



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 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, 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 postponed bidding the project until January 29, 2018, so funding would be available for facility operation following completion of construction.

On July 30, 2018, Act 1 Construction, Inc., was issued a notice to proceed to construct the approximately 9,000 square foot Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park.

DISCUSSION:

Construction

The project, including the Youth Innovation Center building and associated site improvements (parking lot, landscaping and outdoor classroom/patio area) is substantially completed, excluding flooring, cabinets, painting, signage and landscape. The contractor will continue to work with staff to complete the finishes, furnish, and prepare the facility for public use, with an anticipated opening of early winter 2020.



Programming

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) staff continue to accept proposals for contract classes. Course proposals include topics in coding, tutoring, STEM clubs, and computer courses.

PRCSD staff are currently waiting on two MOUs to be finalized with Learn 4 Life, a charter school functioning on an independent study model, and Music Changing Lives, a non-profit that teaches at-risk youth how to produce their own music. City Officials, PRCSD staff, and university and community partners have been interviewed by City staff and California Baptist University students in two separate videos about their involvement in the Youth Innovation Center.

The Department goal is to raise \$2,000,000, or more, for an endowment for ongoing operations. Currently, a commitment of \$200K has been secured with other donations in the works. An inaugural Innovator's Gala was held on October 30, with over 100 people in attendance. The Gala allowed potential donors a sneak peak of the facility, tour of the building, met 11 programming partners, and were given the opportunity to become a sponsor. The Gala garnered support, excitement, a list of potential donors, and resulted with the likely possibility of a local, well known business providing a substantial donation for the right to name the facility as well as other leads. PRCSD Staff will continue to follow-up with the Gala guest list and other potential center donors.

The Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony will be on November 21, at 4:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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