



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 22, 2021

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.

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 are tracked and reported to the Board monthly.

After spending the first two months purely educating the community and park guests, the trespass policy contained in the Code of Conduct was implemented on March 22,

2021. At the Board's request, staff will be providing monthly updates on the number of trespass notices issued.

As of the week of March 28, no trespass notices have been issued for the new behavioral expectations contained in the Code of Conduct, nor have any trespass notices been issued to juveniles. The seven trespass notices issued during this period were for offenses related to drugs and drug paraphernalia (6) and failure to comply (1). No appeals have been received.

The following is a summary of number of contacts 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 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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