



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JUNE 21, 2021**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: VERBAL UPDATE – STATUS OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARK RANGER PROGRAM: THE PARK AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY SPECIALISTS PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Provide an update on the park ranger program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provides feedback and support regarding the park ranger program.

BACKGROUND:

At the May 17, 2021, Park and Recreation Commission meeting, Commissioner Jester requested that the department agendaize the topic of the park ranger program.

DISCUSSION:

The park ranger program has been an ongoing topic for the City of Riverside. Most recently, through joint efforts by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department, Riverside Police Department, and with the support of City Management, the Park and Neighborhood Safety Specialist (PANSS) program was established. PANSS will enable the City of Riverside to make parks and adjacent areas safer, more family-oriented, and able to maintain peace and order.

Director Cruz will provide a verbal update regarding PANSS.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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