

**Tri County Area P&R Professionals
COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE- CONFERENCE CALL #03
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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

Everett (Bob)

- Closed playgrounds
- Signage mostly
- Employees- we want them to stay home.

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