



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 29, 2020**
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: 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, 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.

DISCUSSION:

Construction

The project construction is substantially completed with countertops, backsplashes, low voltage (Wi-Fi, security systems and cameras) and furniture remaining to be completed.

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, sound recording, maker space activities, film and photography, and computer courses. Newest secured classes are parent and me coding, website building for seniors, film and photography,

disc jockey, voice overs, and video editing. Open registration will begin in February 2020.

PRCSD Staff have filled one position for Instructor and have reopened the posting to find additional qualified candidates. Applications have been reviewed and interviews will be conducted in early-February. These new hires will have expertise in various subjects to provide instruction for classes, workshops and seminars. Topics will range from film and photography, music production, computers, maker space equipment, and STEM related fields. Staff is currently reopening the position for Coordinator after the first candidate withdrew. This candidate will oversee day to day operations of the building and play a crucial role in the further development of new and innovative programming.

The Department goal is to raise \$2,000,000, or more, for an endowment for ongoing operations. Since the inaugural Innovators' Gala, held on October 30, 2019, the Department has received a commitment of \$1,106,100.00. This commitment has come in the form of naming rights for two of the center's spaces and the facility itself, sponsorship tiers, and donations. The largest of these is the \$1 million naming rights commitment made by the Board of Bourns Inc. to name the building. The center will now be known as the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

The grand opening is scheduled for Monday March 2, 2020. The event will be open to the public and will showcase the building, various programs, and will be a chance for the public to register for classes, which will start Tuesday March 3, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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