



# Park and Recreation Commission

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: AUGUST 19, 2019**

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

**SUBJECT: UPDATES 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, 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 October 2019, at which time, staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use for an anticipated opening by end 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; 9) Framing; 10) interior utility conduit; and 11) windows.



### Programming

The City's marketing team, PRCSD staff, and the Riverside Community Services Foundation Board Members have continued to edit the website. Website features include programming information, sponsor acknowledgement pages and letters of support, social media links, membership information, and a donation button.

Staff held an informational meeting on PRCSD independent contractor procedures for all new interested parties on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Current contract class instructors have also been invited to submit proposals for classes at the Innovation Center. Staff is currently receiving proposals and are creating a programming schedule for Fall 2019.

Staff has met with Learn 4 Life, a charter school functioning on an independent study model, and is currently in talks to negotiate a lease of the building during the mornings for school sessions. Staff is also forging new partnerships with Smooth Transition Inc., a non-profit WASC accredited vocational school for possible classes, certifications, equipment, and speakers.

Staff has continued to finalize sponsorship information, including submitting final drafts of pamphlets which include finalized sponsorship tiers and naming rights particulars. A final draft is currently being created and is awaiting final approval for printing.

Below is a tentative event schedule for the Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park:

1. Fundraising Event – October 23, 2019
2. Dedication of Facility – November 21, 2019
3. Grand Opening - January 2020 - Open-house Event, Programming starts.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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