



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2016
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Westside Boys and Girls Club Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation and annual report on the Westside Boys and Girls Club for Fiscal Year 2016.

DISCUSSION:

In 1964, the City entered into a fifty-year lease at one dollar a year with the Westside Boys Club (Club) of Santa Barbara, which allowed the club to develop the property and build a facility within the confines of what was then known as Anapamu Park, now known as Bohnett Park. Since completion in 1967, the Club has served Westside youth, first as the Westside Boys Club and now as the Westside Boys and Girls Club. The Club is part of the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County (United) organization.

In May of 2015, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) renegotiated a three-year lease agreement with United for the Club located at 602 W. Anapamu Street, at one dollar a year.

Similar to other Department agreements, United must submit an annual report at the end of each fiscal year. The contents of the annual report are detailed in the lease and are intended to show progress towards a number of performance milestones related to programs, and financial and operational sustainability. Milestones achieved during Fiscal Year 2016 include:

1. Demonstrating improved organizational sustainability by achieving a year-over-year improved financial condition, improving leadership continuity on the Board of Directors and actively pursuing grants and fundraising efforts to support United's operations.
2. Providing an annual report on programs, services and participation.

3. Working with the Santa Barbara Police Department to develop a community policing office to serve Westside residents, like the (SBPD) one operating at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, within 30 days of the lease signing.
4. Developing a minimum of two partnerships that expand programming for Westside youth within six months of the lease execution that remain in place over the term of the lease.

The attached Annual Report fulfills a requirement of the lease agreement, and the content demonstrates that United is actively pursuing grants and fundraising efforts to improve the financial stability of the Club and has increased the partnerships in the community to expand programming to youth in the Westside neighborhood. While the Community Policing Office is not fully operational at this point, United has taken steps to connect with SBPD and make an office space available, and it is expected that the Community Policing Office will be open and operational by the end of 2016.

The Westside Boys and Girls Club provides valuable services to youth and families on the Westside. In the past year, the current leadership has improved staffing and program quality and has expanded services and facility operation days/hours to better serve the Westside community.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The lease payment for the United Boys and Girls Club use of the Westside Boys and Girls Club is one dollar, paid annually.

A copy of this agreement is available in the City Clerk's office for public review.

ATTACHMENT: United Boys and Girls Club Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016

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