



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 27, 2015
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Parks And Recreation Community Foundation Contributions

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept a contribution from the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation in the amount of \$32,266.83 for Parks and Recreation Department programs; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund in the amount of \$32,266.83.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is the recipient of \$32,266.83 in grants, donations, and disbursements received through the PARC Foundation. These funds will support the following programs:

\$10,000 – Youth Culinary Arts Program

The Youth Culinary Arts program is a free program that serves approximately 24 teens annually, grades 11 and 12, with a 17-week program at the Franklin and Westside Neighborhood Centers. The program gives youth job training experience and teaches them about nutrition and healthy cooking, helping them develop skills that will last a lifetime. Youth work with local chefs who serve as mentors for the program. This funding is from the Wood-Claeyssens Foundation.

\$15,300 – Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Program

The Santa Barbara Arts Alliance program is a free art-based afterschool mentoring program that provides leadership and life skills development opportunities through hands-on community service projects. Based at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, approximately 40 low income and under-served youth are served annually. Curricula include art workshops, field trips, neighborhood clean-ups, and the creation and installation of public murals in areas plagued by graffiti vandalism. This funding includes

grant monies from the County Arts Commission and the Orfalea Fund and donations to the program. Funds will be utilized to purchase supplies and pay the artist mentors who lead the program.

\$3,000 – Lower Westside Children’s Garden

A donation was received last December from community member Russell Trenholme designated for improvements to the amenities at the Lower Westside Children’s Garden located at Coronel Place and Rancheria Street along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. These funds will be used to replace storage equipment, garden tools, and kick start new activities at the garden, specifically a neighborhood-based project for children and their parents.

\$2,000 – Teen Programming

These funds will be used to fund the Youth Council’s series on bullying prevention, Annual Youth Speak Outs, Youth Leadership Conference, and portions of the Youth Leadership Banquet. Funds are from donations received from a number of individuals.

\$1,966.83 – Youth Council Attendance at National League of Cities

These funds will reimburse the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for airline tickets and per diem for Youth Council members and staff to attend the National League of Cities conference in Austin, Texas, last November. Monies are from the Harriet Miller Endowment Fund, which is held and managed by the PARC Foundation. According to Ms. Miller’s wishes, interest generated by the endowment fund is earmarked for youth leadership programs of the Parks and Recreation Department. Former Mayor Miller encouraged Youth Council members to participate in and attend the NLC Conferences.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Appropriations and estimated revenues in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund will be increased by \$32,266.83 as a result of these PARC Foundation contributions.

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