



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: MAY 16, 2017**

**FROM: MUSEUM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: SITE LICENSE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RIVERSIDE AND OVER THE EDGE GLOBAL, INC. TO CONDUCT THE SECOND ANNUAL OVER-THE-EDGE RAPPELLING EVENT AT RIVERSIDE CITY HALL**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve Site License Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity Riverside and Over the Edge Global, Inc. in order to permit these organizations to use the Riverside City Hall as a site for their Second Annual Over-the-Edge Rappelling event on July 15, 2017.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Site License Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity Riverside and Over the Edge Global, Inc. in order to permit these organizations to use the Riverside City Hall as a site for their Second Annual Over-the-Edge Rappelling event on July 15, 2017; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and make minor, non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On July 15, 2017, Habitat for Humanity's Riverside (HFHR) chapter is holding the Second Annual Over the Edge challenge, a fundraising event, at Riverside City Hall. The event aims to raise \$100,000 to benefit HFHR's three-year plan to provide veterans homes and services. HFHR's is currently in the process of building 38 homes in Riverside and Jurupa Valley and is working to help veterans transition back into civilian life using art therapy, offering career counseling, providing college pathways for children of veterans, and teaching financial literacy and computer program skills.

Over the Edge Global, Inc. (OTE) is the organization that will organize and oversee the Over-the-Edge building rappelling event. OTE will provide a team of professionals certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians.

## **DISCUSSION:**

City staff has met with appropriate staff from HFHR and OTE to discuss safety and event logistics. Specifically, participants will rappel from the Grier Pavilion down to Main Street Riverside. The Site License Memorandum of Understanding defines roles and responsibilities for the event. OTE organizers are required to provide security rigging, helmets and a brief demonstration of how to rappel, stage two experts at the top and bottom of the building to guide the participant and control his or her speed and pace.

City will prepare the location, which requires removal of glass along the southern edge of the Grier Pavilion. HFHR will pay for the cost to remove and replace the glass. City staff and security will be onsite at all times before and during the event and the cost for this staff time will be paid by HFHR through the Grier Application and Use procedures.

Habitat for Humanity Riverside is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization. Habitat for Humanity Riverside is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity Riverside was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

Over the Edge Global produces signature events for non-profit organizations anywhere in North America and throughout the world. Business leaders, individuals and community members are invited to raise donations in exchange for the experience of rappelling from a building. The mission of Over the Edge Global is to create a legacy with a 10 year goal to help non-profit organizations throughout North America raise 50 million dollars. To date, the organization has helped to raise over 45 million dollars through 500 events and 25,000 participants.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Habitat for Humanity Riverside will cover the costs associated with the event, as discussed above.

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Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

### Attachment:

1. Site License Memorandum of Understanding
2. Presentation