



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE ON OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Date: February 24, 2016

Agenda Item #: 4

Agenda Item: Briefing and possible action on the status, scope of work, and deliverables of the Parkland Events Task Force.

Vote 4-0

Sponsors/Department: Parks and Recreation Department,

Presenters: James Russell and David King, Co-chairs of the Parkland Events Task Force;

Summary of Discussion

- The Parkland Events Task Force was created in March 2015 but a quorum was not appointed until much later and as a result the Task Force did not begin meeting until August 2015.
- The Task Force now consists of 17 members who are quite diverse and include citizens and neighborhood representatives from all over the city.
- The objectives of the group in relation to parkland events are inventory, number, size, fees, policies, and scope of events that impact neighborhoods, businesses, and infrastructure.
- Thus far the Task Force has created an inventory of events at parks including the number of events, participants, and days that each park is unavailable for general park use. A subcommittee has been created to better address costs and fees of these needs, including post-event issues and road closures.
- The Task Force has also analyzed alternative public and private venues along with identifying four existing publicly owned potential park sites; developed inventory of public and private venues; and created an additional subcommittee to develop specific recommendations for each potential site.
- The Task Force plans to bring forth recommendations regarding the limits of events in terms of the quantity and size; the impact on surrounding areas and infrastructure; fees and policies; alternative public and private venues; and new and legacy events. The

recommendations within the final report will consist of a combination of recommendations from the subcommittees and input collected from public meetings.

- In a unanimous 4-0 vote, Zimmerman moved, and Garza seconded, a motion to extend the deadline for the final report with recommendations to be completed by August 31, 2016 and presented by the Parkland Events Task Force to the committee on September 28, 2016.

Speakers

- None

Direction

The Committee directed staff to submit their recommendation to full Council for approval.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended an extension of the deadline for the Parkland Events Task Force's final report with report recommendations to be completed by August 31, 2016 and presented to the Open Space, Environment and Sustainability committee on September 28, 2016.