

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

DATE: August 2, 1999

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF \$23,920 FOR ADDITIONAL YOUTH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER 1999 (AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10, 1999)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve an allocation of \$23,920 to provide additional safe, supervised summer activities for youth (including recreational, cultural, social, community service, tournament play and others, as listed below) to be delivered by various City departments and local non-profit organizations, during the period August 6 through September 10, 1999, to promote the participation of Pasadena youth in positive activities and prevent problems of delinquency and violence during the critical last weeks of summer 1999.

BACKGROUND:

Thousands of Pasadena children and youth are involved in positive activities this summer which range from summer school classes, jobs and volunteer work to various sports, arts, computer, nature and other camps and activities. However, nearly all such programs report record numbers of attendees and waiting lists this summer, and this is particularly true for activities and events offered at free or reduced fees. Many younger teens - - - particularly those in the 12 to 16 age group - - - find themselves too young to secure paying jobs and too old for day camps or similar positive summer programs and activities. Others who have participated in summer school, day camps, sports programs and summer jobs find most of those end in mid-August, leaving more than a month of free, often unsupervised time with few affordable, positive activities and events available.

While "Youth Month" offers an exciting range of educational, arts, cultural, recreational, environmental and other activities for children and youth during August, many of those opportunities have much greater demand than can be accommodated. Particularly as the summer vacation from school nears the end, many teens find fewer safe, supervised positive activities and become increasingly vulnerable to substance abuse, delinquency, and other negative behaviors. Recent events noted by law enforcement further suggest a potential increased risk for such problem behaviors at this time.

MEETING OF 08/02/99

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.B.(4)

To prevent such problems and promote youth participation in positive leisure time opportunities, we recommend the addition of a wide range of activities available to youth at locations citywide, particularly during the critical August-through-Labor-Day-Weekend period. The suggested activities target youth (especially teens), and include recreational, cultural, social, sports, community service and other safe, supervised activities. Providers include two City departments and five Pasadena youth-serving non-profit organizations, with a variety of dates, times and locations throughout the Pasadena community. This following summarizes the proposed activities, with details to be finalized immediately upon notification of allocation of funds.

1. EXTEND OPERATION OF OPEN SWIM AT CITY POOLS BY TWO WEEKS

Dates and Times: Saturday, August 14 through Saturday , August 28, 1999
(closed Sundays), from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Open Swim

Locations: Robinson Park Pool and Villa Parke Center Pool

Ages: all (highest use: children and youth)

Estimated Number of Participants: 270 per day

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena (Human Services, Recreation
and Neighborhoods Dept. - Darrell Walker)

Cost: \$5,000 (includes staff, pool supplies, etc.)

2. MARATHON (EVENING) BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Dates and Times: August 13 through September 3, 1999, held on Fridays
and Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Locations: Victory Park and Robinson Park

Ages: 13 to 18, with two divisions and a total of 12 teams (six per team)

Estimated Number of Participants: 72

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena (Human Services, Recreation
and Neighborhoods Dept. – Darrell Walker and
Williams Kennedy)

Cost: \$4,360 (includes referee fees, staff, t-shirts, awards, basketballs, team
insurance, facilities, etc.)

3. VICTORY PARK 5-ON-5 TEEN INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Dates and Times: Three weeks beginning the week of August 16 through
September 4, to be held Monday and Wednesday
evenings starting at 4 p.m.; finals on following Saturday
starting at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Victory Park Gym

Ages: 13 to 18, boys and girls, three age divisions

Estimated Number of Participants: 400

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena (HSRN Dept. – Victor Pacheco)

Cost: \$2,900 (includes officials' fees, staff, materials, supplies, awards,
flyers, registration materials, indoor soccer balls, etc.)

4. CITY PROSECUTOR FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM – FIELD TRIP TO “POWER DOME” AMERICAN GLADIATORS SPORTS ARENA EVENT

Date and Time: to be arranged (late August/early September)

Estimated Number of Participants: 50 at-risk youth (primarily teens)

Location: Field Trip to L.A. Sports Arena

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena, Police Department –
Family Support Program (Sharon Anderson)

Cost: \$1,500 (includes transportation, admission, staff, etc.)

5. WASHINGTON PARK TEEN HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

Dates and Times: targeted for August 15, from 10am to 5pm

Location: Washington Park

Ages: 13 - 18

Estimated Number of Participants: 25

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena, HSRN Dept. (Antonio Sorcini)

Cost: \$1,350 (includes officials fees, awards, handballs, t-shirts, flyers, refreshments, staff, etc.)

6. VILLA PARKE BASKETBALL CLUB

Dates and Times: dates to be arranged in August through September,
Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Villa Parke Center Gym

Ages: 11 to 15 years, boys and girls

Estimated Number of Participants: 50

Responsible Organization: City of Pasadena, HSRN Dept. (Marcus Lee &
Glenn Brooks)

Cost: \$1,950 (includes referees, jerseys, staff, supplies, flyers, etc.)

7. PROJECT DAY (Diversion Activities for Youth) IN-LINE YOUTH SKATING LESSONS AND SKATING PARTY

Dates and Times: beginning August 5 or 12, for three successive Thursday
nights; lessons to be one hour per night, plus skating party

Location: Starlight Rink on East Colorado Blvd.

Ages: teens

Estimated Number of Participants: 30

Responsible Organization: Project DAY (local non-profit organization)

Cost: \$1,450 (includes admission, skate rental, staff, refreshments, etc.)

8. EL CENTRO DE ACCION SOCIAL YOUTH TRIP TO MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

Dates and Times: to be arranged (August)

Location: Museum of Tolerance

Ages: 50 youth (pre-teens and teens)

Estimated Number of Participants: 50 youth
Responsible Organization: El Centro de Accion Social (local non-profit organization)
Cost: \$725 (includes transportation, admission, staff, etc.)

9. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB THREE EVENTS: SWIM PARTY, BEACH TRIP AND LATE AFTERNOON DANCE

Dates and Times: to be arranged for three dates in August to early September - TBA

Locations: to be arranged

Ages: Approximately 12 to 17

Estimated Number of Participants: 100 youth

Responsible Organization: Boys and Girls Club (local non-profit organization)

Cost: \$1,995 (includes transportation for beach trip, music and security for dance, supplies, refreshments, staff, etc.)

10. YMCA NORTH LAKE AVENUE BRANCH – YOUTH TWO-WEEK COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AMUSEMENT PARK TRIP

Dates and Times: to be arranged (August to early September; two weeks community service project to be followed by an amusement park trip)

Location: to be arranged

Ages: pre-teens and teens

Estimated Number of Participants: 35 youth

Responsible Organization: YMCA North Lake Avenue Branch (local non-profit organization)

Cost: \$1,990 (includes transportation, amusement park admission and refreshments, staff to supervise community service project and trip, etc.)

11. Y.W.C.A. GIRLS BOWLING

Dates and Times: August 23 and 31

Location: to be arranged with local bowling center

Ages: teens

Estimated Number of Participants: 50 youth

Responsible Organization: Y.W.C.A. of San Gabriel Valley (local non-profit organization)

Cost: \$700 (includes fees for shoes and lanes, food, transportation, etc.)

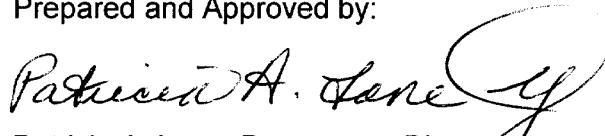
FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this action requires an allocation of \$15,500 from Violence Prevention and \$8,420 from an unappropriated General Fund balance to be deposited into account #645310.

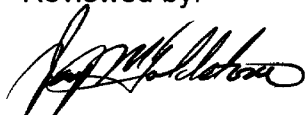
Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Manager

Prepared and Approved by:


Patricia A. Lane, Department Director
Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods Dept.

Reviewed by:


Jay Goldstone, Department Director
Finance