



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM A SQUARED CONSULTING, OWNER REBECCA ACEVEDO

ISSUE:

Provide a presentation on the mission, goals, and services offered by A Squared Consulting and how it benefits Project BRIDGE participants.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive a presentation regarding the mission, goals, and services offered by A Squared Consulting and how it benefits Project BRIDGE participants.

BACKGROUND:

On August 2, 2022, City Council approved an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Agreement with Rebecca Acevedo dba A Squared Consulting to provide classes to Project BRIDGE participants.

A Squared Consulting will begin to offer a series of classes for at-risk youth such as Anger Management, Substance Misuse & Awareness, Job Readiness, and much more. Classes are 100% funded through ARPA grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

In an effort to bring resources to at-risk youth, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) has expanded its partnership with A Square Consulting, which will bring assistance to a vulnerable population within the city. The PRCSD will highlight partner agencies and their efforts to provide vital services to the community. Owner, Rebecca Acevedo oversees operations at A Squared Consulting and will provide an overview of the great resources that are now available to at-risk teens within the community.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The presentation by A Squared Consulting supports **Strategic Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation**, and **Goal 1.1** – Strengthen Riverside’s portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior, and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities, and fund development. It also supports **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well Being**, and **Goal 2.5** – Foster relationships between community members, partner organization and public safety professionals to define, prioritize and address community safety and social service needs.

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

1. **Community Trust** – The presentation informs the community of services available that benefit the public good. Educational services are deemed a critical need for many Project BRIDGE participants which are at-risk youth and a part of a vulnerable population.
2. **Equity** – This partnership promotes free services to low income and moderate-income communities that are affected by gang affiliation, drug abuse, and more.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Partnerships with other agencies assist in providing resources that the Department would not otherwise be able to offer. In order to offset costs, PRCSD was awarded funds through the American Rescue Plan Act.
4. **Innovation** – Innovative partnerships with agencies allows the City to provide social services to address the community’s needs. This partnership allows the PRCSD to expand services offered to at-risk youth.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – A Squared Consulting provides critical social services to meet the probationary requirements of at-risk youth at a more accessible rate to ensure this vulnerable population is able to thrive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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