



**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
STAFF REPORT
FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
Supplemental AGENDA ITEM 9 - A**

SUBJECT:

Recreation & Parks Covid-19 Pandemic Phases I & II Accommodations including the Fort Meade Community Center, Patterson Park, and Peace River Park and Temporary Facility Fees Reduction for the Community Center.

BACKGROUND:

During the past, several months the City Parks had been closed to the public due to renovations and the **Covid-19 Pandemic** as well the Fort Meade Community Center. The Fort Meade Community Center Director, Mr. Tory Dewdney, would like to implement a comprehensive Covid-19 Phases I & II Accommodations including Community Center, Patterson Park, and Peace River Park and Temporary Facility Fees Reduction for the Community Center. At this current time, the **Fort Meade Community Center** is still closed due to a few minor renovations, but it will be hosting the **Fort Meade Commissioner's Zoom Meetings** starting Tuesday, September 22, 2020 with **the maximum accommodation of 25 persons** in the Assembly Hall.

Phase I would start October 19, 2020 through November 20, 2020 and Phase II would start November 21, 2020 through December 31, 2020. If possible and things improve with **the Covid-19 Pandemic** then Phase III could be implemented starting January 01, 2021 and details would be provided to the public by December 22, 2020.

We will be having a **Soft Reopening/Rededication Ceremony** (by invitation only with incorporating Social Distancing) to officially change the **Fort Meade Community Center building** to **Fort Meade Marcella A. Nelson Community Center**. The following week on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 an Open House between 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (for City Director's), 11:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m. (for City Employees) and 03:00 p.m. – 06:30 p.m. (City Businesses, City Residents, and other public guests).

The **Fort Meade Commissioner's Zoom Meetings** in Phase I & Phase II would allow **the maximum accommodation of 25 persons** in the Assembly Hall. It is recommended in phase I at the Fort Meade Community Center start on Monday, October 19, 2020, being reopen to the public for limited activities. Phase I at the Community Center would consist of reservations for business meetings, Baby Shower Parties, Bridal Shower Parties and Exercise classes.

The Youth Activities/Conference Room would allow **the maximum of twelve persons** in the room by incorporating the Social Distancing Guidelines. The patrons will be required to wear a face covering, face mask or face shield during their visit.

Far as exercise classes in Phase I & Phase II would consist of the individuals signing a waiver approved by the City Attorney stating the **City of Fort Meade, Florida has no legal responsibilities for any health conditions etc.** The patrons will be required to wear a face covering, face mask or face shield during exercising class with **the maximum of twelve persons** in the Assembly Hall by incorporating the Social Distancing Guidelines.

Phase I at the **Fort Meade Community Center** in the Assembly Hall would allow **the maximum of thirty-two persons** in the Assembly Hall. The reservations would be **only** for business meetings, Baby Shower Parties, and Bridal Shower Parties. The licensee and guests would be required to wear a face covering, face mask or face shield at all time unless the person is consuming a liquid beverage and/or food. Our **Recreation & Parks Reservation forms** will have a clause stating the **different Covid-19 Pandemic Guidelines** of the phases.

Phase II at the Community Center in the Assembly Hall would allow **the maximum of fifty persons** in the Assembly Hall. The reservations would be **only** for business meetings, Baby Shower Parties, Bridal Shower Parties, and Birthday Parties. The licensee and guests would be required to wear a face covering, face mask or face shield at all time unless the person is consuming a liquid beverage and/or food.

It is recommended that the public **be charged a 50% reduction in fees for the Fort Meade Community Center** due to **the Covid-19 Pandemic guidelines and limitations**. A resolution for a **Temporary Facility Fees Reduction** for the Fort Meade Community Center will be presented at the October 13, 2020, Commissioner's Meeting.

At this current time, **Patterson Park and Peace River Park** are not requiring reservations and the public have been informed the parks pavilions are first come, first serve, and use at your own risk. But the public have been acquiring, can Patterson Park and Peace River Park be reserved, therefore, no one else will be in that designated area.

Therefore, it is recommended Phase I start on October 19, 2020 through November 20, 2020, and that the designated pavilion or area be reserved, if the public wants to make sure that the designated area is secured for the Social Gathering of **the maximum fifty persons**. Otherwise, the pavilion or designated area is open to the public free of charge on a first come, first serve bases.

It is recommended that Phase II for Patterson and Peace River Park reservations to the public start on November 21, 2020 through December 31, 2020. In phases I & II at Patterson Park would allow **the maximum fifty persons**. In phases I & II at Peace River Park Small Pavilion would allow **the maximum fifty persons**. In phase II at Peace River Park Large Pavilion would allow **the maximum one hundred persons**.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Recreation & Parks Covid-19 Pandemic Phases I & II Accommodations including the Fort Meade Community Center, Patterson Park, and Peace River Park and Temporary Facility Fees Reduction for the Community Center.

MOTION: Approve Recreation & Parks Covid-19 Pandemic Phases I & II Accommodations including the Fort Meade Community Center, Patterson Park, and Peace River Park and Temporary Facility Fees Reduction for the Community Center.