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Staff Report

Item No: 8

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Noell Martin, Recreation Manager

Date: October 8, 2025

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: Discussion and Direction – Events, Programs, and Projects

Strategic Initiative:

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| ☒ Safe & Vibrant Community | ☒ Growing & Dynamic Economy |
| ☐ Fiscally Sound Government | ☒ Operational Excellence |
| ☐ Community & Neighborhood Livability | ☐ Not Applicable |

Proposed Motion:

Information Only.

Safety Projects- A dedicated monitor has been installed at my desk to display live security camera footage. This enhancement allows for improved monitoring of the facility and helps ensure the safety and security of all visitors and staff within the building.

During the recent *Lift Up Lemoore* event, we successfully installed new hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility, promoting better hygiene and health practices for all guests.

Projects- I made contact with the former owner of NJB regarding a large decorative basketball previously in their possession. They have generously agreed to donate it to the City of Lemoore. We are currently developing a plan to repurpose the piece to creatively represent multiple sports—including soccer, volleyball, basketball, and either tennis or football. Our initial concept is to display it on the facility's entrance roof; however, if weight becomes a concern, an alternative ground-level display near the front entrance will be considered.

Additionally, the mural in the playroom is nearing completion and is on track to be finished by the end of October. The artist's work closely mirrors the original concept design and has exceeded expectations in quality and detail. We are also exploring opportunities to add more murals both inside and outside the facility to enhance the visual appeal and community spirit of the space.

Events and Programs- We recently launched Family Game Day, held every Sunday from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The program is designed to increase weekend attendance at the facility and support Gotti's, as this has traditionally been a low-traffic day. Activities include ping pong, foosball, open court basketball, indoor soccer, cornhole, card games, and various board games, creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere for families and community members of all ages.

The fall season of our Youth Flag Football League is currently at its halfway point. This year, we onboarded an entirely new staff team to run the program, and their performance has been well received. Feedback surveys were recently distributed to parents and coaches, and preliminary responses have been positive. Based on this interest, we are actively exploring the launch of a Spring Flag Football League, tentatively scheduled for March 2026.

We are currently enrolling Lil Kickers, which begins in November, and Lil Dribblers begins in December.

Candy Crawl is coming up! This would be a great opportunity for you to earn your hours. The event is from 11 am-1 pm in Downtown Lemoore. We will need assistance with directing our high school volunteers to set up, pick up trash, and tear down, or a main point of contact for vendors to come to for set up. You can assist with passing out candy as well.

Upcoming Programs- We just launched registration for a new Watercolor Art Class. This is a four week program offered by a longstanding Lemoore citizen and local tattoo artist. Line Dancing will be coming up soon as well, this will be for adults. Soon we will get our Chess class started as well. We are looking for someone to "Chair" a Volunteer Chess Club for seasoned players.

Recreation Commissioner Volunteer Opportunities- Flag Football is every Saturday from 8:00am-2:30pm. You could assist Christian with verifying that scorekeepers are paying attention to the game, greeting and thanking parents, assisting with keeping parents/coaches in the correct areas, and in good faith, and offer a positive and welcoming presence on the field.

Another great way is to participate in park clean up days, like our official Lift Up Lemoore, or create one amongst yourselves. Trash pick up, weed picking, raking hardened dirt/gopher holes, check to see if any signs need to be repaired, or if any lights are out at night.

Additional possibility is to send out a survey to the people you know, asking an interest that they would like to see in Lemoore; indoor or outdoor. Let me know the outcome.

Another opportunity is if anyone would like to create an updated map of our parks and facilities for us to put on the website for rentals.

GRANTS- look into any grants that we may be eligible for. I am currently looking into a grant for an outdoor gym. Any and all grants that we'd be eligible for, please notify me, I'd love to work with you on furthering that.

Another possibility is to offer a class here. What are you interested in? Would you like to volunteer to start an hour class?

Social Media videos. If you have an idea or would like to film a promo video, we can send it to Marisa Avalos to approve and post. I'd like to start making promo videos for each of our businesses, as well as some of the amenities that we offer as well.

Lastly, there is always organization that needs to be done in our storage shed, especially after an event or program.

Financial Consideration(s):

None.

Alternatives or Pros/Cons:

None.

Commission/Board Recommendation:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

Information Only.

Attachments:

☐ Resolution:

☒ Ordinance: 2025-01

☐ Map

☐ Contract

☐ Other

List: