



City of Arts & Innovation

Park and Recreation Commission

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 30, 2019**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY BASED COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the collaborative programming between the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and various community-based organizations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive this report and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) has a long history of collaborating with community-based organizations to help expand public access to services, bridge the gap in providing park activation, increased access and additional services to the community. These community organizations include the Riverside Community Sailing Program (RCSP), Riverside Lawn Bowling Club (RLBC), Deep Creek Fly Fishers (DCFF), Inland Soaring Society (ISS), and the Riverside Community Health Foundation (RCHF). Staff and volunteers of these organizations are subject matter experts and provide hundreds of hours and a wide range of free to low-cost services, events and community outreach at City parks and community centers.

DISCUSSION:

The PRCSD collaborates with the community-based organizations identified above to blend resources that expand access to recreation, enrichment, and health and wellness opportunities.

Since 2009, the RCSP has been committed to bringing the joy of sailing and small boats to people of all ages and backgrounds on Lake Evans at Fairmount Park.

For almost 80 years, the RLBC at Fairmount Park has shared the fun of lawn bowling with RLBC members and the community. As part of their commitment, RLBC hosts open hours for non-members, tournaments, and league play. They also offer free and reduced cost clinics and tours to youth and community groups.

DCFF, with the support and guidance of California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service, have continued their mission of preserving the forest/stream ecosystems since 1992. DCFF provides a nature based program to the community by offering educational classes at the Izaak Walton building, fishing derby's at Fairmount Park, and classroom presentations at elementary schools.

The ISS collaboration with PRCSD dates back to the early 1980's and the increased popularity of the radio controlled model airplanes. The growth of the hobby required an open space where planes could fly and land safely. Initially, the ISS operated from Reid Park and was later relocated to the Dufferin parking lot where they continue to host fly days, events and workshops.

In 1997, the PRCSD began collaborating with the RCHF to improve the health and wellness levels in youth, families and neighborhoods. Throughout the years, the PRCSD resources and strategies were combined with RCHF to provide recreation, enrichment and services to the community.

The PRCSD is committed to expanding public access to recreation, health and wellness services and will continue to explore and implement partnerships with community-based organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation