

# STAFF REPORT



**SUBJECT:** Combining Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with Senior Advisory Board

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Leisure Services

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## RECOMMENDATION:

To consider combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Senior Center Advisory Board

## BACKGROUND:

There has been an ongoing issue with having a quorum for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. For the last 3 years most, meetings were not able to be held due to the lack of a quorum. This issue has made the staff of Parks and Leisure Services rethink having these two boards operate independently of each other.

With the Senior Center moving operations to the City Park, this created an opportunity to combine these two boards. This will give members the ability to speak into both parks and recreation and senior programs. We have many members of our Senior Center that have an interest in numerous other areas of Parks and Recreation.

There is also an issue with the number of applicants for these boards when an opening becomes available. There have been members of each board that would be happy to let a new person serve, but in many cases, there have not been any applicants. Combining these two boards and serving the interest of all programs under Parks and Leisure should provide for a more diverse pool of applicants.

Combining boards has been discussed and the Senior Center Advisory Board voted unanimously at the July 2023 meeting to combine the two boards. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not have a quorum to vote, the issue was discussed without any negative feedback.

## ALTERNATIVES

Leave the boards as they currently are.