



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 24, 2016

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Partners

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize community partners John Palminteri, Roger Perry and Kim Stabile for their support of the City of Santa Barbara's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

**DISCUSSION:** For a number of years, the City of Santa Barbara has sponsored and organized the City's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at West Beach. City staff from Waterfront, Police, Fire and the Parks and Recreation Department handle the logistics of the fireworks show, portable toilets, trash/recycling boxes, dumpsters and light towers and organizing street closures and crowd control. City staff has looked to community partners to help organize food vendors and bands for musical entertainment on the beach prior to the fireworks show. For many years, the non-profit organization SPARKLE partnered with the City. Three years ago, when SPARKLE was no longer able to participate, three community members stepped up to insure that "the show went on!" The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize these community volunteers for their efforts.

John Palminteri is a reporter for local television stations KEYT, KCOY and KKFX and local radio stations, KJEE and KCLU. During the last two years, his celebrity status and range of network has helped raise funds from community businesses to pay for the stage, an electrical generator, lights, and all the equipment and personnel needed to put on a show on the beach. This year John secured the majority of the \$14,000 raised and acted as the emcee during the show.

Roger Perry, an insurance broker by trade, has been involved in numerous non-profit organizations over the years, including Old Spanish Days and Friends of East Beach Association. Roger Perry has also partnered with Parks and Recreation to organize teen music concerts at Skater's Point since 2013. With this experience, Roger put together this year's entertainment schedule which offered nine hours of family friendly music. He also helped with the setup of the stage, sound equipment and fundraising.

Kim Stabile and her husband Gino are the owners of Woody's Bodacious Barbecue, a restaurant in Goleta. They have catered numerous private events and been a food vendor

fixture at some of Santa Barbara's largest events such as Summer Solstice, Fiesta and the AVP volleyball tournaments. With her experience, Kim was responsible for recruiting food vendors and collecting fees to support fundraising efforts, organizing the vendor area, and procuring the County Environmental Health permits, one-day vending permits, and sidewalk merchandising permits.

It is with great gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes John Palminteri, Roger Perry and Kim Stabile for their volunteer efforts and support to make Santa Barbara's 4<sup>th</sup> of July extra special for residents and visitors alike.

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