Tri County Area P&R Professionals
COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE- CONFERENCE CALL #03
3.23.2020 12:00
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TRI COUNTY PARK DIRECTORS
Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, March 23rd
Time: 12PM
Location: Conference Call

1) Multi Jurisdictional Coordination and Communication
   a. How to facilitate
   b. What tools are already in place?

2) Park Operations – Look But Don’t Touch
   a. There still seems to be some ambiguity and inconsistency in allowable park activity and closure severity.
      i. Trails, Open Space, sports etc. Is there common language we can agree on to communicate moving forward? Unified voice.
      ii. Do we see anything else coming that we can proactively pursue so we own the message?
   b. Enforcement of current restricted activity? Or is that task more of a messaging campaign?
   c. Pandoras Box
      i. Inevitably we will roll back the current restricted activities and use in our parks and our facilities. What does that look like?

3) Anticipated next steps
   a. What are our agencies talking any conversations re budget
**Metro Parks Tacoma (Pete)**
- Each jurisdiction has its own health dept. and some are stricter than others, so we will see a difference in each community.
- Think about Union and Non Union
- Equity and social justice on restrooms, how to balance?

**Si View (Travis)**
- Tools: spread sheets, tele comm., surveys
- Messaging should be al letter, less enforcement more messaging

**Senior Policy Advisor for Outdoor Recreation / the Governor (Jon Snyder)**
- Governor to announce more measures this evening
- No gathering outside of family circles/unit, just adjusting down the types of activity.
- State has no camping, but restrooms are open
- Essential staff

**Pierce County (Roxanne)**
- What is uniform and is there variation.
- Districts are different for different reasons
  - Using health dept. regulations in each area
  - Need to leave things open for good health reasons
  - Closed playgrounds but no abiding by the rules
- Crew on regular schedules
- Keeping higher needs with restroom open
- Resources and supply chain will be why we close, hoping for supplies in early April
- Will close if no resources it the driving force.
- Work at home on grants

**Snohomish County (Tom)**
- No Social distancing and they closed down the playgrounds
  - Parks have no parking available it is over capacity
- Using all resources for maintaining, but no games being played.
- Some of our parks have gates but not all, soft closure
- Crews are taking home vehicles
- Maintaining the fields so they do not get out of had

**Redmond (Carrie and Dave)**
- Closed playgrounds
- Taped off playgrounds but it is being pulled down, no trying orange snow fence and steel with signage.
- Closing of picnic shelters and courts today as they are receiving high use
- Coordinating with Bellevue
• Operating ½ staff by choice
• Delaying supplemental staff

**Lynnwood (Sarah)**
• Closed all playgrounds and courts
• Restrooms are open
• Work load on project/design/construction- try to stay on track as much as possible.

**Monroe (Mike)**
• Closed playgrounds
• Today closing restrooms, courts, dog parks and skate parks
• Barricading

**Metro Parks Tacoma (Marina)**
• Still open restrooms- will close at end of today
• Employees 65 and older sent home.
• Struggling with staffing
• Playgrounds and sport courts are still open working through that today
• Trying to do normal maintenance, but that means garbage and restrooms

**Auburn (Daryl)**
• Signage “GO Before You GO”, closed restrooms
• Should join the WRPA statement
• Believes that we need to take care of our resources as much as we can- keep a positive message

**Lacey (Jenn)**
• Asked if everyone is roping off playgrounds?

**Renton**
• Staff teams are broken into different groups for different locations

**Burien (Casey)**
• Closed all restrooms this weekend
• Homeless and vandalism
• Keeping portlets in 2 parks and 2 in the downtown area

**Everett (Bob)**
• Closed playgrounds
• Signage mostly
• Employees- we want them to stay home.

**Tukwila (Rick)**
• We are letting the grass go to 1” long
• Keeping the Golf Course fairly nice

*Work load on project/design/construction- try to stay on track as much as possible*
(Doug)
- WRPA- all hands on deck
- RCO?

King County Parks (Doug)
- Same ongoing maintenance to keep up
- Work load on project/design/construction- try to stay on track as much as possible

Lakewood (Mary)
- Work load on project/design/construction- try to stay on track as much as possible

Spokane (Al)
- Tried to close playgrounds as instructed but it didn’t work
- May open restrooms early than usual

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RCO-State Grants and others
- Work on them at home-Mary/Lakewood
- Hoping for an extension on the due dates-Paul
- Oregon State Parks grants- No extension currently for parks grants in Oregon-Ross/ Oregon
- RCO had a conference call today on that topic and no answer yet- Kristi/MPT
- What about extending the current construction projects- Bob

Golf Courses
- Most of south king county’s are still open
- Wiping done carts, added more carts and no removing of flags
- Everett and Metro Parks are closed

Other Items
- Look at the chat box provided, provided
- Signage- provided
- Things may change after tonight
- Will work to get Google Doc’s updated.
- Those who may desire planning, coordination, response assistance, please contact Scott Heinze scott.heinze@comcast.net or 253-459-0328 (former Deputy Director, Pierce County DEM)
- Next meeting Thursday at noon
- Send agenda items to Travis Stombaugh TStombaugh@siviewpark.org, Executive Director, Si View Metro Park District