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Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department

City Council

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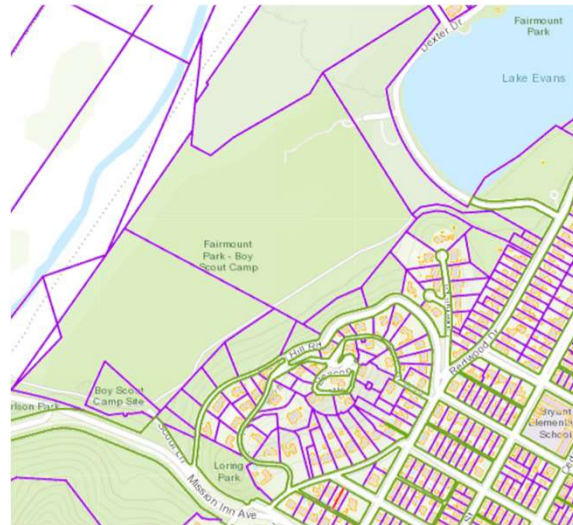
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BACKGROUND



- Starting in the early 1900's, Fairmount Park was the home to the Boy Scouts of America Riverside Council scouting organization
- In 1981, the Boy Scouts of America gave approximately 2.5 acres of land north of Mission Inn Ave. and Scout Lane to the City of Riverside



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REQUEST

California Inland Empire Council (CIEC) of Scouting America would like to:

- Move its Council Headquarters to Fairmount Park, offering numerous opportunities for youth, a scout store, and both indoor and outdoor meeting facilities
- Revitalize Fairmount Park with the goal of serving youth in the region
- Work with the city to develop new youth programs utilizing Fairmount Park



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

CIEC envisions several programs at Fairmount Park including:

- Scout Day Camps
- Webelos Woods
- Camporees
- Scout-o-Ramas
- Targeted training in sailing, golfing, biking, and similar activities



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POTENTIAL LOCATION



The best location could be at the front of the park, near the entrance, at the site of the former senior center building

Potential Building Site



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve the six-year Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and California Inland Empire Council, Scouting America, establishing a cooperative framework under which the City will make available to Scouts a parcel of land for the development of a new Council Headquarters at Fairmount Park, offering numerous opportunities for youth, a scout store, and both indoor and outdoor meeting facilities; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Inland Empire Council, Scouting America, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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