

## **Parks and Recreation Report for the Month of September**

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 8 which was held at Able Park. During COVID-19 the Commission has been meeting outside at a different park each month allowing for not only a tour of the facilities but also for interaction with the public. Able Park was extremely busy this warm day with participants at the playgrounds, basketball courts and in the general play areas. Commissioner Hoard spoke to a group of youth playing basketball and informed them that there will be benches installed for their use. The response was quite positive.

On Monday, September 14, I lead a tour through three city parks - Terrace, Sanburnol, and Able Park with City Council Members to view current conditions of park structures and to present possible future opportunities. Per Councils' suggestion the Parks and Recreation Department will develop an RFP for a Park Master Plan.

I attended the Adult Fall Softball Tournaments which were held on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26. 14 Teams consisting of 256 participants competed in a double elimination tournament. Thank you to Torg Brewery for their sponsorship. Thank you to the Public Works staff for preparing the park fields before and during the tournament.

The Recreation Department has learned that our current registration software program will no longer be supported by Microsoft by the end of 2021. The Recreation Department has started the process of reviewing other Recreation Management and Facility Reservation systems. Our current contract expires April 2021.

Activities offered during the month of September included Yoga sessions, Nordic Walking, Mature Driving Courses, art classes, Day trip to a local garden, Virtual Film Series, Virtual 5k, water challenge, Personal Finances, and a Facebook for Seniors course.

This concludes the report for September.

