

Staff Report for January 17th 2018

Programs

1-Jan	Polar Bear Dive	120	
6-Jan	Referee Training	3 (2 new)	
7-Jan	Beginning Drawing with Zentangle	4	
7-Jan	K9 Nosework	25	Plus drop-ins
8-Jan	Youth Basketball League	140 Total	127 last year
9-Jan	Running Club	4	
10-Jan	Play Guitar Today!	1	Cancel
10-Jan	K9 Nosework	25	
10-Jan	Play Ukulele Today!	0	Cancel
14-Jan	Reactive Dog Clinic	TBD	

Basketball League

An increase of 13 players overall, though the girls' divisions are still struggling. Good, generous sponsorships. We have a great crew of coaches and JJ, the new Recreation Assistant, has been an extraordinary help (especially while I was out sick) and has ideas for new programs.

Just Added: Reactive Dog Clinic

Mark Helpenstell will be leading a Reactive Dog Clinic. He has been running this for a while, but is now formalizing it and accepting payment through us. People are signing up.

Just Added: Indoor Soccer Scrimmage

We added a session of Indoor Soccer Scrimmage and it's nearly full.

Indoor Pickleball

Pickleball filled up quickly! We're looking forward to running this. The program start-up was affordable largely due to the help of Barry Haworth; loaning some equipment so we don't have as much up-front costs. People are excited to get started and they think we'll have interest even after the weather improves.

Polar Bear Dive

We had a beautiful day at the beach. In addition to the t-shirt, we were able to give out free copies of Deb Crager's book, "101 Things to Do on Whidbey". Numbers were down from last year, but we also had a little more in sponsorship this year.





Facilities and Grounds

- Being in the middle of winter we have been focusing on some out of season projects. We have surveyed and scouted the proposed new trail at Trustland trails.
- The other project was just completed by baseball field #3 , that is the retaining wall being extended and finished.

- We have been completing all services and maintenance on our equipment fleet and are gearing up for the weather to turn.
- Some pruning and tree/ trail work is being wrapped up as well.

Director's Items

Staff has signed off on the Administration Building lease and we have cleared out of the areas not included in the new lease. This included moving a lot of Recreation Program supplies over to the old Maintenance building for storage.

On January 10th I attended a round table meeting on Housing hosted by Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson. While the meeting topic was not specifically relevant to a Parks and Recreation District it was interesting and we were one of a number of Local governmental groups invited. In future I think it would be good for a commissioner to join me at these Round Tables.

On January 11th, I had a phone call meeting with Representative Norma Smith. We discussed the Capital Budget approval and what was happening. Things are now moving with a proposed bi-partisan fix for the Hirst decision progressing in the senate. Nothing is done yet but a fix for Hirst would remove that as a hold up to the Capital Budget process hopefully resulting in Capital Budget approval. I also discussed the possibility of a change to the RCW governing Metro Park District's with her to allow for districting of Commissioners for election purposes. She was open to the concept, but I still need to do some more research and homework before we are ready to propose an official change.

On Friday January 12th, Carrie and I are scheduled to meet with School District staff regarding the usage at the Middle School site and our Inter-local agreement. More details on that at the meeting.

Also, on Monday January 15th, Matt and I are scheduled to meet with Debra Waterman, Shelly Ackerman and Peggy Juve regarding the Trail property behind the schools. Again, more on that at the Regular Meeting.

Upcoming Events

January 15	Office Closed-MLK Jr. Day
January 15	Band Bids due-Concerts in the Park
January 17	SWPRD-Regular/Annual Meeting 6:00pm
February 15	Summer Program Proposals due
February 21	SWPRD Levy Workshop-6pm
February 21	SWPRD Regular Board Meeting-6:30pm