



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JUNE 17, 2019**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

ISSUE:

Provide updates 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 9,000 square foot Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park. The project, including the Youth Innovation Center building and associated site improvements (parking lot, landscaping and outdoor classroom/patio area) is anticipated to be completed in August 2019, at which time staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use for an anticipated opening in Fall of 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Construction

Progress made on the construction phase of the project includes: 1) construction mobilization; 2) demolition; 3) rough grading; 4) building footings; 5) under utilities; 6) concrete floor/slab; 7) property line wall; 8) trellis structures; and 9) starting rough framing of walls. Unfortunately, the weather has caused major delays over the last three months and progress has been limited since

our last update. Schedules have been adjusted to allow for continued weather delays, which include rain days as well as mud days needed to dry out the site.



Programming

Staff has forged potential partnerships with the Riverside and San Bernardino branch of Business Network International (BNI) and Riverside City College. Staff has also explored staffing and programming opportunities with La Sierra University's Service-Learning team to secure student lead programs including workshops, trainings, and tutoring.

Staff has worked with the City Marketing Department team to finalize the YIC website, met with Riverside Community Services Foundation board members to create and edit 24 posts for preloading on social media platforms and giving mechanisms that the public can utilize to donate through. Social media content will highlight Music Mondays, Taco Training Tuesdays, Innovator Wednesday, Gamer Thursday and Friday Benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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