

City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Board Room 3:00 PM

Public Services Committee

*MAYOR JIM STEINER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLANDA CARRILLO*

*ADVISORY MEMBER
PARKS & REC COMMISSIONER
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE*

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Mayor Jim Steiner, and Council Member Yolanda Carrillo. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Jacob Ellis, City Manager
David Montgomery-Scott, Library & Recreation Svcs. Dir.
Abigail Lenning, Library & Recreation Svcs. Asst. Dir.
Jason Lass, Recreation Svcs. Manager
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

Others Present:

Elizabeth McCreary, Parks & Recreation Commission
Michele Wentworth, Parks & Recreation Commission
Connie Newhan, Library Board of Trustee

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Update on Fall and Winter Community Events.
(Library and Recreation Department)
Action: Information & Discussion

Attachments: [Fall/ Winter Events Update 2020](#)

Mr. Jason Lass, Recreation Services Manager, provided a brief overview of the upcoming community-wide events scheduled for Fall/ Winter of 2020. The Library and Recreation Services Department has been busy planning for future events with the current COVID-19 pandemic situation. Staff is coming up with alternative ways to host events that comply with safety and health guidelines. Mr. Lass provided the Committee with upcoming events that would need to be adjusted. He commented on the library event, Star Wars Reads, held on September 26th - October 10th. He noted staff would be using curbside services to distribute "take-home" maker kits and daily opportunities for virtual programs. Mr. Lass announced that the Wall that Heals event planned for October 2020 is being canceled. He provided the Committee with the option to either opt-out for future participation if the Committee feels that it is not in the community's best interest or foresees any budgetary conflicts. The second option is for the City of Corona to reapply as a host site for either 2021 or 2022. The Committee was in favor for reapplying as a host event city in 2021 or 2022. Mr. Lass continued with the update and noted Halloween events scheduled for October 24th, 2020, will need to be modified. The event has been reduced to one day

with a drive or walk-up “trunk-or-treat” style event where city staff and community partners can engage with the public. Staff would limit admission via scheduling blocks, to comply with the regulations. Mr. Lass provided an update on the last event, noting possible changes to the Holiday Lighting celebration scheduled for December 6th, 2020. Mr. Lass indicated that depending on local provisions; the event might need to be scaled back. Staff noted possibly having a drive-thru aspect and include more virtual activities as done for the 2020 Fourth of July Celebration.

To conclude his presentation, Mr. Lass shared with the Committee that the City of Corona received a Five Snaps Award from the California Park and Recreation Services board of directors for our “Red, White, & You” virtual Fourth of July Celebration.

The Committee thanked staff for their efforts and look forward to seeing what staff comes up with to engage residents.

2.

Discussion regarding Open+ Expanded Access to the Library.

(Library and Recreation Department)

Action: Information & Discussion

Attachments: [open + Corona Public Library](#)

Ms. Abbie Lenning, Library and Recreation Services Assistant Director, introduced the item for discussion and direction from the Committee. Ms. Lenning noted the current challenges the library faces, including insufficient hours of operation, one service site, etc. Ms. Lenning pointed out with programs like LaRS on the Go and Open+; we can meet some of the community’s needs. Ms. Lenning provided the Committee with an overview of the Bibliotheca program and its current system and funding opportunities. Ms. Lenning noted that the Open+ program would allow for the library to be open for an additional 19 hours. Ms. Lenning stated that the program does not negate the need for staff; staff is on-site during all hours of operation and available to assist only in the case of equipment malfunctions. The program allows for an independent user to have access despite staff limitations. Users must be 18 years of age, Corona Public Library cardholder in good standing, attend orientation, and sign an agreement.

Ms. Elizabeth McCreary, Vice Chair Parks and Recreation Commission, inquired about the level of security the program has and have other libraries that have the program in place experienced any issues. Staff provided feedback on security, noting only those with assigned access will be able to use the library during off-hours. As well as security cameras located within the library allows for staff to monitor and report any issues.

The Committee thanked the staff for the update and are excited about the implantation of the program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.