

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 28, 1998

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Youth Center - Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda report is an information item to update City Council on the activities of the Youth Center project. At this time no action is warranted.

BACKGROUND:

On May 11, 1998, City Council approved the award of \$40,000 of Human Services Endowment Funds (HSEF) and \$15,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Coalition for a Non-Violent City (CNVC), for the purpose of planning and developing a Youth Center. This funding was to be effective July 1, 1998. Due to a variety of factors, CNVC determined that they would not be continuing with the project, but agreed to serve as a "transition" lead agency during the first quarter (July 1 through September 30, 1998). During that period preliminary work was completed on the project, and the YMCA was identified as a qualified, eligible substitute lead agency. Staff is presently finalizing the work plan, contract terms and related items with the YMCA, to assume responsibility for the project effective in early October, 1998.

Attached to this summary is the "Pasadena Youth Center Workplan" for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. Key accomplishments of the last three months are summarized in the following list:

- **Selection of a substitute lead agency (YMCA) to replace the Coalition for a Non-Violent City (who has withdrawn effective September 30, 1998).**

- **Selection of a potential site for the Youth Center (current Kidspace Museum location) and request initiated with PUSD to designate this site for such use (presentation to PUSD Board of Education by Youth Steering Committee scheduled for October 13, 1998);**
- **Recruitment of additional youth to expand the youth committee working on this project;**
- **Development and adoption of the Youth Center mission statement;**
- **Development and adoption of ground rules for Youth Center Steering Committee;**
- **Allocation request filed with State for \$90,000 for Youth Center facility (currently included in AB 2794), through work with California State Senator Adam Schiff;**
- **Development of a youth survey, for distribution in October, 1998;**
- **Development of job descriptions and recruitment of applicants for research interns;**
- **Development of a job description for a youth center director.**

The attached Workplan includes the timeline for the new fiscal/lead agency, the youth intern hiring process, the project coordinator's hiring process, program planning, site planning, additional information gathering and outreaching strategies.

FISCAL IMPACT : None

Respectfully Submitted,

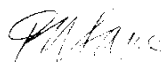

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Attachment