



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** December 15, 2010

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Community Volunteers Supporting Neighborhood and Outreach Services Programs

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

- A. Recognize Susana Madrueno Gonzalez for volunteering for projects in the Lower Westside neighborhood; and
- B. Recognize Tara Haaland-Ford, Jorge Fulco, Christy Haynes, Officer Karls, Janice Rorick, and Melissa Wilkins, for volunteering and supporting Parks and Recreation youth and teen programming.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Neighborhood and Outreach Services section focuses on providing services to our city neighborhoods and families, especially those living in highly dense areas and underserved in many areas. As part of our services, we coordinate weekly and monthly food distribution programs; gardening programs and activities for youth. The Neighborhood and Outreach Services (NOS) staff depends highly on volunteers to help us achieve our goals. Susana Madrueno Gonzalez is such a neighborhood volunteer, who for the past several years has helped coordinate the food distribution program in the lower Westside neighborhood. Additionally, Ms. Madrueno Gonzalez volunteered for two neighborhood community events – Lower Westside Block Party in which she provided entertainment and dance instructions to the youth and the recent Fall Festival event. Ms. Madrueno Gonzalez support of the neighborhood and her generous giving of her time have not gone unnoticed and the Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize her commitment to the neighborhood.

The Santa Barbara Youth Council, working with staff in the Neighborhood and Outreach Services section, develops, coordinates and hosts several activities throughout the year to engage and educate their peers. To provide the best possible information and open dialogue, the Youth Council solicits the support from community providers. During the early part of 2010, the Youth Council held a Youth Speak Out to discuss issues that teens had identified. This discussion was followed up on November 15, with a Teen Rights Workshop that dealt with the issues of teen dating violence, drugs and alcohol, school regulations and police traffic stop.

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The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the time commitment and support given by Tara Haaland-Ford, Jorge Fulco, Christy Haynes, Officer Carl Kamin, Janice Rorick and Melissa Wilkins. Each of these individuals volunteered their evening time and presented valuable information and support to our community teens.

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