

Date: April 5, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Park Ambassador Program Update**

On September 6, 2022, the City Council requested an update on the Park Rangers Program and the implementation of the Park Ambassador Program.

The rollout of the new Park Ambassador Program is planned for late April/early May upon completion of the meet and confer process regarding the Park Ambassador duties. Budgetarily, the funding for the Park Ranger program was transferred to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PRM) from the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) for financial support of the proposed Park Ambassador Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Supervisor for the Park Ambassador team has been selected and onboarded to the team in February. LBPD will provide situational awareness training for the ten Park Ambassadors once they are selected and onboarded in April/May. The three vehicles that are funded to support the Park Ambassadors are expected to be delivered in April 2023. Operational plans for the citywide coverage of park restrooms and mini-parks are being finalized, but will be evaluated on a regular basis to determine travel and service efficiencies with safety as a top priority.

Concurrently with the advancement of the Park Ambassador program, the competitive solicitation for the magnetic door locks installation at designated free-standing park restrooms should see these facility improvements accomplished by the Fall of 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-3170.

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