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September 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison and City Council

FROM: Renee White, Parks & Recreation Special Events Coordinator

RE: Sparklight Movie Night Recap

Background:

The 2022 season of the Sparklight Movie Night started on Friday, June 10. More than 200 local youth attended the event. The youth were unruly, refused to sit down during the movie, were loud and disruptive. Several fights broke out. Youth who were asked to leave disregarded parks staff and hired security.

Update:

A committee comprised of Meridian Parks, Police and mayor's staff met to review possible options. The following policies were the joint decisions of that committee:

- Guests under 18 years of age are only admitted with the supervision of a parent or guardian in attendance during the event.
- Event fencing encircles the movie night sitting area.
- Event security arrives at 7 pm (the designated start time of the event.)
- Every guest receives an admission wristband. Youth have the phone number of the parent/guardian written on it.
- Meridian Police Department will continue to partner with the hired event security and engage youth to enforce the event attendance policies.

In order to communicate the public the new admission policies, schedule staff and order necessary supplies, the 2nd movie night of the season (June 10, 2022) was cancelled. We will recap how these new policies worked, the community response and the budget impact.