



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 24, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Contributions From The Parks And Recreation Community Foundation, California Community Foundation And Santa Barbara Beautiful

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation on behalf of the California Community Foundation for exterior improvements to the Ortega Welcome House;
- B. Accept a contribution from the PARC Foundation in the amount of \$26,187 on behalf of various organizations and individuals to support various Recreation Programs;
- C. Accept a contribution from Santa Barbara Beautiful in the amount of \$8,186.30 for the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Franklin Center Re-landscaping Project; and
- D. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the Fiscal Year 2009 Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund in the amount of \$126,187 and in the Fiscal Year 2009 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund in the amount of \$8,186.30.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is the recipient of grants and donations totaling \$126,187 from the PARC Foundation. Funded by different sources, these funds support the following projects and programs:

- Bohnett Pocket Park youth art project (\$487, Bohnett Family)
- Healthy Options for Teens Program (\$5,000, Santa Barbara Foundation)
- 90+ Birthday Party (\$5,000, various donations)

- Adapted Programs special events (\$26,187, Wood-Clayssens Foundation, Kiwanis, and Tri-Country Regional Center)
- Ortega Welcome House exterior renovations (\$100,000, California Community Foundation).

The Department appreciates the organizations and individuals that contributed, and the PARC Foundation for accepting and distributing funds to City programs. The funds will be used for salaries, program supplies, services, and facility improvements. The funds are held by the PARC Foundation until they are needed, and transferred to the appropriate program budgets.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also the recipient of \$8,186.30 from Santa Barbara Beautiful to fund the Fiscal Year 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program (\$5,962.36) and the Franklin Center Landscape Renovation Project (\$2,223.94). The Department greatly appreciates the ongoing support from Santa Barbara Beautiful.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Contributions from the PARC Foundation in the amount of \$26,187 will support various Recreation Programs. The \$100,000 from the California Community Foundation Grant, through the PARC Foundation, will support exterior improvements to the Ortega Welcome House, including a new arbor, landscaping, and improved access. The \$8,186.30 from Santa Barbara Beautiful will support Parks Division sponsored youth apprentices and the renovation of the landscape at the Franklin Community Center.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Santa Barbara's urban forest and its park system are invaluable elements of the community's quality of life. Trees and open space areas improve air quality, contribute to energy conservation, reduce storm water runoff, and provide wildlife habitat. Santa Barbara Beautiful plays a critical role in the City's ability to maintain and enhance its urban forest and park system.

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