



Budget Engagement Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MARCH 11, 2021**
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: 4**
SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – BOURNS FAMILY YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the programming components of the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Budget Engagement Commission receive and file a report highlighting updates on the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

BACKGROUND:

On December 16, 2014, City Council directed staff to re-design existing plans for a childcare center to serve as a youth innovation center and allocate funding for the design phase. Staff postponed bidding the project until January 29, 2018, to ensure funding would be available for operating the facility once constructed. On July 30, 2018, Act 1 Construction was issued a notice to proceed with constructing the approximately 9,000 square foot Youth Innovation Center.

On March 27, 2019, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) requested \$426,454 of Measure Z funds be reallocated from the Youth Innovation Center capital project account to fund operating costs for Fiscal Year 2019/20 for the Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park. With Chair Mendez, Vice Chair Fine, Commissioners Mathis, Hart, Segura, Lyell, Beatty, Scarano, Burns, Arballo, and Mayes present; the Budget Engagement Commission (BEC) denied the request to reallocate funds.

On July 2, 2019, City Council approved the use of bond funds in the amount of \$426,454 for furniture fixtures and equipment and the reallocation of \$426,454 in Measure Z funds to fund programming and operations.

On July 10, 2020, building and construction was completed, and a Notice of Completion was filed with the County. Due to COVID-19 state orders and CDC restrictions enacted on March 2020, the facility has not opened for its intended public use. With the facility closed, staff from PRCSD began virtual programming opportunities through the CARES Act funds, as well as, fee based virtual contract classes.

DISCUSSION:

Construction

The attached presentation will provide insight into the look, educational theme, and future programming anticipated at the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

Programming

On March 30, 2020, PRCSD Staff cancelled the grand opening event due to the impacts of COVID-19.

In July 2020, PRCSD staff began discussing programming elements and remaining infrastructure needs including IT components and equipment needs. Parks Department staff have continued to meet regularly with the City's IT Department to discuss internet and network needs and establish installation timelines. Staff continue to meet with vendors to implement the final touches to equipment demands including assistance with preparing the sound studio and maker space. There are many aspects that require professional guidance and support to ensure the equipment purchased is appropriate for its intended use. Staff also realize the level of technical assistance that will be required as the facility opens. Staff are using existing networks and resources to assist with software training and curriculum implementation.

In consideration of COVID-19 restrictions, PRCSD staff seized the opportunity to utilize the CARES Act funds allocated for Distance Learning to introduce several virtual classes. Over 100 virtual classes were introduced including 3D printing, STEM clubs, robotics, digital art, science camps, and other online based courses. The online programming component allowed over 1,000 students the opportunity to participate in the CARES Act virtual programming courses.

The PRCSD staff continue to host virtual classes through the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center brand. Through current course opportunities, youth can participate in classes such as web design, video game development, art, and STEM chemistry lab for a small fee of \$25 or less. Staff are also working with partners such as C3 Initiative to host a free in-person robotics conference and Cal Baptist University to provide student mentors in coding and engineering. Other program partners include Be A Maker Club, SmartRiverside, Code to Careers, FutureLink, La Sierra University, UCR, RCC and extended education programs. Partnership meetings will resume in April as more information is made available regarding COVID-19 restrictions and the reopening of City facilities. Staff continue to prepare for an opening in late spring or summer 2021.

Naming Rights:

On August 18, 2020, City Council approved the Naming Rights Agreement for Bourns Inc. The Bourns Foundation requested that the City agree to name and identify the facility as the "Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center", in recognition of their desire to support the Riverside Community Services Foundation (RCSF) and Youth Innovation Center with a \$1 million grant. The contribution was made to the RCSF in support of the Youth Innovation Center's STEM programming, which includes guest speakers, technology-based camps, scholarships, etc. Funds will be distributed in five increments of \$200,000 annually. Additional Naming Rights Agreements for individual rooms in the facility were approved for the Mac Arthur Family, Enoch and Wendy Hwang, and SmartRiverside.

Total donations received include:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Facility/Room</u>
Bourns Foundation	\$1,000,000	Youth Innovation Center Building
Mac Arthur Family	\$50,000	Classroom
Enoch and Windy Hwang	\$50,000	Computer Lab
SmartRiverside	\$50,000	Informal Classroom

The Naming Rights donations total \$1,150,000 of the \$2 million goal. To date, donations received total \$265,000. Donations are deposited into a restricted endowment fund managed by the Riverside Community Services Foundation (RCSF). The endowment fund will allow the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center to have programming and equipment funding available after five years. The RCSF has structured the endowment fund to allow a portion of the interest to be released for use only after a five-year span. The five-year delay in use of the funds will have a greater impact over a longer period, allowing the endowment fund to accumulate interest to ensure equipment and resource needs are funded. The Naming Rights Agreement donations do not support funding for operational needs such as personnel costs.

To ensure efficient management of donated funds, RCSF developed policies with the investment firm Merrill Lynch Bank of America. The policies provide strict guidelines on the investment, withdrawal, and usage of donated funds.

In collaboration, the RCSF and PRCSD continue public outreach efforts to recruit additional partners and monetary supporters to reach the \$2 million goal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Measure Z funds in the amount of \$426,454 have been allocated to the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center for programming and operations. Due to a delay in the opening of Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center, as a result of COVID-19, minimal Measure Z funds have been expended.

A General Fund budget of approximately \$380,000 has been assigned to the facility to assist with operations and programming. The operations budget includes a part-time Assistant Recreation Coordinator and a full-time Recreation Services Coordinator that have been reallocated from the Recreation Division operating budget to the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center operating budget. A Recreation Supervisor from the Recreation Division has been assigned to oversee facility operations. Measure Z funding, along with the General Fund budget and reallocation of personnel will allow the facility to operate for the five years until the endowment fund will be ready to disburse interest to assist in funding the facility.

YIC Measure Z Account		
Account Number (GL-Object)	Description	Amount
5215009-41*	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 183,239
5215009-426800	Special Departmental Supplies	\$ 2,800
5215009-421000	Professional Services	\$ 13,000
5215009-421040	Recreational Services	\$ 57,285
5215009-422200	Electric	\$ 7,850

5215009-422500	Water	\$ 750
5215009-422600	Other Utilities	\$ 650
5215009-422700	Refuse Disposal	\$ 650
5215009-425100	Advertising	\$ 4,500
5215009-425400	Office Expenses	\$ 3,000
5215009-426500	Recreation Supplies	\$ 53,750
5215009-425600	Central Printing	\$ 2,550
5215009-425700	Software Purchase/Licensing	\$ 23,010
5215009-427200	Training	\$ 7,200
5215009-424220	All Other Equipment Maintenance/Repair	\$ 54,500
5215009-422100	Telephone	\$ 3,120
5215009-426200	Clothing	\$ 1,600
5215009-463300	Off Furniture & Equip Cap Lease	\$ 3,000
5215009-428400	Liability Insurance	\$ 4,000
Total		\$ 426,454

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Attachment: Presentation