

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 28, 2000

FROM:

Cynthia J. Kurtz, City Manager

SUBJECT: NEW AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION PLAYGROUND PROGRAM SITE AT NOYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following two actions:

a) approve a Journal Voucher recognizing \$25,000 from L.A. County Community Development Block Grant funds and appropriate it to the After School Recreation Playground Program Fund #645313;

b) add 0.527 FTE's (.150 Recreation Leader and .377 Site Coordinator) to the After School Playground Program Account #645313 in order to operate the new Noyes Elementary School After School Recreation Playground Program.

BACKGROUND:

Last summer City Council met with L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich and requested County funding for the addition of a new After School Recreation Playground program at Noyes Elementary School (a PUSD site located in Altadena serving a large percentage of children who reside in Pasadena, and which does not presently have an after school program). Following that meeting, Supervisor Antonovich connected City staff with the County CDBG office, and since that time City and County staff have been working to explore potential funding for these activities.

Parents and teachers at Noyes Elementary School have repeatedly requested expansion of the City's After School Playground Program to Noyes, but the City did not have funding to add another site. In working with the County and PUSD, staff identified that most of the attendees at the current Altadena Elementary School site are Altadena residents, as this location has become a neighborhood school. Accordingly, the County identified Altadena School as the most appropriate site to receive an allocation of County CDBG funds. In January 2000, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors awarded \$25,000 in County CDBG funds to the City to support the After School Recreation Playground Program at Altadena Elementary School. This action allows reallocation of \$25,000 in current City funds from the Altadena Elementary School site to support the new program at Noyes Elementary School (serving a majority of Pasadena residents).

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To staff this new site, a total of 0.527 FTE's are needed. The target date to open the new Noyes Elementary School After School Recreation Playground Program is Monday, March 6, 2000, operating every school day from 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through June 22, 2000. The site is estimated to serve 100 children per day.

FISCAL IMPACT

With approval of the Journal Voucher recognizing \$25,000 in L.A. County CDBG funds to the After School Recreation Playground Program, sufficient revenue is appropriated to cover the cost of this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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