



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 14, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Children's Garden Work Day

On Saturday, November 3rd, City staff members led 14 members of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise and 14 City Youth Apprentices in a day-long work project located at the City's "Children's Garden" property, located just behind Parque de Los Niños at Coronel Place and Rancheria Street on the Westside.

Volunteers built seven large raised garden boxes and filled them with soil, installed a drip system to the 12 fruit trees on the site, scraped and painted picnic tables, installed weed fabric, and spread wood chips on the entire site. The result was a beautiful community garden. All of the supplies for the workday were funded by a generous donation of \$3,000 from community member Russell Trenholme. Mr. Trenholme designated his donation for improvements to the garden that would kick start new activities at the site. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase garden tools and program supplies.

City staff intend to start an after-school program at the site that will focus on teaching elementary school youth about nutrition and how to grow their own nutritious food for their families.

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