



City of Unalaska Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee Annual Report to Council January 01 – December 31, 2020

The City of Unalaska Parks, Culture and Recreation (PCR) Committee Annual Report to Council highlights the Committee's accomplishments during the 2020 calendar year.

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I would like to begin with a "Thank You" to our PCR Staff for all their hard work in this difficult year.

The Committee's major role was to provide insight and feedback on programming, events, and operations. The Committee serves as another set of eyes looking at all of PCR.

The Committee has been active in the playground improvement projects and reviewing the programming of PCR. This has included the progress of the UCSD Playground plans and construction of the playground. Sitka Spruce has been started and will see completion in June 2021.

The Committee reviewed the CMMP Plan for the Department and made recommendations for the upcoming projects. We reviewed the annual budget and business plans that were created by each division of PCR.

The Business Plan Project was to develop a format for anyone to look at the department in a more indepth way without getting lost in spread sheets and schedules. The Business Plans have made it possible to look at the goals and outcomes by division and to track the progress of each of the division's goals and objectives.

The Committee tackled PCR concerns that included pandemic lock down procedures, and how that would be accomplished. This included new times of operations and how many people could be in the buildings at a time.

This year during the COVID -19 pandemic we have seen many changes in the way the PCR has provided programing to the community. Many of the traditional programs have become virtual with little contact with others. The basketball program became a skills camp competition. We were one of the only communities in the State to have an Independence Day parade with social distancing. The PCR held 4 races, one in-person before the pandemic, and 3 virtual races. The Halloween event was also social distanced and a very different experience for the community. This year we were able to produce a drive-in movie with everyone in their cars and social distanced. One of the programing highlights was the "It's a Wonderful Life radio play" where the community participated in a radio drama virtually. All the practices and the recordings were done over Zoom. Again, the year has looked very different than in the past.

One of the things that has been occurring over the last year has been the moving from high, and medium risk levels during the COVID-19 pandemic. In some cases, we have been in a total lock down during high risk and in a very reduced occupancy during medium risk levels. We, like everyone else, have evolved in how we are approaching these risk levels and we have become better in transitioning between the more extreme and medium. The team would meet each week and review the mandates and look for ways to deliver to the community more service while still complying with the State and Local mandates. Over time the PCR staff developed a Limited Services and Reopening Plan showing all the different levels and how we transition from one level to another quickly. This plan is also part of the City wide EOC plan and can be used in the future for other biological/viral pandemics.

As vaccines become more widely available we are planning on having increased operating hours and additional members of the public using the facilities.

We have engaged in a very rigorous cleaning schedule and have purchased machines that have made the cleaning operation more efficient. Our team has also been involved in the food delivery program to the people placed in the quarantine facility. This food program has provided breakfast, lunch and dinner to the people housed in the facility.

Overall, we have seen great creativity from the PCR Staff in providing programing to the community during a pandemic providing physical and mental health to the community in a much-needed time. We support the PCR Staff in their continual vigilance and efforts to keep the community safe in the pandemic. We stand behind their creative solutions to provide services, as well as their enforcement of new safety rules and protocols in order to continue to provide those services.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thomas Roufos

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