



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MAY 20, 2019**

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

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES “A” AND “B” DIVISIONS YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYERS FROM BRYANT PARK – BULLS AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF THE DEAF, RIVERSIDE – RED CUBS FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FEDERATION TOURNAMENTS**

## **ISSUE:**

Recognition of Youth Basketball “A” and “B” Division “Bryant Bulls” for winning the 2019 Inland Empire Association and the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournaments and runner-up, the California School of the Deaf, Riverside “B” Division “Red Cubs”.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission recognize the dedication and effort demonstrated by the participants and the parents of the “Bryant Bulls and Red Cubs” who represented the City through their superior sportsmanship, dedication and competitiveness.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Youth Sports section host the Riverside Youth Basketball League annually from late December through mid-March. More than 1,200 boys and girls, ages 3-14 years old participate in the City’s league. In March 2019, over 20 Riverside based teams competed in the Inland Empire Association and the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Tournaments.

The Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF), established in 1949, is a non-profit organization comprised primarily of municipal recreation agencies throughout the region. SCMAF is broken down into 7 Associations based on county lines servicing 10 Southern California Counties. The City of Riverside is 1 of the 34 cities that represents the Inland Empire Association.

The SCMAF Inland Empire Association Tournament was held on March 16 and 17, 2019. Riverside hosted the “B” and “C” Division brackets at Bobby Bonds Park, Orange Terrace Park and the California School of the Deaf, Riverside (CSDR) while the cities of Moreno Valley, Chino, Jurupa, Montclair and Norco hosted the “A” and “C” Division brackets. Over 60 teams participated

in the Inland Empire Association Tournament, 9 of which were from Riverside.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Bryant Bulls “A” and “B” Division teams were champions of the 2019 Inland Empire Association Tournament. Volunteer Adam Aguirre coached the Bryant Bulls “A” Division Team, and Trevon Fulton, Volunteer coached the “B” Division team. The teams consisted of 20 youth participants from the Arlanza community. The CSDR Red Cubs coached by Keith Adams, consisted of 8 fifth and sixth graders who attended CSDR.

During the association tournament, the “A” Division Bryant Bulls defeated the City of Fontana in the Championship game 45 - 38. The “B” Division Championship consisted of two teams from the City of Riverside, The CSDR Red Cubs and the Bryant Bulls. The Bryant Bulls came away victorious with a final score of 37 – 21.

As champions and runner-up of the 2019 Inland Empire Association Tournaments, the Bryant Bulls and CSDR Red Cubs were awarded births to the SCMAF Tournament on March 30, 2019 in South Gate and Los Angeles. The Bryant Bulls “B” Division faced the CSDR Red Cubs once again in the championship game. Both teams played with determination and heart, however, the Bryant Bulls remained undefeated. The Bryant Bulls “A” Division team was also crowned champion after defeating the Saddleback Valley Clippers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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#### Attachments:

1. Team Rosters
2. Team Photos
3. SCMAF Tournament Results