



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JULY 19, 2021**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: VERBAL UPDATE – STATUS ON THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARK AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY SPECIALISTS PROGRAM; FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PARK RANGER PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Provide an update on the Park and Neighborhood Specialist program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback and support regarding the Park and Neighborhood Specialist program.

BACKGROUND:

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

On June 10, 2021, the Riverside Police Department provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to the Budget Engagement Committee regarding the Park and Neighborhood Specialist program, as part of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget.

On June 22, 2021, the Finance Department, included the Proposed Park and Neighborhood Specialists Program (attachment 2) as part of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget report.

DISCUSSION:

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

Director Cruz will provide a verbal update regarding the PANS program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: 1. June 10, 2021, Budget Engagement Committee PowerPoint Presentation
2. June 22, 2021, Proposed Park and Neighborhood Specialists Program