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CITY OF PACIFICA PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PACIFICA STATE BEACH

SURF CAMP/SCHOOL PERMITTING

DECEMBER 16, 2020



BACKGROUND

- May 2005 – City Council approved recommendations from the Beach Subcommittee leading to the implementation of a Surf Camp/School Policy. The Policy established guidelines, qualification requirements and rules.
- In January 2013, the PB&R Commission adopted changes to the policy to include an additional camp.
- June 8, 2020 – City Council meeting received 30 letter and 13 speakers addressed concerns over permitting process, encouraging reforming the policy and process, in particular to address equitable access.

BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

- June 22, 2020 – Council referred item to the PB&R Commission
- July 22, and August 5, 2020 – PB&R Commission held study sessions to discuss this item as well as proposals for a Community Access Partner Permit (CAPP) program.
- August 26, 2020 – PB&R Commission regular meeting - approved changes to the Surf Camp/School Policy to include two CAPP participants for a pilot program and put this item of the Commission work plan.
- Oct. 14, 2020 – PB&R Commission held a study session to review current surf camp/school requirements, guidelines and rules and the CAPP proposal. Staff gave a presentation including comparing and contrasting to other agencies.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Desire to move forward the CAPP proposal more permanently.
- Brown Girls Surf and City Surf Project CEO's recommend focus be on creating a CAPP system before overhauling the current permit system. Commissioners have expressed a des to do both at the same time.
- In recent years, staff has made an effort to get permitting information out by end of the calendar year with the goal of completing the process in January/February. With 2021 less than month away, and because of COVID-19 related challenges, staff recommends that any large-scale changes to the program not take place until the 2022 permit year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Permits may be granted for 2021 with some minor changes to the Applicant Qualifications of Surf section.
- Extend the CAPP program through 2021. (Note: BGS and CSP do not have programs scheduled for summer weekends).
- To adopt the staff recommended changes to the Applicant Qualifications of the Surf Camp to take effect in 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Creation of a working group committee that will make recommended changes to the policy in order to create a Community Access Partner Permit (CAPP) program as well as address overall policy considerations.
 - CAPP Permit - use BGS/CSP submitted proposal as a template
 - Overall Policy
 - Application Process
 - Camp and/or student limits – “Load”
 - Purpose/Mission Statement
 - Members of working group
 - Timeline – meeting frequency, updates, presentation, final recommendations

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

