



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2018

FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, MAYOR RUSTY BAILEY WARDS: ALL
COUNCILMEMBER CHUCK CONDER

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE
AND RIDE 2 RECOVERY D.B.A. PROJECT HERO FOR THE "BIKES4VETS"
BICYCLE COLLABORATION**

ISSUE:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Ride 2 Recovery dba Project Hero for the "Bike4Vets" Bicycle Collaboration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Ride 2 Recovery dba Project Hero for the "Bike4Vets" Bicycle Collaboration; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Ride 2 Recovery dba Project Hero, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

There are three circumstances in which RPD takes possession of a bicycle. First, and most common, bikes that are booked as "safekeeping" when the rider/owner has been arrested. RPD will put these bikes on a safekeeping hold for 60 days and notify the last known owner by letter and are given instructions as to how they can claim their property. Second, bikes that are booked as "Found Property." These bikes are found or reported as found and have no known owner. They are held for 90 days in the event that an owner comes forward and can provide proof of ownership. Last, RPD occasionally gets bikes that are evidence in an investigation. These bikes are booked as "Evidence" and are held until they are no longer needed evidence. Upon possession of a bicycle, the Riverside Police Department (PRD) makes every effort to return it to their lawful owners

Unclaimed bikes in good condition are typically grouped together in groups of 10-15 as a "lot" and are sent to the auction provider Propertyroom.com. Bikes that are not in good shape are disposed of. On rare occasions, the auctioneer will determine that a bike has significant enough

value to be sold alone on Propertyroom.com. The proceeds from the bikes sold on Propertyroom.com are split 50-50 between the auctioneer and the City. It is more common for bikes to be grouped together in large lots and only sell for a few dollars per bike.

Within the past year, Propertyroom.com informed RPD they will only accept bikes that have a good chance to sell on their website, so RPD has been sending fewer bikes than in previous years. In the first six months of 2018, PRD sent approximately 60 bikes to Propertyroom.com, which generated an approximate return of \$150.00 to the City's General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

Project Hero was founded in 2008 and is a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping Veterans and First Responders affected by Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The organization aims to help these veterans and first responders achieve rehabilitation, recovery and resilience in their daily lives and to increase awareness to combat the national mental health emergency posed by PTSD and TBI.

Project Hero programs including Ride 2 Recovery events and Project Hero Community Centers. These programs work to produce positive outcomes at lower costs, and also reduce drug-based therapies, including a massive reduction in the use of opioid-based pain medications.

As part of their community service mission, Project Hero Inland Empire has agreed to accept bicycles, in whole or as parts, from the Riverside Police Department on a recurring basis and find owners for the bicycles in the Veteran community. This program will be called Bikes4Vets.

Bikes4Vets Program

Through the Bikes4Vets Program, the Riverside Police Department will initiate contact with a Project Hero volunteer staff when bicycles have been legally abandoned or are otherwise amenable for disposition. At no time shall Project Hero identify a specific need or request for bicycles or parts to the Police Department.

Project Hero shall inspect the available bicycles and clearly identify and categorize bicycles that are: (a) suitable for refurbishment; (b) suitable to be partially salvaged as parts; or (c) unsuitable for salvage.

Bicycles and parts transferred to Project Hero shall be used to assemble safe bicycles for further charitable distribution within the City of Riverside. When circumstances warrant, some of these bikes will be adapted to accommodate the needs of disabled veterans. The priority for distributing bicycles shall be based on veteran status and then on need. Priority will be given as follows:

1. Formerly homeless veterans residing in subsidized housing, regardless of VA disability status.
2. Veterans with a service connected disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. All other military personnel, veterans and members of the National Guard.
4. Family members of the above listed Veterans.

5. For all bikes donated by the City of Riverside, Project Hero will give priority to Riverside residents and agencies serving Riverside residents (US Vets, Camp Anza, the VA etc).
6. Should any bike remain after we've gone through steps 1-5, Project Hero Hub will keep the bikes for Ride 2 Recovery cycling classes and events.
7. In the event that there are children's bikes that Project Hero is unable to distribute, these items will be distributed to Riverside's youth, in accordance with a carefully crafted RPD operational policy, through the Riverside Police Foundation.

Project Hero shall sign a receipt for each bicycle and salvaged parts received and provide a quarterly report to the Riverside Police Department as to the placement of each bicycle.

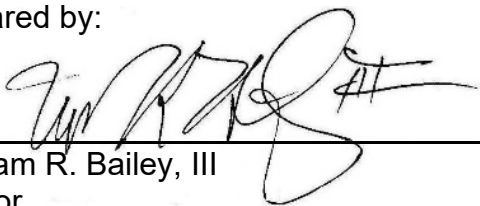
On occasion, the City may identify an individual or family that should receive the bicycles. In these instances, a release of liability, approved by the City Attorney's Office, shall be signed by the receiving individual or family and the bicycle will remain their property.

Project Hero will provide classes and guided rides available to all recipients of bicycles under the Project Hero Bikes4Vets program.

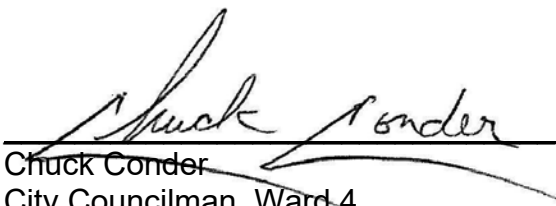
FISCAL IMPACT:

In calendar year 2017, RPD sent exactly 100 bikes to auction, which yielded a return of \$546.76 back to the general fund. The Bikes4Vets program will result in the estimated loss of approximately \$550.00 annually to the City's general fund.

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Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding.