



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 24, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Haley Street Youth Center Presentation

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation from staff of the Channel Islands YMCA regarding the vision, progress, and future plans for leasing the Haley Street Youth Center.

DISCUSSION:

The Haley Street Youth Center is one of the community neighborhood centers managed by the Parks and Recreation Center and leased to local nonprofits to provide services to neighborhood families. Home to Primo Boxing for nearly 20 years, Primo had built a reputation for serving some of the City's most vulnerable youth with training for competitive boxing, after-school tutoring, mentoring and field trips. In the winter of 2013, Primo Boxing ceased operations making the building at 701 East Haley Street available for another community service agency. After a competitive application process, the Channel Islands YMCA was selected to lease the building for future youth oriented services. Moderate improvements to the facility were made the City so that the facility can be utilized to the greatest extent possible. The building is 1500 sq. ft. with a monthly rent of \$1,785.00.

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Channel Islands YMCA entered into a three-year lease agreement in April 2014. It was agreed that prior to opening of the center, the Commission would receive a detailed presentation from the Channel Islands YMCA outlining their plans for operating the Haley Street Youth Center to serve neighborhood youth and low-income families with after-school and recreational activities.

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