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**Youth, Parks, &
Community Enrichment
Report**

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Title: Park Volunteers/Partnerships Program Overview

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

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Department: Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment

Division: Park Maintenance

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Attachments:

01 Description/Analysis

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Attachment 01 – Description/Analysis

Issue: The Park Volunteer program was first created by council action in 2004. Since that time, it has grown from 8,038 volunteer hours in 2005, to 21,890 volunteer hours in 2017. The volunteer program is comprised of two main components: large scale one day community partnership or neighborhood events and Adopt-A-Park. The Adopt-A-Park allows volunteers to adopt a park or feature of a park, such as a playground, park bench, planter bed, or trail.

In addition to general community volunteer activities, Park Operations partners with national and community-based organizations that share our passion for providing quality parks. These partners have enabled parks to provide high quality sports fields, improved trails & nature areas, funded and installed park furnishings, planted and cared for new park trees, and many more projects benefitting the City Parks.

Currently some of the program's biggest challenges are supporting a growing number of volunteer events, Adopt-A-Park, and partnership opportunities. This includes getting new Adopt-A-Park groups started, scheduling group stewardship days and large-scale events as limited park staff, debris removal trailers, volunteer tool/supplies, and tool transport trailers are available.

To help address these challenges Park Maintenance is providing avenues and methods to individuals and groups to seek alternative funding and support opportunities, as well as helping share information, resources, and support each other. This includes partnering on grant opportunities, aligning multiple groups in synergistic projects, or having individuals incorporated into larger volunteer projects.

In addition to the observable benefits of volunteers and partners, this program also creates a sense of community and ownership. Establishing long-lasting relationships between the Parks and the diverse community we serve.

Policy Considerations: Not Applicable

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable

Sustainability: Not Applicable

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: Not Applicable

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable