



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2011

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Annual Lower Westside Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize community volunteers for their service during the Annual Lower Westside Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt.

DISCUSSION:

In past years, the Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee and neighborhood volunteers have assisted in providing an annual Easter Egg Hunt at Parque Del Los Niños in the Lower Westside neighborhood. This year, members of the community and the newly formed Neighborhood Advisory Council, continued this tradition by coordinating an event that attracted over 150 youth and children. Neighborhood and Outreach Services staff partnered with Unity Shoppe to gather donations necessary to have a successful event. Cash donations exceeded \$150, in addition to donated Easter baskets and other assorted items.

This event would not have been possible without the support and coordination provided by 16 adults and youth volunteers. The volunteers covered the park with the candy-filled eggs, hiding a few golden tickets in several plastic eggs for special prizes. The goal to bring neighbors and families together to engage residents in positive activity was met. We look forward to more events in the future partnering families with events and programs in neighborhoods. Involvement by the Neighborhood Advisory Council members and Parks and Recreation Commissioners was also greatly appreciated.

Staff recommends that the volunteers be recognized for their service to the Santa Barbara community.

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