



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2008

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of the Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve, Douglas Family Preserve Technical Advisory Committee, and Owen Dell for their support of the Douglas Family Preserve Community Planting Day

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve, the Douglas Family Preserve Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Mr. Owen Dell for their support of the Parks and Recreation Department Second Annual Community Planting Day.

DISCUSSION:

The Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve (DFP) have provided support for restoration at the DFP since the First Annual Community Planting Event in 2006. The Parks Division teamed up with the Friends of the DFP and the DFPTAC to hold a second community planting day on March 15, 2008. Over 35 volunteers participated in the planting of 750 native grasses and shrubs. The project received funds generated by Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment (SCAPE). Friends of DFP member Brad Taggart made a generous donation of native plants for the event, and Susan Belloni conducted extensive outreach. Kathleen Modugno provided support as a Friends of DFP member and also as a member of the DFPTAC.

The DFPTAC provided support of the Community Planting Event. Park and Recreation Commissioner Beebe Longstreet and Jim Andelman helped with planning, and Chair Cricket Wood, Doug Fischer, and Robert Haines helped plan and implement the event. Mr. Owen Dell, community volunteer, provided entertaining and informative instructions to the volunteers regarding planting methods.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the dedication of the Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve, the Douglas Family Preserve TAC, and Owen Dell. Their efforts to make the Community Planting Day a success and the work of community volunteers are greatly appreciated.

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