



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 13, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Administrator's Office

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement With Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative For Community Arts Workshop At 631 Garden Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a funding agreement with the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative to provide \$300,000 to support the initial phase of improvements of the City-owned property at 631 Garden Street towards the development of a Community Arts Workshop.

DISCUSSION:

The City executed a five-year lease agreement on April 9, 2014 for the development and use of City-owned property at 631 Garden Street as a Community Arts Workshop. On January 27, 2014, Council voted to provide \$300,000 in one-time capital funds to the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative for the first phase of improvements to develop a Community Arts Workshop. Funds were appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget on February 25, 2014.

The Community Arts Workshop will become the permanent home for Summer Solstice activities and a year-round resource for arts organizations to be used for workshops, exhibits, rehearsals, classes, and community meetings. For many years, Summer Solstice has been challenged with finding space to create costumes and floats and prepare for the annual parade, managing to secure temporary space each year without a permanent base. Performing arts and visual arts organizations have also lacked an affordable space for art creation, set design, rehearsals, and meetings. The Community Arts Workshop will provide a flexible space to meet the needs of these arts organizations.

The Arts Collaborative intends to launch a fundraising campaign to further develop the site and operate the space.

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A copy of the funding agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office.

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