



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MAY 21, 2018**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BASKETBALL DIVISION A TEAM “GAMETIME” - CHAMPIONS OF THE 2018 INLAND EMPIRE ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AND BECOMING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FEDERATION TOURNAMENT OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

ISSUE:

Recognition of Youth Basketball Division A Team “Gametime” for winning the 2018 Inland Empire Association Tournament and becoming the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament of League Champions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission recognize the dedication and effort put forth by the team “Gametime” who represented the City through competition and sportsmanship with other cities from the Inland Empire, Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, and Orange County areas.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Youth Sports section hosted the Riverside Youth Basketball League from January 13, 2018 to March 10, 2018. Teams that participated in the City’s league also had an opportunity to play in the Inland Empire Association Tournament and then in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Tournament of League Champions (TLC).

The City of Riverside is a SCMAF member with the Inland Empire Association. Over the last 10 years Riverside has hosted Inland Empire Association Tournaments, and as a result has contributed to Riverside’s positive reputation in providing competitive youth sports teams in collaboration with SCMAF and the surrounding communities.

The SCMAF Inland Empire Association Tournament took place on March 17 and 18, 2018. Riverside hosted the B Division bracket at Bobby Bonds and Hunt Park gyms while the Cities of Chino and Norco hosted A and C Division brackets. Over 50 teams registered for the Inland Empire Association Tournament, 10 of which were from the City of Riverside.

DISCUSSION:

The team “Gametime” was registered at Hunt Park in the A Division for the 2018 season. The team was coached by volunteers Josh Scarborough and Kelvin Smith and consisted of nine boys and one girl from the surrounding Hunt Park community. Their strong work ethic and team spirit assured their success throughout the regular season winning the majority of their games. The Inland Empire Association Tournament championship game consisted of two teams from Riverside; Hunt Park’s “Gametime” and Bryant Park’s “Bulls”. The team “Gametime” came away victorious winning by only 3 points; final score was 42-39.

As the champion of the Inland Empire Association Tournament, “Gametime” was invited to participate in the SCMAF Tournament of League Champions tournament, which took place on March 24 and 25, 2018, at the Jesse Owens Gym in the City of Los Angeles. Riverside’s “Gametime” defeated Santa Ana in the first round to secure their spot in the championship game against the Los Angeles area Jesse Owens’ “Elite” team. “Gametime” fiercely played their way to victory, beating “Elite” 50 to 38.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Team Roster
2. Team Photo
3. SCMAF Tournament Results