



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: BOURNS FAMILY YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER MONTHLY UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the construction and programming components of the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and file a report highlighting updates on the construction and programming components of the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

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 allocated 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.

The building construction was completed on July 10, 2020, and a Notice of Completion was filed with the County. Staff is currently in the final stages of preparing the facility for public use and programming, with the expectation of the facility opening in Spring 2021. In addition, due to the COVID-19 State orders and CDC restrictions, this facility is not allowed to be opened for its intended public use until further notice.

DISCUSSION:

Construction

The attached presentation will provide insight into the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center's look, theme and areas for future programming.

Programming:

On March 30, 2020, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) Staff

cancelled the grand opening event due to the impacts of COVID-19.

In July 2020, PRCSD staff began discussing programming elements and the remaining infrastructure needs such as IT components. Since then, PRCSD Staff have met regularly with the City's IT Department to discuss internet and network needs and set deadlines. They are also meeting with other vendors to provide the final touches to equipment demands before the opening date which is tentatively set for late spring 2021 pending the Governor's COVID-19 restrictions.

Due to the COVID-19 closures, PRCSD Staff seized the opportunity to utilize the CARES Act funds allocated for Distanced Learning to introduce several virtual classes. The community will have the opportunity to take part in 3D printing, STEM clubs, robotics and digital art virtual classes. Staff is also working with their partner, C3 Initiative, to host a free, in-person robotics expo on Sunday, October 25, 2020. The expo will introduce youth to robotics and coding programs, all while introducing the center's creative space. Participants and staff will follow all social distancing requirements.

On August 18, 2020, City Council approved three of the four Naming Rights Agreements of the Youth Innovation Center; Bourns Foundation, Mac Arthur Family, and Enoch and Windy Hwang. The SmartRiverside Agreement will be introduced at Council's November meeting.

Donor	Amount	Facility/Room
Bourns Foundation	\$1,000,000	Youth Innovation Center building
Mac Arthur Family	\$50,000	Classroom
Enoch and Windy Hwang	\$50,000	Computer Lab
SmartRiverside	\$50,000	Informal Classroom

The Bourns Foundation requested that the City agree to name and identify the facility as the "Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center", in recognition of their desire to support the Riverside Community Services Foundation (RCSF) and Youth Innovation Center with a \$1 million grant. The contribution will be made to the RCSF in support of the Youth Innovation Center's STEM programming, which includes guest speakers, technology-based camps, scholarships, etc.

The RCSF, with PRCSD support, will continue to do outreach and recruit additional partners and monetary supporters to reach the \$2 million goal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation