



# Park and Recreation Commission

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

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

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an update on the construction and programming components of the new Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and provide feedback on a report highlighting updates on the construction and programming components of the new Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On December 16, 2014, the City Council directed staff to re-design existing plans for a childcare center to serve as a youth innovation center and allocate funding for the design phase. Staff held off on bidding the project until January 29, 2018, so funding would be available for operating the facility once constructed.

On July 30, 2018, Act 1 Construction was issued a notice to proceed with constructing the approximately 10,000 square foot Youth Innovation Center (YIC) at Arlington Park. The Project, including the YIC building and associated site improvements (parking lot, landscaping and outdoor classroom/patio area), is anticipated to be completed in June 2018, at which time staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use with an anticipated opening in Summer of 2019.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Progress made on the construction phase of the project includes: 1) construction mobilization, which includes preparation of the site for construction, fencing, temporary power, etc.; 2) demolition of existing park infrastructure, including the roller hockey rink; 3) grading of the site; and 4) preparation of the foundation .

## **PROGRAMMING**

In the continued effort to gain insight on trending topics in technology and makerspaces, Staff have continued to research, tour facilities, and reach out by phone to various entities. Staff have toured the California Baptist University's photography and film studios and La Sierra University's Robotics Department and Film and Television Department production facilities.

Staff attended a Smart Riverside Board meeting to discuss and present the center's future goals and programming. In addition, staff attended the STEP Conference at Bourns Technology Center, viewing exhibitors and speaking with potential partners and contractors for the YIC.

Staff attended the Maker's Faire in San Diego to secure new contacts and research programming ideas. The hands-on festival brought tech enthusiasts, crafters, science clubs, artist and more to introduce their creations, while attendees learned to become makers themselves. The Maker Faire featured innovation and experimentation across the spectrum of science, engineering, art, performance and craft.

A policy for naming rights has been drafted and is currently going through the approval process. The YIC will have multiple rooms providing ample opportunities for fundraising in exchange for naming rights.

First round of public surveys were drafted and distributed at various events. Members expressed their interest in robotics, coding, 3D Printing, engineering for kids, computer training, graphic design and video games. Surveys will continue to be distributed at community events to gauge interests.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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