

Agenda Report

DATE: April 24, 2000

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROPOSED FOLLOWING EVENTS 1) AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION WALK-A-THON TO BE HELD AT CENTENNIAL SQUARE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2000 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. 2) RACE FOR THE CURE TO BE HELD AT AREA H AND THE ARROYO SECO ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2000 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND, 3) AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY 5K WALK TO BE HELD AT AREA H AND THE ARROYO SECO ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2000 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the City Council acknowledge that the Temporary Conditional Use Permits and the suspension of the noise ordinance necessary to hold the three (3) non-profit events are categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15323, normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.
2. It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to suspend the Noise Ordinance and a Notice of Exemption, with respect to the proposed following events: 1) American Diabetes Association Walk-A-Thon to be held at Centennial Square on Sunday, October 1, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2) Race for the Cure to be held at Area H and the Arroyo Seco on Sunday, October 15, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3) American Cancer Society 5K Walk to be held at Area H and the Arroyo Seco on Sunday, October 29, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

The three non-profit organizations identified above have requested that their Special Event be permitted to begin prior to the 10:00 a.m. time currently permitted in the Noise Ordinance. Each non-profit organization uses the amplified sound for both music and speech, have agreed to the starting time identified in the recommendation, and to all costs associated with sound monitoring.

Walk for Diabetes

The last America's Walk for Diabetes was held at Centennial Square on Sunday, October 3, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with an estimated crowd of 500. This year's event is requested to occur during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1, 2000 with an estimated crowd of 500. Although there was one complaint received in 1998, there were no complaints received in 1999. The American Diabetes Association is located in Los Angeles

Race for the Cure

Although the previous Race for the Cure in the Arroyo, which occurred on Sunday, November 7, 1999 did not begin their amplified sound until 10:00 a.m., they have requested permission to begin their amplified sound at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2000. The 1999 attendance was estimated at 10,000 and is expected to be approximately the same number this year. Parks and Natural Resources previously assigned two sound monitors and anticipates assigning the same number this year. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has an office located in Pasadena.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The previous Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk in the Arroyo, occurred on Sunday, October 24, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with an estimated crowd of 12,000 and was the first large Special Event processed by the Filming and Special Events Section. Only one sound monitor was assigned. In addition, the sound speakers were incorrectly directed outward towards the banks of the Arroyo which resulted in numerous complaints from surrounding residents. As a result, Filming & Special Events now requires a minimum of two sound monitors. Since the implementation of these requirements, there have been no complaints received from the residents.

The American Cancer Society has requested permission to begin their amplified sound at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2000. The attendance is expected to be 14,000 and Parks and Natural Resources anticipate assigning two sound monitors this year.

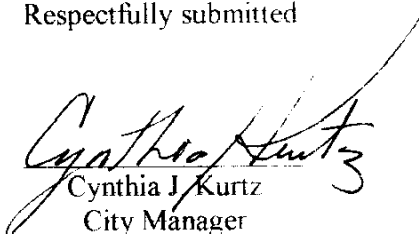
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that a Temporary Use Permit and the proposed suspension of the noise ordinance necessary to hold the three non-profit events is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15323, normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gathering. Actions to allow walks sponsored by non-profit organizations are normal operations for public gatherings in Area H, the Arroyo Seco, and Centennial Square.

FISCAL IMPACT

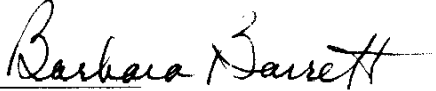
The goal of each of the three non-profit organizations is to raise funds, a portion of which would stay in Pasadena. Each non-profit organization agrees to pay all incurred City costs.

Respectfully submitted




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