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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison & Councilmembers

FROM: Steve Siddoway, Parks & Recreation Director

RE: Parks & Recreation Cost Recovery Model Update

Background

On April 26th, Teresa Jackson with our consultant team GreenPlay (now Berry Dunn) presented to City Council an update and an overview of the process for developing a cost recovery model, including the pyramid methodology (i.e. rating our programs from mostly community benefit to mostly individual benefit). On April 27th, we hosted two public workshops about cost recovery, where all of our parks & recreation programs were sorted by the public onto the benefits pyramid. Sorting sessions were also held with staff and later reconciled together with the public pyramid.

You may remember the following summary from our invitation to participate in the workshops:

The City of Meridian is inviting community members to attend a workshop to assist in evaluating the benefits of the various programs and services provided by the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department. Residents have two opportunities on Wednesday, April 27, to participate in this workshop -- one in person and one online via Zoom. The meetings will be facilitated by a representative from BerryDunn, a consulting firm that is helping the city develop a Cost Recovery Philosophy and Policy based on the community's values for recreation programs and services.

Each workshop will involve a small-group discussion and sorting exercise. Participants will examine various programs and services provided by the department and provide their perception of the community benefit verses individual benefit of each program. City staff will use this input to help develop resource allocation and cost recovery options to present to the City Council in the future.

Teresa Jackson will present (via Zoom) to Council on June 14 to provide the results of the public sorting meetings, the reconciled benefits pyramid and next steps in the process.

Proposal

No formal action is needed. This is an update on the process to keep the City Council informed about the status of the Cost Recovery process, as well as a summary of the results of the public meetings and our next steps. Your feedback is welcome. We are checking in to make sure we are on the right track as we continue moving forward.