



City Council Says No To June Triple Crown Tournaments

Facility Discussion Set for May 27; followed by Events in General on June 2

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 20, 2020-City Council determined it was too early for upcoming Triple Crown tournaments in June following a lengthy discussion during the meeting last evening. Council will reevaluate July and August Triple Crown requests based on state and local health protocols again in early June.

“We’ve heard loud and clear from the community and share similar concerns as we navigate the bases on reopening the valley to large events, especially early season Triple Crown events,” commented City Council President Jason Lacy. “Our focus remains on what is best for the health and well-being of our city, businesses and citizens and we appreciate the open dialogue with Triple Crown staff.”

City Council made it clear that it had no appetite for Triple Crown events in June after a presentation by the city on COVID-19 mitigation efforts in Parks & Recreation, followed by a Triple Crown overview based on current and possible future health guidelines. Both the city and Triple Crown Sports agreed to continue the conversation next month around tournaments in July and August.

“We love Steamboat Springs and are committed to hosting events that are safe for our teams and the community,” said Triple Crown Sports CEO Keri King. “We must all remain flexible and adapt to the changing landscape and shouldn’t forget the boost to the local economy that Triple Crown can bring during this uncertain season.”

During last night’s discussion, council agreed to hold a special mid-week meeting on Wednesday, May 27, where the group will dive into Parks & Recreation facility usage based on the city’s capacity, both budgetary and operationally, to host groups and events considering the overall impacts from COVID-19. Later that evening, council will also explore ideas to facilitate regulatory support to assist local businesses. The conversation continues in early June, when councilors will take a broader look at the city’s desire and ability to adequately manage organized sports in general across facilities.

“We want to hear from all sides of the community as the city reopens, our comprehensive approach to events and how we balance a variety of diverse interests,” continued City Manager Gary Suiter. “As an economy that is largely dependent upon tourism, these decisions will have ramifications on city services and programs as well as local businesses.”

Public comment on these topics can be provided through email at citycouncil@steamboatsprings.net or the online comment form at steamboatsprings.net/comment. These two portals deliver comments to the entire city council as well as the city manager, attorney and clerk.

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