



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

DATE: June 23, 2010
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Lower Westside Block Party

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report on the Lower Westside Block Party that was held June 5, 1020.

DISCUSSION: On June 5, 2010, at Parque Del Los Niños, Neighborhood and Outreach Services staff in cooperation with the Lower Westside Advisory Committee hosted a neighborhood block party. The event included informational services for families, activities for children, and health and eye screening for families of the neighborhood free of charge

The Lower Westside Block Party had a great neighborhood turnout of approximately 150 families. There were over 20 volunteers who helped with the set up and break down. All of the services were provided free of charge, including eye glass services for youth and adults. The need for medical services in the neighborhood became obvious as the highlight of the afternoon was the mobile clinic, C.O.W (Clinic On Wheels). It was brought to our attention by the medical staff that 2 individuals were diagnosed with severe diabetes and received medical assistance. Approximately 40 individuals were screened by the mobile clinic.

The following is a list of agencies who participated in the event:

- Family Service Agency
- American Indian Health & Services Mobile R.V
- Free Brown Bag Program for seniors
- Manauia Youth Group
- Fun of the Run mobile recreation - Parks & Recreation
- A-OK Program registration
- Free Eye Exams-Eye glass company
- Unity Shoppe - donated 2 adult bikes, 2 Girls bikes, 2 boys bikes and kites for prize drawing
- Franklin School - donated 6 bike helmets

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The audience was entertained by the cultural dancing of Susana Maprueno, a neighborhood resident and volunteer of the monthly food distribution. She was joined by a 3-year old boy of the neighborhood who also enjoyed the festive music.

We appreciate the work of the Lower Westside Advisory Committee members as well as members of the Youth Council and community volunteers who assisted at the event.

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