



To: Parks and Recreation Board

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From: Cynthia Aguilar, Acting Director

Subject: CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Board (Board) with a standing monthly update regarding implementation of the Code of Conduct and ongoing education.

BACKGROUND

In Oct. 2019, following a series of 13 community meetings to gather public input about problematic behaviors in parks and proposed solutions, and discussions at five Board meetings, the Board approved staff to move forward with the implementation of a Code of Conduct for parks and park facilities.

The goal of the Code of Conduct is to promote behavior that allows everyone to enjoy clean, safe, accessible and inviting parks, facilities and programs, by providing clear expectations of acceptable behavior in flatland parks, desert and mountain parks and preserves and other park facilities. The Code of Conduct was written in partnership with the community and City departments, including the Law Department, Prosecutor's Office and Police Department.

In Oct. 2020, City staff provided the Board with an update regarding Code of Conduct implementation, which had been on hold. At that meeting, the Board requested monthly updates regarding implementation and numbers of educational contacts/trespass notices.

In January 2021, staff implemented the Code of Conduct, which kicked off a 90-day education period regarding the new behavioral expectations for parks and park facilities. In April 2021, the trespass policy contained within the Code of Conduct took effect.

DISCUSSION

Educational Contacts and Trespass Notices

Staff continues to educate the community and park guests regarding the Code of Conduct. At the Board's request, the number of educational contacts made by staff in the field, and the number of trespass notices issued, are tracked and reported to the Board monthly.

As of the last report to the Board, for the period of April 4 through May 1, a total of 2,252 educational contacts were made and 11 trespass notices issued. The 11 trespass notices were for offenses related to drugs and drug paraphernalia (8) and trespass violations (3), or individuals who were previously trespassed and returned before the documented date. At the time of this report, no trespass notices have been issued to juveniles and no appeals have been received.

The following is a summary of the number of educational contacts made since implementation; and the number of trespass notices issued since March 22, 2021, when the trespass policy went into effect.

Date	Number of Educational Contacts	Number of Trespass Notices Issued	Number Involving Illegal Activity/PD
Week of April 25	762	1	1
Week of April 18	425	7	7
Week of April 11	472	1	1
Week of April 4	593	2	2
Week of March 28	488	6	6
Week of March 21	510	1	1
Week of March 14	634	n/a	n/a
Week of March 7	503	n/a	n/a
Week of Feb. 28	441	n/a	n/a
Week of Feb. 21	402	n/a	n/a
Week of Feb. 14	410	n/a	n/a
Week of Feb. 7	313	n/a	n/a
Week of Jan. 31	406	n/a	n/a
Week of Jan. 24	456	n/a	n/a
Week of Jan. 17	330	n/a	n/a

Staff will continue to lead with education about the Code of Conduct and report back to the Board about the number of educational contacts made and the number of trespass notices issued on a monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

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