



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 22, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Junior High Afterschool Sports Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to enter into an agreement with the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) to conduct the Junior High Afterschool Sport League.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the City and SBUSD enter into agreements to define terms and budgets for the administration of afterschool recreation programs. The programs are an important City service that provides essential support to families during the crucial afterschool hours. National statistics show that the afterschool hours, between 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., have the highest incidents of juvenile crime and youth engaging in inappropriate behaviors.

The Junior High Afterschool Sports Program has been offered for over 20 years on all four junior high campuses through collaboration with the SBUSD, and during the last two years with the Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL) as the lead organizing agency. This last spring, SBUSD approached the City with a proposal to take over as lead organizer and implement the program utilizing certificated teachers and coaches with the hope of increasing student numbers. Since teachers have the best chance of engaging student participation, the City accepted the proposal and PAL redirected their energy and resources to other activities.

The program will continue to offer flag football, basketball, and soccer leagues, free to all junior high age participants, seasonally through the year. The City also coordinates two programs on the campuses with non-profits: Club West cross country running, and BiCi Centro bike safety and repair class.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This City's program support remains unchanged at \$20,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2014 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget.

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City continue support of the junior high afterschool programs. The Junior High Afterschool Sports Program agreement was approved on the September 24, 2013, SBUSD Board of Education agenda. The agreement is for one year ending June 30, 2014.

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