



Staff Report

NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDERATION OF PARK TOUR FOR COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

Summary

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission have expressed interest in conducting a tour of park and recreation facilities. The purpose of the agenda item is to evaluate whether a tour is desired by commissioners.

Background

In the past, the Parks and Recreation Commission have conducted tours of both Belmont parks and recreation locations and facilities in adjacent cities. These tours provide commissioners a different perspective on Belmont's facilities and expose them to new ideas.

Discussion

Recently, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission have expressed interest in conducting a tour of park and recreation facilities. The purpose of the agenda item is to evaluate whether a tour is desired by commissioners, what type of activities commissioners want to see (community centers, parks, athletic fields, or open space), and when the tour is desired. Commissioners may also recommend establishing a tour of different types of facilities for 2009.

General Plan/Vision Statement

- Our actions today preserve and enhance Belmont's beauty to make it even lovelier for our grandchildren.
- Our strong sense of community and enjoyment of the town's assets and activities deepen as we become better informed and connected.

Fiscal Impact

The tour(s) will result in minimal financial impact to the City.

Public Contact

Posting of the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Recommendation

Consider establishing a schedule of tours with a theme for each, perhaps:

Winter 2009- tour of community centers in adjacent cities

Spring 2009- tour of children's parks in adjacent cities

Summer 2009- tour of Waterdog Lake area

Fall 2009- tour of athletic fields in adjacent cities

Alternatives

1. Elect not to conduct a tour(s)
2. Select a different number, locations, and schedule for tour(s)

Attachment

None

Respectfully submitted,

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