



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recreation Department

City Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

To: City Council
From: Andrea Miller, Director
Date: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Recreation Comprehensive Assessment Final Report

BACKGROUND: At the January 4, 2022, City Council meeting, City Council approved an agreement with Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC in the amount of \$74,400 to provide professional services to complete the Recreation Comprehensive Assessment. The Agreement was executed by the City Manager on January 20, 2022, and the project work began in February.

The goal of the project was to “reimagine” all components of Sanibel’s Recreation Department (Recreation Center, Center4Life, aquatics, and outdoor sports programs) and to meet the recreation needs of all residents (youth, adults, and seniors) for today and for the future.

The City’s consultant and staff successfully developed multiple opportunities for citizens to participate in the community conversation through stakeholder meetings, focus groups, social pinpoint site and community events. Additionally, the BerryDunn team held a workshop with Recreation Department staff on June 29, 2022, to discuss how the Department can respond to issues raised during the community engagement process, as well as a visioning workshop with City Council on August 15, 2022.

On September 28, 2022, the date of Hurricane Ian’s landfall, the BerryDunn team had completed approximately 70% of the report. Subsequently, on October 3, 2022, staff directed the consultant team to finish the report as if the hurricane had not occurred. For that reason, the attached report reflects information and data available prior to September 28, 2022.

The agenda packet includes BerryDunn’s final report and presentation.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and direction

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary