Policy Name: Community Event Participation
Section: 3000 Operational: 3100 Administrative
Policy Number: 0000

Purpose: To define the criteria the Park District will use when deciding whether or not to participate in a community event organized by a non-Park District sponsor.

Reference: None applicable

Policy:

From time to time there will be various non-District sponsored community events conducted within the boundaries of the Park District. The Executive Director will be responsible for determining whether or not, and to what extent, the Park District will be involved in such community events. Each event will be considered on its own merits and flexibility will apply.

In general, participation in community events is viewed as a legitimate and appropriate role of the Park District when:

1. Cost impact to the District is within available resources.
2. Theme/concept of event is consistent with District philosophy and mission statement.
3. Event is in the best interest of the District and does not compete unduly with existing District programs.
4. Event enhances the park and recreation opportunities of the District.
5. Event is open to all people regardless of gender, religion, age, race, or disability.
6. Event is sponsored or co-sponsored by a non-profit organization or public agency.
7. Location of the event, if on park property, can accommodate the proposed use.
8. Event does not give benefit to a for-profit or commercial company without due consideration.

The Executive Director may refer to the Board of Commissioners any events that have a questionable impact on parks.