



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 24, 2010
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Recognition of Kelly Cruce for her support of the Douglas Family Preserve and Community Planting Days

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Ms. Kelly Cruce for her support of the Douglas Family Preserve Community Planting Days.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks Division teamed up with the Land Trust for Santa Barbara and the Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve (DFP) to hold two community planting days on January 30, 2010, and March 13, 2010. Over 175 volunteers participated in the installation of 1,500 native plants. Funding for the plants was provided by an anonymous donor through the California Community Foundation. The Disney Give a Day, Get a Day program also provided 89 certificates in support of DFP volunteers.

The DFP Technical Advisory Committee helped plan and carry out the events and the Friends of DFP conducted outreach and provided refreshments. Dr. Mike Gonella, Santa Barbara City College professor, and Santa Barbara Youth Corps student volunteers also provided assistance with site restoration and planting.

Ms. Kelly Cruce, community volunteer, performed site preparation in 2009 and was instrumental in the implementation of the 2010 community planting days. Ms. Cruce is a participant in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Master Gardener Training program.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the dedication of Ms. Kelly Cruce. Her efforts to make the Community Planting Day a success and the work of community volunteers are greatly appreciated.

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