



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/04/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager **Approved Electronically**

FROM: Jaime Schroeder, Parks and Recreation Director
Danny Gleich, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Aquatics Division Update – Spring 2022

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality services and programs to support all citizens within the City of Reno. For the second year in a row, the Aquatics division, through the hard work of staff and assistance of the Public Works team, is able to open Idlewild Pool as early as March 28, 2022. By doing so, the availability for evening programming at Northwest Pool can be expanded to benefit more members of the community. Being able to increase community access to City of Reno aquatic facilities is a goal of the Aquatics division and taken very seriously given the spatial constraints that will remain until the Moana Spring Aquatics Center is open in 2024.

Currently, the private club swim teams rent Northwest Pool from 3:30pm to 9:00pm each evening. This amounts to 44 lane hours per day of use. By relocating the swim teams to Idlewild Pool, with a slight adjustment to their schedules, the swim teams will now have approximately 72 hours of lane time each evening. This significant increase in lane hours will allow the teams to complete their swimming practices earlier in the evening. This will benefit the swimmers and the staff who will not be working as late into the night. The other significant benefit of opening Idlewild Pool early is it allows Northwest Pool to host WCSD high school swim teams from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and the public swimmers from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Currently, in the after work evening hours, the public have a total of 19 hours each week and at the pool at Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center (EMNECC) only. This schedule change will add 20 lane hours each evening for the community to swim at Northwest Pool

The Aquatics division will need to close the EMNECC pool from February 28 through March 5, 2022 due to a needed replacement of the sand filter. The primary job of the sand filter is to

remove the particulates and small pieces of debris in the water and return clean water back to the pool. The current filter is 16 years old and starting to fail. The replacement should take one week and the pool will reopen to the community on March 7, 2022.