



GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT

Mission Statement: *Building community and enhancing quality of life through people, parks, and programs.* Website: www.gvr.org

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**Programs and Publicity Committee Minutes
Monday, October 4, 2021
9:00am
Administrative Office-Board Room
395 Amador Street**

In attendance: Director Bowen, General Manager Lanusse,
Recreation Supervisors Tawaratsumida, and
Interim Recreation Supervisor Mendoza

Meeting began at 9:00 am

- **Website Updates (Streamline)**
 - a. Streamline specializes on Special Districts such as GVRD.
 - b. Admin and Recreation Staff continue training and transferring information to new website.
 - c. Attached is a sample of the homepage, still under construction.
 - d. New GVRD website will go live late October/early November.
 - e. Director Bowen suggested to ensure a search feature is available and add direct registration links.

- **Activity Guide Updates**
 - a. New QR Code for digital Activity Guide posted at GVRD facilities and social media.
 - b. Spring 2022 production list coming up soon.

- **Aquatic Programs**
 - a. All group and private swim lessons are full until mid-October.
 - b. New Floating Pumpkin Patch at the Aquatics Complex scheduled October 23 & 24 has 40 registrations.

- **Children's Wonderland**
 - a. Free admissions for Vallejo residents started on September 1st. Estimated attendance of 50 guests on weekdays, and 100-125 on weekends.
 - b. Concession sales has double the revenue with free admissions.
 - c. Every Saturday in October is booked for birthday parties.
 - d. 50 families attended the last Movie Night Under the Stars on October 16th to watch Casper.

- **Community Center Update**
 - a. COVID Testing site continues in the small meeting room. Request was received to remain open through December.
 - b. GVRD will process an invoice for Solano County to reimburse fees for janitorial services.
 - c. Contract classes resumed indoors at limited capacity and following Covid guidelines.
 - d. Vallejo Community Center and Foley Cultural Center reopened October 1st for indoor events.
 - e. North and South Vallejo Community Centers available for meetings and small gatherings.
 - f. Limited capacity and Covid guidelines in place for renters.

- **Community Events (Waterfront Weekend)**
 - a. Saturday, October 2nd, GVRD was present running the Kids Zone.
 - b. Staff promoted GVRD programs, distributed Activity Guides, and flyers.
 - c. Kids Zone included games, and giveaways.
 - d. GVRD Maintenance Dpt. Assisted with event set-up, tables & chairs.

- **Registration Software (Sportsman)**
 - a. New feature allows credit card refunds.
 - b. Staff is working on new procedures for financial assistance program (scholarships).

- **Sports Programs**
 - a. New session of National Academy of Athletics begins offering soccer, basketball, t-ball, and flag football.
 - b. Tennis classes full at maximum capacity with 10 participants.
 - c. Flag Football league is a hit with 16 participants.
 - d. Jr. Giants 2022 submission sent for GVRD to host next summer.

- **Sports Leases**
 - a. Finalizing Sports field application, and use agreement for groups such as tennis, pickleball, horseshoe club and bocce.

- **Youth Services**
 - a. Staff is working on expanding Kids Club programs at Glen Cove and Pennycook. Later plans to reopen Vallejo Charter and Steffan Manor.

- b. Youth Dept. continues interviewing on a regular basis for Recreation Leaders.
- **Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) Grant Funded Programs (staffing)**
 - a. Programs are operating at limited capacity.
 - b. VCUSD new mandate of weekly Covid testing or proof of vaccination card starting October 15th.
 - c. Staff working with VCUSD to meet requirements and procedures.
- **Program Visits-Discussion**
 - a. General Manager, Gabe Lanusse reported that Director McDonald contacted Recreation Superintendent, Antony Ryans to visit/tour programs. Board members can make a request, similar to the parks tour. Director Bowen mentioned Board members can submit the request to him directly, not to GVRD employees. Programs are offered at multiple locations and different times, how the logistics will work with the members.

Adjourned at 10:00 am

Next Meeting: November 1, 2021