



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2007

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Robin Paulsen and Club West Volunteers

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Robin Paulsen and Club West volunteers who support afterschool track and field programs.

DISCUSSION:

Since 2003, Club West volunteers have coached track and field at the Junior High Afterschool Sports Program. February through March, twice per week, Club West volunteers came to the 4 Junior High schools to teach and train students in proper skill techniques and sports safety. Club West purchased and supplied the required equipment including hurdles, shot puts, and javelins. Club West also hosted the Junior High Afterschool Program dual meets at San Marcos High School where approximately 100 students participated.

In September 2006, an elementary afterschool track and field program was created and named the Read, Right, and Run Club. The purpose of the club was for participants to achieve a goal of reading 5 books, performing 5 good deeds that benefit their community, and running 5 miles in a 6 week period. Approximately 20 participants meet once per week with Club West volunteers who encouraged and charted their progress towards the goals. Participants were given laminated score cards, water bottles, and upon successful completion, medals and certificates. Robin Paulsen, met with the participants each week, and through his motivation and expertise in track and field, developed this program into a success.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the outstanding volunteer support provided by Club West and Robin Paulsen through track and field programs.

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