



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 26, 2011
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Twelve35 Teen Center Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive information on the Twelve35 Teen Center participation and activities.

DISCUSSION:

On January 11, 2011, staff attended the Twelve35 Teen Center Advisory Committee meeting to hear about progress the Police Activities League has made in activities and participation at the center. The meeting will be hosted monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Teen Center Advisory Committee Attendees: Four PAL staff, three PAL Youth Leadership members, two Santa Barbara Youth Council members, and one Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Participation: The center is averaging 12 to 15 participants per day with peaks exceeding these numbers when meetings and classes are held.

Activities: Two programs, Hip Hop dance classes and Notes to Notes musical instrument and recording instruction, began in January. Sign-ups will be taken at the center. Drop-in activities and meetings continue to take place regularly.

Transportation: Since getting to the center has been a common obstacle for teens, PAL has started providing van service from San Marcos High School, Santa Barbara High School, and Santa Barbara Junior High beginning this month. At the end of the evening, parents either pick up participants, or participants make their way home by bus or walking. This service is anticipated to increase daily participation.

Special Event: On Friday, January 28th, 5:00 pm, PAL will be hosting a reception and dance at the teen center to meet and greet participants, parents, and members of the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

Park and Recreation Commission Report
Twelve35 Teen Center Update
January 26, 2011
Page 2

Getting the Word Out. PAL has a website with information on the teen center and a Twelve35 Facebook page.

PAL is excited about the expanding offerings at the center and increased participation. They will be providing a year-end summary of their first year as facility managers at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

PREPARED BY: Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director