



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 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 an update and provide feedback 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

Construction continues with the mechanical, electrical and plumbing substantially completed. After inspection, the building will be ready to install drywall in the interior. The exterior siding, roofing, and trellis will be completed by the time this report goes to the September Commission meeting and site improvements including irrigation, parking lot and landscaping will be well underway.



Programming

PRCSD staff have been accepting proposals for contract classes from both new and current independent contractors. Course proposals include topics in coding, tutoring, STEM clubs, and computer courses.

Staff are in negotiations with Learn 4 Life, a charter school functioning on an independent study model to lease the building from 8am-2pm for school sessions. Staff have also met with Smooth Transition Inc. a non-profit WASC accredited vocational school for possible classes, certifications, equipment, and speakers.

PRCSD staff and Riverside Community Services Foundation Board Members toured the facility and evaluated its progress on Thursday, August 15th. Additional tours will be scheduled for potential donors and community groups.

The Inaugural Innovators Gala is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Guests will enjoy class demonstrations, facility tours and dinner benefitting the Youth Innovation Center. Sponsorship and naming right opportunities will be the highlight of the evening.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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