



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST UPDATE PRESENTED BY RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT, LIEUTENANT MISENHEIMER

ISSUE:

Provide an update on the Parks and Neighborhood Specialists Program to the Park and Recreation Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive a report providing an update on the progress of the Parks and Neighborhood Specialists Program.

BACKGROUND:

On March 21, 2022, the Riverside Police Department introduced the Parks and Neighborhood Specialists Program (PANS) to the Park and Recreation Commission. PANS prioritizes the safety and welfare in neighborhoods and in City parks, trails, and recreation areas for residents and visitors.

DISCUSSION:

Lt. Misenheimer will provide the Park and Recreation Commission with an update from the last presentation on March 21, 2022, on the progress of staffing, equipment, training, accomplishments, and future goals of the PANS program.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The PANS update supports **Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government**, and **Goal 5.3:** enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

The item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The PANS Program update maintains transparency and engages

the community and the Park and Recreation Commission with timely information. Activities and actions by PANS serve the public interest, benefit the City's diverse populations, and results in the greater public good.

2. **Equity** – The PANS Program promotes equity throughout the city by enhancing safety throughout neighborhoods and local parks for the community.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The PANS Program assists with safeguarding city assets and infrastructure at local parks and neighborhoods as a deterrent to vandalism which can be costly to repair.
4. **Innovation** – The PANS Program is inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs in relation to safety and welfare throughout parks and neighborhoods.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The PANS Program is committed to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to persevere, adapt and grow during good and difficult times alike.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation