.08.010(a) states “No person may cause or permit an animal to be at large in a public street or alley, or on other public property, or on private property without the property owner’s consent.” HCC 20.04.020 defines “At large” as follows: “At large” means that an animal is off the property of its owner and not under the direct control of a competent person.” This language does not provide clear guidelines for the expected behavior of the animal, but not for the owner. The code provides for penalties, but only after an incident has occurred. There is no language that provides for penalties encouraging preventative behavior.

Recommendations:

1. The commission should discuss the possibility of an amendment to HCC that requires leashes in specific locations, i.e. campgrounds & parking lots. HPD has been consulted on this and has expressed support.

PARKS ART RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

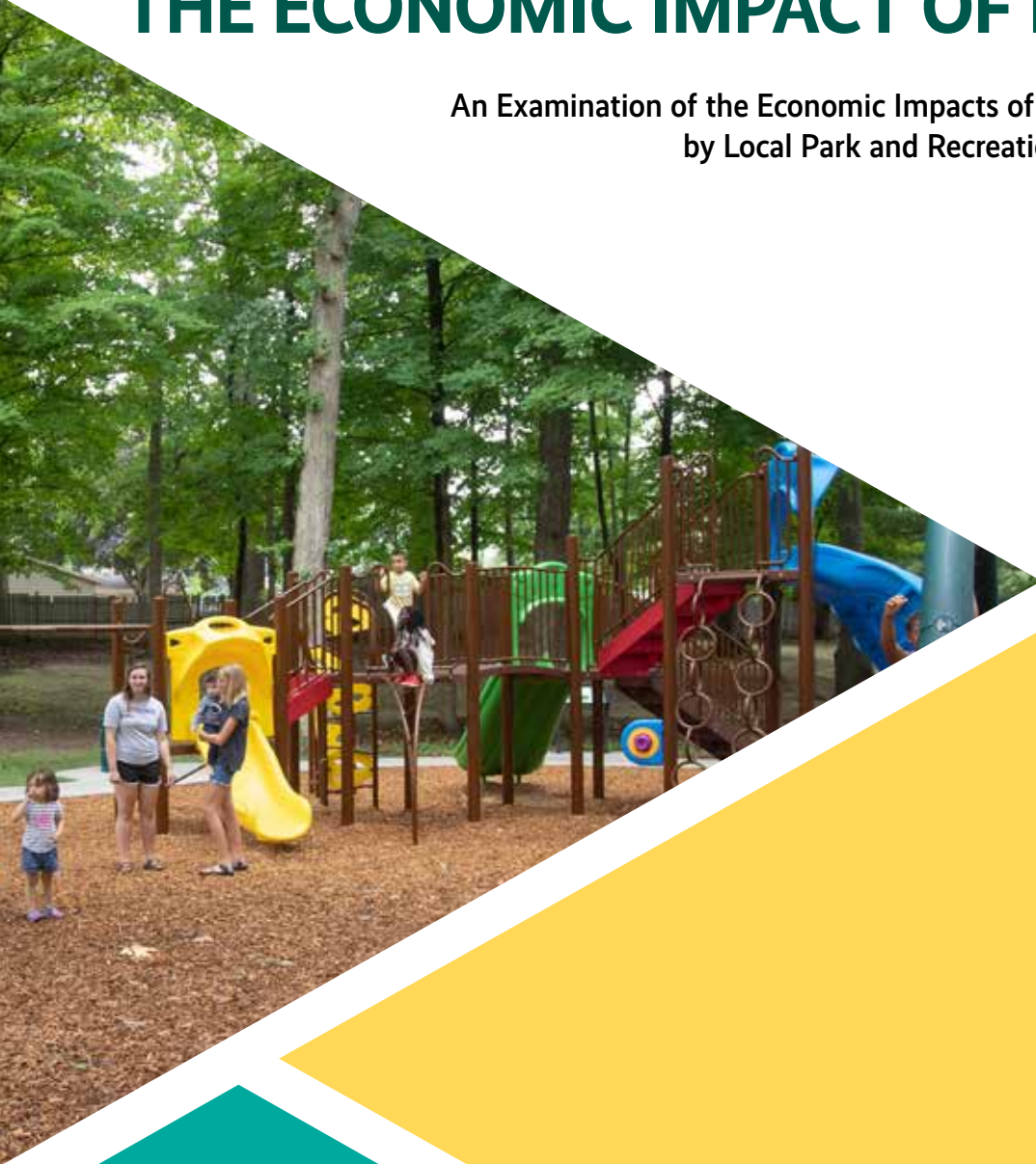
2022 Calendar

	AGENDA DEADLINE	MEETING	COMMISSIONER SCHEDULED TO REPORT	CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REPORT*	ANNUAL TOPICS/EVENTS
JANUARY		No Regular Meeting			
FEBRUARY	Wednesday 2/09 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 2/17 5:30 p.m.		Monday 2/21 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to the Editor Topics Art Policy Review & Amendments
MARCH	Wednesday 3/09 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 3/17 5:30 p.m. Worksession at 4:30 p.m.		Monday 3/21 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended Art Policy Review Art Donation HNMTTP Revision Review Worksession on Multi Use Community Center Proposal
APRIL	Wednesday 4/13 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 4/21 5:30 p.m. Worksession at 4:30 p.m.		Monday 4/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Beach/Park Walk Through for May Worksession – Commissioner Training by City Clerk
MAY	Wednesday 5/11 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 5/19 5:30 p.m.	Robert Archibald	Monday 5/23 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation & Parks Fee Schedule Review Letter to the Editor Topics Budget & Financial Goals Review
JUNE	Wednesday 6/8 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 6/16 5:30 p.m.		Monday 6/27 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Improvement Plan Review: Recommendations for Any New Parks & Rec-Related Projects Fund Expenditure Review & recommendations Commissioner Volunteer for CC Report
JULY		No Regular Meeting			
AUGUST	Wednesday 8/10 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 8/18 5:30 p.m.		Monday 8/22 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIP Project Recommendations
SEPTEMBER	Wednesday 9/18 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 9/16 5:30 p.m.		Monday 9/27 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Park/Beach Walk-Thru Schedule Park Clean Up Day Reappointment Notices & Applications
OCTOBER	Wednesday 10/13 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 10/21 5:30 p.m.		Monday 10/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms Expire October 31st Approve 2022 Meeting Schedule
NOVEMBER	Wednesday 11/9 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 11/17 5:30 p.m.		Monday 11/28 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Chair & Vice Chair
DECEMBER		No Regular Meeting			

*The Commission's opportunity to give their report to City Council is scheduled for the Council's regular meeting following the Commission's regular meeting, under Agenda Item 8 – Announcements/ Presentations/ Borough Report/Commission Reports. Reports are the Commission's opportunity to give Council a brief update on their work. Attend via Zoom or in Person. Masks are optional**

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF LOCAL PARKS

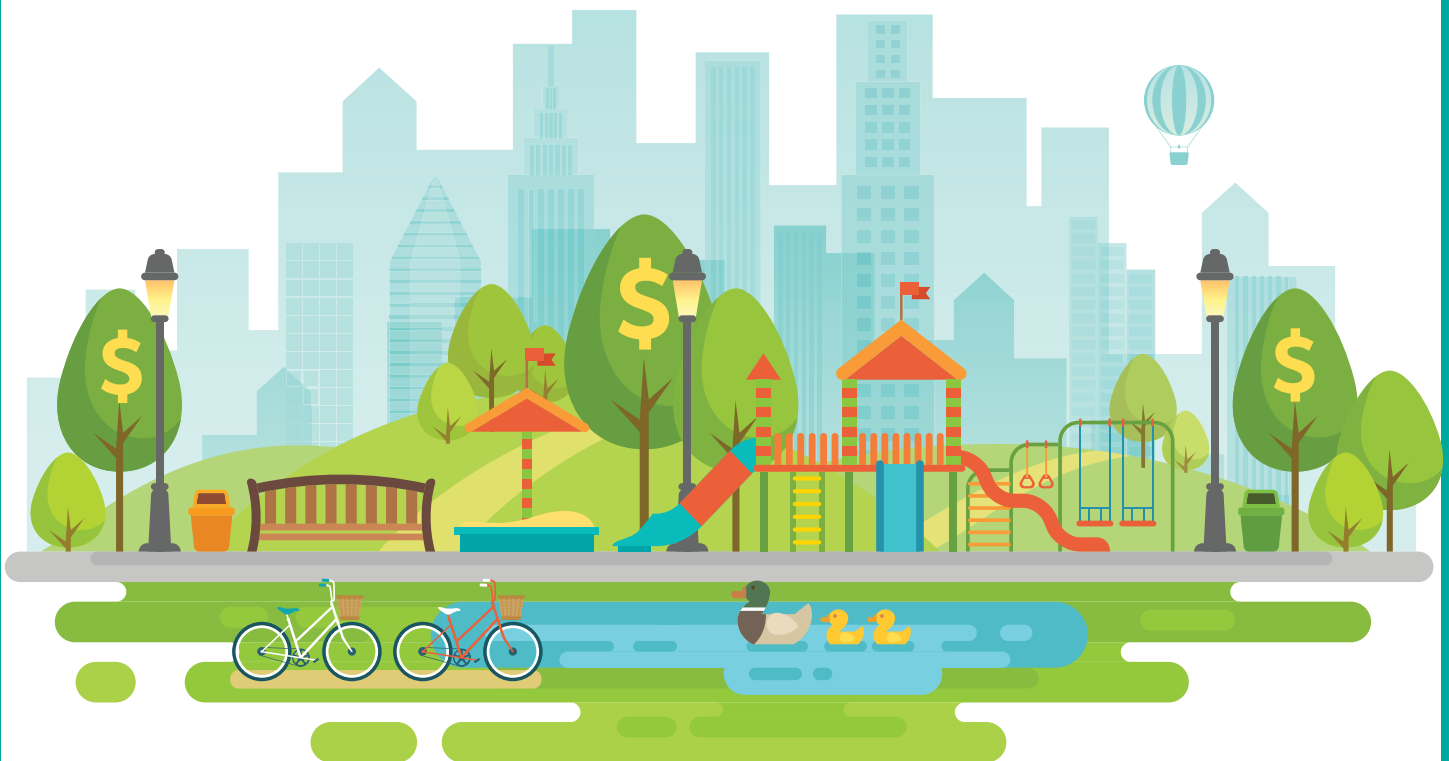
An Examination of the Economic Impacts of Operations and Capital Spending
by Local Park and Recreation Agencies on the U.S. Economy



NATIONAL RECREATION
AND PARK ASSOCIATION

KEY FINDINGS

Local public park and recreation agencies in the United States generated nearly \$218 billion in economic activity and supported almost 1.3 million jobs that boosted labor income by more than \$68 billion from their operations and capital spending in 2019.



Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agencies on the U.S. Economy – 2019

	Economic Activity	Employment
Total Impact	\$217.8 billion	1,280,724 jobs
Operations Spending	\$112.9 billion	686,254 jobs
Capital Spending	\$104.8 billion	594,470 jobs

Sources: IMPLAN and Center for Regional Analysis – George Mason University for NRPA, U.S. Census Bureau

Parks and recreation is essential infrastructure in healthy, vibrant and resilient communities. Through the tireless efforts of hundreds of thousands of full-time, part-time and seasonal workers — and supported by countless volunteers and advocates — local park and recreation agencies have a positive impact on the lives of millions of people. Park and recreation facilities, amenities and programming are diverse; they range from no- or low-cost fitness opportunities (such as a walking trail or a fitness class at a community center) and access to nutritious meals at out-of-school time programs for youth to providing our cities, towns and counties with cleaner air and water thanks to preserved open space.

Park and recreation professionals and their agencies make critical contributions to their communities as highlighted by the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Three Pillars:

- **Health and Wellness** – Local park and recreation agencies provide spaces, programs and services that are essential to a community's vitality. They also serve as key factors in advancing health equity, improving individual and community-level health outcomes, and enhancing quality of life. Park and recreation professionals are uniquely positioned to create — in partnership with the community, public health leaders and other local organizations — upstream solutions that catalyze and transform park and recreation agencies into holistic and people-centered Community Wellness Hubs.
- **Equity** – Every person in every community deserves to benefit from the power of parks and recreation. The very philosophy behind public parks and recreation is the idea that all people — regardless of race, ethnicity, age, income level, identity or ability — have access to programs, facilities, places and spaces that improve quality of life and build healthy communities. Parks and recreation truly builds communities — communities for all.
- **Conservation** – Creating resilient and climate-ready communities depends on parks and recreation. Park and recreation professionals are champions in addressing our most pressing environmental challenges; the parks and open spaces they manage maximize the benefits of nature to achieve positive and equitable health and economic impacts at the community level.

Park and recreation professionals and their agencies make another valuable contribution: promoting economic activity that makes our cities, towns and counties more prosperous. Just how significant is the impact of local park and recreation agencies on the U.S. economy?

To answer this question, NRPA joined forces with the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University in 2015, to conduct the first nationwide study on the economic impact of local park and recreation agencies' operations and capital spending. Since then, NRPA and the Center for Regional Analysis have partnered thrice more to update that landmark 2015 research: in 2018, 2020 and 2022. Each of the studies focuses exclusively on the direct, indirect and induced effects local park and recreation agencies' spending have on economic activity using U.S. Census Bureau data compiled for the analysis. This report summarizes the key findings of the 2022 research. A more detailed description, including a discussion of the methodology and implications, is available at nrpa.org/ParkEconReport.

U.S. ECONOMIC IMPACT

Local park and recreation agencies employed more than 385,000 full-time and part-time employees in 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That translates to almost \$49 billion of operations spending by the nation's more than 10,000 local park and recreation agencies. This spending — combined with capital expenditures — ripples through the national, regional and local economies as park and recreation employees spend their paychecks, park and recreation agency vendors hire workers, and both agencies and their vendors purchase products and services to serve their clients.

The result of park and recreation expenditures on the nation's economy is immense. The shared impact of operations and capital spending by U.S. local park and recreation agencies in 2019 resulted in nearly \$218 billion in economic activity and \$107 billion in added gross domestic product (GDP) and supported nearly 1.3 million jobs that paid salaries, wages and benefits totaling \$68.4 billion.



Local park and recreation agencies generated nearly \$218 billion in economic activity and supported almost 1.3 million jobs in 2019.

People attend the 32nd Annual Independence Day Parade in Farragut, Tennessee. Photo by Carisa Ownby.

Impacts of Local Park and Recreation Agency Spending on the U.S. Economy – 2019

Total Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agencies' Spending	
Economic activity (transactions)	\$217.76 billion
Value added (gross domestic product)	\$106.98 billion
Labor income (salaries, wages, benefits)	\$68.44 billion
Employment (jobs)	1,280,724 jobs

Sources: IMPLAN, Center for Regional Analysis – George Mason University for NRPA, U.S. Census Bureau



Attendees of the North Chagrin Summer Camp walk the Willow Branch Nature Trail. Photo by Kyle Lanzer, courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks.

Preliminary Results for 2020

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affected nearly every facet of life, parks and recreation included. In many cities, towns and counties across the United States, however, parks, trails and other public spaces remained open, and provided valued respites for physical activity and recreation during a very challenging time. Park and recreation agencies and their staff pivoted to deliver emergency services to their communities, such as serving as COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites and distributing meals.

The economic impact of these agencies remained resilient, too. Preliminary estimates show that operations and capital spending in 2020 led to \$225.0 billion in economic activity and supported 1.25 million jobs.

Preliminary Estimate of the Economic Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agencies on the U.S. Economy – 2020

Total Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agencies' Spending	
Economic activity (transactions)	\$225.02 billion
Value added (gross domestic product)	\$108.65 billion
Labor income (salaries, wages, benefits)	\$68.97 billion
Employment (jobs)	1,247,017 jobs

Sources: IMPLAN, Center for Regional Analysis – George Mason University for NRPA, U.S. Census Bureau

STATE-LEVEL ANALYSIS

This study also examined the economic impact of local park and recreation agencies' spending in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The methodology used in the state-level analysis mirrored that for the national study. The estimates of total economic impacts include the direct, indirect and induced effects of operations and capital spending by local park and recreation agencies in each state and the District of Columbia.

Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agency Spending on State Economies – 2019

State	Employment	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Activity
Alabama	15,348	\$651,815,076	\$968,962,257	\$2,074,811,929
Alaska	2,436	\$128,750,088	\$197,457,958	\$397,859,417
Arizona	20,360	\$969,578,370	\$1,566,748,260	\$3,304,989,339
Arkansas	8,854	\$347,365,396	\$540,930,446	\$1,149,932,788
California	127,600	\$7,454,796,148	\$11,312,230,491	\$23,623,079,078
Colorado	41,976	\$2,196,664,230	\$3,404,420,455	\$6,982,346,026
Connecticut	7,120	\$386,895,021	\$566,370,006	\$1,114,018,171
Delaware	2,731	\$139,428,435	\$216,578,852	\$445,470,653
District of Columbia	6,384	\$442,135,815	\$657,659,039	\$1,442,361,444
Florida	97,501	\$4,426,656,602	\$7,345,851,964	\$15,947,448,166
Georgia	34,238	\$1,504,933,141	\$2,379,731,449	\$4,979,693,655
Hawaii	8,572	\$462,964,112	\$711,367,441	\$1,382,382,611
Idaho	6,241	\$280,892,101	\$442,260,249	\$987,795,641
Illinois	60,000	\$3,056,226,499	\$4,989,057,917	\$9,893,097,615
Indiana	13,838	\$628,826,865	\$1,059,988,503	\$2,198,298,077
Iowa	8,385	\$388,234,552	\$29,549,008	\$1,365,669,998
Kansas	12,067	\$553,104,369	\$845,507,759	\$1,794,310,796
Kentucky	8,827	\$363,947,712	\$567,243,390	\$1,320,817,940
Louisiana	19,009	\$875,335,408	\$1,451,541,312	\$3,081,187,441
Maine	2,464	\$92,567,722	\$143,939,202	\$303,230,532
Maryland	27,974	\$1,480,134,422	\$2,318,025,964	\$4,590,263,035
Massachusetts	13,643	\$818,839,621	\$1,200,032,621	\$2,254,340,648
Michigan	22,548	\$1,129,923,090	\$1,844,711,303	\$4,107,024,794
Minnesota	27,463	\$1,562,414,815	\$2,438,097,363	\$5,167,013,455
Mississippi	7,322	\$301,297,647	\$478,189,020	\$1,085,028,752
Missouri	23,064	\$1,128,825,692	\$1,783,974,762	\$3,636,518,937

Impact of Local Park and Recreation Agency Spending on State Economies – 2019 (cont.)

Montana	3,916	\$191,132,441	\$284,311,510	\$634,228,445
Nebraska	9,631	\$479,853,688	\$714,960,686	\$1,602,027,016
Nevada	58,392	\$3,517,896,935	\$5,615,230,371	\$11,134,637,681
New Hampshire	2,158	\$96,634,741	\$148,324,927	\$314,455,946
New Jersey	17,940	\$946,221,766	\$1,413,831,635	\$2,552,120,029
New Mexico	9,857	\$416,058,523	\$654,024,854	\$1,374,984,731
New York	77,105	\$4,828,806,143	\$7,352,532,632	\$14,089,125,737
North Carolina	37,511	\$2,093,336,805	\$3,064,471,638	\$6,037,512,440
North Dakota	6,859	\$352,781,735	\$537,316,152	\$1,220,630,384
Ohio	43,306	\$2,160,222,072	\$3,419,555,293	\$7,047,862,139
Oklahoma	19,718	\$987,940,351	\$1,497,955,439	\$3,387,540,973
Oregon	18,064	\$937,839,394	\$1,457,710,363	\$2,995,234,595
Pennsylvania	20,878	\$1,168,754,188	\$1,897,412,064	\$3,829,272,383
Rhode Island	1,459	\$67,676,611	\$109,808,005	\$223,583,142
South Carolina	18,205	\$794,811,379	\$1,240,098,551	\$2,714,181,055
South Dakota	3,720	\$176,411,461	\$269,485,936	\$613,030,056
Tennessee	17,995	\$852,569,033	\$1,292,161,403	\$2,643,931,995
Texas	77,149	\$3,877,977,407	\$5,872,912,123	\$12,094,925,549
Utah	18,700	\$882,890,731	\$1,389,792,312	\$2,960,427,055
Vermont	1,519	\$74,707,109	\$113,592,830	\$245,764,108
Virginia	30,162	\$1,420,190,988	\$2,256,407,901	\$4,600,320,899
Washington	34,718	\$2,229,735,609	\$3,471,351,248	\$6,462,337,579
West Virginia	6,407	\$296,241,584	\$494,399,206	\$1,033,634,110
Wisconsin	18,619	\$992,375,176	\$1,577,173,051	\$3,342,438,343
Wyoming	3,705	\$165,161,863	\$253,205,824	\$543,010,454

Sources: IMPLAN, Center for Regional Analysis – George Mason University for NRPA, U.S. Census Bureau

NOTE: The sum of the state-level impacts presented in this table does not equal the national level economic impact estimates presented in the previous section. The difference reflects how the full economic impact of local park and recreation agency spending is not confined within state borders. For example, if the playground equipment installed at park in Maryland, came from a manufacturer located in Idaho, the value of that product production would not count as an impact on the Maryland economy, nor does the study include such an impact in the estimates for Idaho.

WHAT THE RESULTS MEAN



Children play in the water in front of a fire truck in the park. Photo courtesy of Ginger Clark, Centreville-Washington Park District.

These estimates of the economic impact generated from park and recreation agency spending come from an input-output model that estimates direct, indirect and induced effects of those expenditures.

- **Direct effects** reflect the spending by local park and recreation agencies — whether for operations or capital programs — and include wages and benefits for agency employees and spending on equipment, utilities, goods and services.
- **Indirect effects** capture the spending associated with local park and recreation agencies' vendors. An example is an agency contracting with a local landscaping company to mow ballfields. The landscaping company hires employees, purchases mowers and contracts with a bookkeeping service; in turn, the bookkeeping service leases office space, employs workers, purchases office supplies and so forth.
- **Induced effects** track the impact of consumer spending (from wages) by park and recreation agency employees and employees working for the agency's vendors.

The model estimates the total effects on economic activity (output), employment, labor income and value added resulting from park and recreation agencies' operations and capital spending:

- **Economic activity (output)** measures the value of the resulting transactions
- **Employment** is the number of headcount jobs, both full- and part-time
- **Labor income** includes salaries, wages and fringe benefits
- **Value added** is the measure most equivalent to GDP and includes property income, dividends, corporate profits and other measures

Your Local Park and Recreation Agency Generates Additional Economic Benefits

While the figures presented in this report are significant, they represent only one aspect of the economic benefits of public parks. Indeed, the conclusions of this report are conservative estimates of parks and recreation's full economic benefits.

Beyond the impact of local park and recreation agency spending, other critical economic impacts from public parks include:

- **Health and wellness:** Parks and recreation promotes improved physical and mental health. This not only helps people feel better, but also can help lower medical and insurance costs for those people taking advantage of those facilities and activities. An [NRPA-commissioned literature review](#) demonstrates how parks and recreation supports healthy, productive lives and resilient, cohesive communities. Ninety-three percent of U.S. adults responding to the [June 2021 NRPA Park Pulse](#) poll indicated that their mental health was improved by services offered by local park and recreation professionals and agencies. Further, an [Oregon State University](#) study found that Oregon residents' engagement in one of 30 outdoor recreation activities in 2018, resulted in a savings of \$735 million to \$1.416 billion accrued to health insurers, providers and participants.
- **Conservation and resiliency:** Park and recreation agencies' protection of land, water, trees, open spaces and wildlife improves air and water quality in communities. Through effective land management methods and green infrastructure investments, parks and recreation makes communities more resilient to natural disasters, reducing disaster recovery and insurance costs. Ninety-three percent of respondents to NRPA's [2019 Engagement with Parks](#) survey indicated it is essential that their local government acquire, construct and maintain local parks, trails and green spaces near bodies of water to protect natural resources in their community. Six in seven U.S. adults responding to an [April 2021 NRPA Park Pulse](#) poll expressed support for their local park and recreation agency's environmental initiatives.
- **Property values:** Economic research has demonstrated consistently that homes and properties located near parklands have higher values than those located farther away. Higher home values not only benefit the owners of these properties, but also add to the tax base of local governments. Four in five respondents to the [2021 Engagement with Parks](#) survey indicated that they seek high-quality parks and recreation amenities when choosing a place to live.
- **Economic development:** Parks and recreation improves the quality of life in communities and benefits the local economic development of a region. Eighty-two percent of corporate executives responding to a 2022 [Area Development](#) survey rated quality-of-life features as an important factor when choosing a location for a headquarters, factory or other company facility. Further, 94 percent of adults responding to the [March 2020 NRPA Park Pulse](#) poll expressed support for their local government investing in infrastructure improvements that promote economic activity in their community
- **Visitor spending:** Many local park and recreation agency amenities spur tourism to their respective locales, generating significant economic activity, including (but not limited to) increased sales at local restaurants/bars and hotels. An [August 2017 NRPA Park Pulse](#) poll found that people seek out park and recreation amenities — such as beaches, parks, trails and secluded and relaxing places — when choosing a vacation destination. An [August 2021 NRPA Park Pulse](#) poll noted that more than nine in 10 U.S. adults find park and recreation summer activities create fond memories.

KEY CONCLUSIONS



Ashland Park along the Ohio River in Clarksville, Indiana, overlooking the Louisville, Kentucky Skyline. *Photo courtesy of Ken Conklin.*

Park and recreation professionals at the more than 10,000 agencies across the United States positively contribute to their communities in many different ways. Not only are parks leading the way in terms of health and wellness, equity, and conservation, but they also drive significant economic activity.

Local park and recreation agencies generated nearly \$218 billion in U.S. economic activity and supported almost 1.3 million jobs from their operations and capital spending alone in 2019. Preliminary estimates for 2020 show that parks and recreation remained resilient in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, with \$225 billion in economic activity and 1.25 million jobs supported. These results, combined with studies on the state and [national](#) park systems, are proof that public parks are robust engines of economic activity.

Parks and recreation is a part of a broader outdoor recreation economy. The [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#) estimates that the outdoor recreation economy represents \$374.3 billion of gross domestic product (GDP) — or 1.8 percent of the U.S. economy.

Beyond the impact of their expenditures, park and recreation agencies generate even more economic value through their promotion of health and wellness, as well as conservation and resiliency that foster higher property values and increase tourism. Critically, park and recreation amenities are the cornerstones to improving a locality's or region's quality of life — a significant factor in attracting employers and workers to an area.

When combined with the ability to deliver healthier and happier communities, the powerful impact parks and recreation has on economic activity highlights the fact that park and recreation agency offerings are not merely a “nice-to-have” luxury government service. Instead, parks and recreation transforms our cities, towns and counties into vibrant and prosperous communities for all.

Policymakers and elected officials at all levels of government should take notice and support greater and more stable taxpayer funding of parks and recreation. Local park and recreation agencies not only help raise the standard of living in our neighborhoods, towns and cities, but they also spark economic activity that can have ripple effects well beyond any initial expenditure in creating jobs and prosperity throughout our nation.

This study uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau to estimate operational spending by local park systems. The [Survey of Public Employment & Payroll](#) offers estimates of agency employment and payrolls in 2019, while the [Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances](#) provides agency operations spending data. Researchers at the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University (GMU) derived its capital spending estimates from reports available from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and a review of budget records for dozens of park systems selected to reflect a diverse range of localities and park operating characteristics.

The GMU researchers used the IMPLAN economic input-output model to estimate the total economic impacts, often called “economic contributions,” generated by park system operating and capital spending. Consistent with previous studies prepared for NRPA, the researchers categorized park agency spending as if it were private-sector businesses operating parks, recreation and similar entertainment venues. In their judgment, this is more accurate than treating the expenditure as general local government spending (i.e., park and recreation agency spending patterns are much more like a privately-run entertainment venue than a local tax office).

The researchers adjusted the model inputs to reflect actual compensation paid to park system employees, which is often different than what private-sector firms pay its employees. The IMPLAN model is the most widely used tool for estimating economic impacts. This model is updated frequently to reflect shifts in the structure of the economy; therefore, the results reported here are not directly comparable to the findings of previous analyses.



More than 100 people (kids and adults) came together to create the largest community painted mural in Minnesota. The mural is 30'x30' and represents elements that the children found beautiful in the city. The majority of the mural was painted with one-inch brushes or smaller. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Fink, City of New Brighton, Minnesota.



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