



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE: JULY 12, 2016**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**      **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive a report providing an overview of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's 2015 achievements and recognize department employees.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council receive and file this report.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides innovative recreational experiences and social enrichment opportunities and continues to address the changing needs for people of all ages and cultures in a variety of safe and attractive parks, landscapes, and facilities.

In July, the City of Riverside highlight's the award winning Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department that prudently maintains 50 developed and natural parks with 13 community centers and 7 pools. The facilities offer an assortment of amenities for all ages and interests. From sports to crafts to language skills and dancing, Riverside definitely believes "Parks Make Life Better".

In 2015, the department received two awards from the California Park and Recreation Society: 1) Facility Park Design Award of Excellence for the Ysmael Villegas Community Center Expansion and 2) Marketing and Communications Award of Excellence for the Commission Quarterly and Annual Public Reports. The City was also designated as a Playful City USA Community for a 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The department was awarded with two grants: 1) Kaiser Permanente Foundation Operation Splash Grant for \$49,500 and 2) Red Cross Centennial Grant for \$10,500.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department selected Recreation Services Coordinator, Timothy Ridley for Employee of the Year for 2015. Additionally, Darren Ramsey, Landscape Maintenance Inspector, was recognized for the Director's Challenge Award.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report.

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