



## **TRI COUNTY PARK DIRECTORS** **Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 12:00PM  
**Location:** Conference Call  
**Meeting ID: 556 310 829**

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### **1) Moment to Acknowledge Scott Gallacher – KeyPen Parks – Executive Director**

- a. There is a Go Fund Me page to help the family:
  - i. Go to Gofundme.com search Scott Gallacher.

It is with heavy hearts that we discuss Scott’s untimely passing last Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. He was an integral part of KeyPen Parks and was dedicated and compassionate in his work. Acknowledgments of Scotts great contributions to the industry were shared. There is a Go Fund Me account set up for his family.

### **2) Live – On Call Interactive Poll – Pete Mayer**

- a. Download the PollEverywhere App: <https://www.polleverywhere.com/mobile>

Download the app on mobile devices and input Parks as the survey name. The survey responses are anonymous. Largely positive response in utilizing this tool was shared from the group.

- 82% of participants feel like Washington State is moving in the right direction relative to COVID19 recovery.
- Most participants believe that it will take 1-2 years or more for the economy to recover from COVID19.
- Most participants miss socialization and time with family/friends. The second most missed item during the “Stay at Home, Stay Healthy” order are daily routines, followed by exercise and sports.

- Most participants believe their employers are doing a good to great job through the COVID recovery process.
- Most participants believe trailheads, golf courses, and boat launches will be opened by the Governor on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Overall, participants show a moderate level of confidence in offering summer day camps this season.
- Approx. 60% of participants have cancelled 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and/or denied a permit for this type of event.
- Camps, sports, pools, play fields, and swim are the most requested services during this time.

### 3) **EMC Research Data – Ian Stewart**

#### a. Pulse of WA State Residents

EMC Research is a public opinion research company. They have been operating in the Puget Sound and Nationwide for the last 30 years. This survey was conducted across the dates of March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 6<sup>th</sup> and surveyed 1600 adults over the age of 18. The intent of this survey was to focus on the impacts and attitudes related to the virus in Washington State. The full presentation will be shared with these meeting minutes. Key findings are listed below.

- 63% of participants believe that the U.S. is seriously off on the wrong track.
- 50% of participants are extremely concerned about the economic impact of the virus while 23-34% are concerned about contracting it.
- 68% of participants believe that our Federal Government failed to prepare for COVID19.
- 71% of participants believe their State government is responding appropriately.
- State and Local COVID responses are generally viewed as better than the Federal response.
- 3/4 of the total number of participant's surveyed believe that we should stay home until this virus is killed off. This was noted as interesting because of the extreme concern surrounding the economy but the willingness to lockdown until the virus is gone.
- Only 35% of people surveyed at this time believe that people returning to work is a top priority.
- 44% of participants believe it will take over a year for the economy to recover.
- 2/3 of all adults have significantly reduced their spending during the lockdown.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci is the most trusted leader among the leaders surveyed scoring almost 8/10 on the trust scale while Donald Trump scores as the least trusted leader at a 4.44/10 on the trust scale.

It was noted that this data, gathered in early April, may not represent the most current temperatures of the public as these opinions may have fluctuated in the lasted three weeks. For further questions regarding the details of this survey, email Ian at [ian@emcresearch.com](mailto:ian@emcresearch.com)

### 4) **Collaborative Planning Re-opening – Play Equity Coalition –**

#### a. Bookie Gates of Baseball Beyond Borders, Gina Woodke of Renton Parks & Julie McCleery who led the research for the State of Play

The University of Washington's Play Equity Coalition is comprised of 65 organizations who work together to increase access to youth activities. ¾ of the members are direct service providers. The coalition has been trying to better understand the needs of the organizations and

have found that their biggest challenge is meeting the needs of youth and families currently. Looking forward, these organizations are concerned about staff layoffs and how these layoffs will affect their ability to reopen and provide services. They are bringing their coalition's information to the table at this meeting in an effort to work together in providing safe, healthy programs for kids amidst this difficult time. As a coalition, they discussed several requests which include coordination and consistency in opening parks facilities and streamlining openings/regulations related to services. They noted the importance in strengthening collective efficacies between parks and schools and supporting summer programming through varying municipalities. They are asking park directors to consider allocating resources to communities with the fewest opportunities and engaging with need groups to understand their gaps in service. In doing this, we can work together to activate the voices of our communities and provide inclusivity. It may be important to consider some system reform as agencies start to move towards a new normal. The coalition would like to work together to find new ways to ensure all communities can survive and thrive through this, especially our youth populations. It can be commonplace to see the same faces over and over in recreation programming. The coalitions would like to provide resources that assist in diversifying program populations. They can support parks directors to provide creative and engaging programming content. The collation can share in aligned messaging and curate information regarding updates on physical activity and sports. They look forward to building a symbiotic relationship as we shape and prepare for reopening.

The Play Equity Coalition will provide a memo with contact information and their weblink to be distributed with the minutes. Their next member meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> where they will discuss short-term and long-term access to play. They encourage all who are interested to attend this virtual meeting. Visit their website at [www.kcplayequity.org](http://www.kcplayequity.org) for more information. School's Out Washington is also working both locally and statewide to help support any statewide efforts. For more information on School's Out Washington contact [kwong@schoolsoutwashington.org](mailto:kwong@schoolsoutwashington.org)

#### **5) Other Concern's, Questions, Input for the Group?**

Thursday's Director's meeting will have a full agenda to discuss, summer camp, childcare, and aquatics. There will also be discussion of compiling data to present to legislature which outlines COVID expenses.

#### **Meeting Adjourned 1:05pm**

*Respectfully Submitted*

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