

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Manning Park Youth Center Resolution and MOU

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider the following actions:

- A) Adopt the resolution setting forth conditions for public use of the Manning Park Youth Center.
- B) Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montecito Community Foundation to facilitate contribution of donated funds towards the renovation of the Manning Park Youth Center and/or allowing for the offsetting of user fees for various youth groups.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: An Efficient Government able to Anticipate and Respond to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On February 27, 2001 the Board terminated the Manning Youth Center Lease Agreement between the Girl Scouts of America and the County of Santa Barbara. On that date the Board also directed Staff to meet with community stakeholders and prepare a resolution setting forth the conditions for use of the Manning Park Youth Center. Finally, the Board directed staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montecito Community Foundation to facilitate contribution of donated funds towards the renovation of the Manning Park Youth Center and/or for the purpose of offsetting user fees for various youth groups and return to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations.

Since February 27, 2001, Staff has met with groups of Community stakeholders in an effort to arrive at consensus regarding the proposed Resolution [Attachment 1] setting forth conditions for use of the Manning Park Youth Center. Representatives from the following organizations were present at a March 13, 2001 meeting to review and provide input towards the Resolution: Latinos for Better Government, S.B. Humanist Association, Montecito Community Foundation, Montecito Association, Manning Park Youth Center Fundraising Committee, Pacific Pride Foundation, Boy Scout Troop 33, and Girl Scouts of America. Staff believes the attached Resolution reflects a basic consensus of all persons in attendance.

Staff met separately with representatives from the Montecito Foundation and the Youth Center Fundraising Committee for purposes of negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding [Attachment 2]. The Memorandum of Understanding is based upon the attached Resolution. It facilitates the contribution of donated funds to offset County expenditures for renovation of the Youth Center. It also provides that the reimbursed County funds would eliminate the necessity of establishing a fee for use of the Center.

The key elements of both documents reflect the following priorities which your Board set forth in its direction to Staff on February 27, 2001:

- ◆ That use of the Manning Park Youth Center be limited to no more than 100 hours per month;
- ◆ That use of the Manning Park Youth Center be restricted to activities and programs for youth;
- ◆ That use of the Manning Park Youth Center be included in the Park Department's facility reservation system thereby allowing the Center to be used on a first come first served basis in accordance with the Department's policy for all reservable park facilities;

Mandates and Service Levels:

Neither of the recommended actions are mandated.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The proposed MOU would allow for the disbursement of at least \$150,000 to the County for reimbursement of a portion of construction expenses related to the Project. The reimbursed County funds would eliminate the necessity of establishing a fee for use of the Facility.

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