



*City of South Gate
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
February 13, 2020*

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

To: Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kaderick Burns, Recreation Coordinator
Date: January 28, 2020

Subject: Review of Contract Classes & Golf Course Operations

Recommended Motion: Motion to Receive and File

Report Summary: As per the Commission's request, at each regular Commission meeting, staff is scheduling a presentation to the Commission on some of our program areas to keep the Commission up to date on the various programs offered by the Department and current issues which the various program areas are dealing with.

Contract Classes:

The Recreation Department has a variety of classes that have stood the test of time and are popular within the community. List of classes include but are not limited to:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Art for youth
- Mexican Folk
- Tumbling
- Chess
- Self-defense

The bulk of the classes are filled by the first week of instruction with our dance classes being the most popular and Baby Ballet continues to be on top of the list. At the end of each nine week session our dance classes put on a performance to showcase the routines that were learned in the class. This last year there was a notable rise in the attendance for those wanting to witness the students' performance.

At last year's reporting to the Commission, I reported that our adult classes saw growth. That growth has since stalled. We will work with our adult class instructor's to see if we can once again get growth in this area. The new trends are with our Mexican Folk and Cheer classes seeing a significant growth in class size. With the number of students

increasing in both classes, we had to relocate each of the classes to ensure enough space to accommodate the instruction. The instructors for all of our classes have a great passion for what they do and it shows through the smiles on the faces of the children and adults with their willingness to return each session. Now we are not just seeing the same students returning but we are getting new families entering the program.

Golf Course:

The Golf Course is continuing to keep pace with our average daily attendance. We are continuing to come up with new ways to bring in more patrons to utilize the course. Veterans are now able to play on the course for a discounted rate and we are starting to see a rise in disc golf participants. The high schools in South Gate have also re-introduced golf to the students and are now using our course during the season to practice with their boys and girls teams. They are able to use the course during the week in the evenings to help teach the teams how to putt and swing as well as using the driving range.

On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, the Course is continuing with the free golf lessons to the youth of the community. The classes have been consistent over the years and has a strong following. Luis Batson is our instructor for the program. As the course continues to have tournaments throughout the year via private organizations, I am proud to say that the Special Olympics has also hosted a couple of tournaments at our course last year and they are scheduled to host more this year. It is great to see the course being utilized by all patrons who want to learn the game, practice/improve their game, and all of those who want to get out and play the game they love.