



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2011

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of ZoDo's Bowling and Beyond

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Rocky Horner and Steve Davis of ZoDo's Bowling and Beyond for their continued support of the Adapted bowling program.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department began an Adapted recreation program in 1974. The bowling program was one of the first recreation opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. It allowed them to socialize and get physical exercise through a fun experience. The goal of the program is social interaction rather than competition, which has made the program a winner.

The success of the program has much to do with the staff at ZoDo's Bowling and Beyond, led by Steve Davis and Rocky Horner. They have taken a personal interest in making the bowling program for our participants easy, enjoyable and fun. Each quarter they make sure we have our bowling dates set well in advance. And annually, they make sure we have a date locked in for the Bowling Festival, a program offered to all bowlers in the community. Our participants look forward to bowling every month as they arrive with their bowling bag in hand and proudly wearing their Adapted team shirt.

From the very beginning, ZoDo's has generously supported our program. They waived our bowling fees for an entire year, sponsored us in two festivals, donated party packages for our bowling banquet, and continually provide us with a reduced rate each month. We would also like to acknowledge the front desk staff at ZoDo's as they are comforting, reassuring, and welcoming to the participants. They are so familiar with our guys they almost know their shoe size. The kitchen staff is also great; they are flexible with our standard lunch order, knowing to substitute healthier options for the bowlers who have special dietary needs.

The commitment from Rocky, Steve, and all their staff have made to our bowlers is truly amazing. Without the partnership of ZoDo's Bowling and Beyond, we would not be able to provide these opportunities for our disabled participants.

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