



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 23, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: 10b

SUBJECT: NEW GUARD START AQUA CAMP CLASS AND FEE PROPOSALS

DATE: MARCH 11, 2011

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp program and fee of \$40 per session per participant.

BACKGROUND

Over the last couple of years, Aqua Camp participants 11 to 15 years of age have been learning basic lifeguarding and first aid skills as part of the Aqua Camp curriculum. The lifeguarding and first aid instruction has been very popular and parents have asked if the instruction could be expanded and offered as a separate class.

As a result of the request for expanded lifeguarding and first aid instruction, staff is proposing a Guard Start Aqua Camp program for children ages 11 to 15 years who are interested in learning the basic responsibilities of being a lifeguard while learning first aid and rescue skills, while at the same time working to increase their swim skills. The proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp would run Monday through Friday meeting for 90 minutes each class session. Additionally, there would be one morning and one evening session.

DISCUSSION

Staff recommends a fee of \$40 per participant per session (or \$8 a class meeting). The proposed fee is based on cost recovery of staff time, class materials and pool operations. If approved, this proposed program and fee would fall under the "Partially Supported" category of the Cost Recovery Guideline (Attachment A).

Staff surveyed surrounding cities to ensure the proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp fees are comparable to what is offered in other cities. Staff found that no other surrounding city provides a program that is comparable to the proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp program (Attachment B).

FISCAL REVIEW

The proposed fee is based on an estimated 32 maximum enrollees in two sessions in a fiscal year. The estimated revenue of \$2,560 per year will offset costs to the program while still maintaining a reasonable minimum capacity of 10 participants per session.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Alternatives to consider:

1. Approve a different class fee.
2. Do not approve class proposal and fee.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp program at \$40 per participant per session.

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ATTACHMENTS: A. [Cost Recovery Guidelines](#)
 B. [Aquatics Fee Survey of Surrounding Cities](#)