



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services,
Parks Division
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: June 22, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Select_From George Chapjian, Director of Community Services
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SUBJECT: **One -Time Waiver of Fees for Use of Courthouse Sunken Gardens by Old Spanish Days' Fiesta Celebration, August 3 - August 8, 2021 (Supervisory District 1)**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code Section 26-5, accept the recommendation of the Community Services Director and waive Site Use, Set up and Break down fees for use of the Historic Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Gardens by Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, for the Fiesta Celebration from August 3 to August 8, 2021 (Total of 6 Calendar Days), in the amount of \$6075; and
- b) Request Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara, Inc. publicly acknowledge the County of Santa Barbara's assistance in making the facilities available for the event; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15323, which consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed where there is a part history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose.

Summary Text:

Old Spanish Days has been hosting Fiesta Celebrations as an annual event in Santa Barbara for many years. Old Spanish Days is requesting to waive \$6,075 in fees for Old Spanish Days from August 3 – August 8, 2021, a total of 6 days. Community Services waived these fees in 2019 in the amount of \$8,567. The Community Services Director is not recommending that the Board waive fees for staff monitoring and ranger overtime in the amount of \$1,762, or waive the refundable security deposit in the amount of \$1,500.

Background:

Old Spanish Days, a 501(c)(3) organization, reserves the Santa Barbara Sunken Gardens annually for about 12 days to showcase and celebrate the past Spanish heritage of Santa Barbara. Each year Old Spanish Days occupies the Sunken Gardens for five showcase days and seven unoccupied standalone set up and break down days. For these performances, County Parks provides overtime Park Ranger monitors for the Sunken Gardens. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and restrictions, this year’s event has been truncated to two set up days, three event days, and one breakdown day.

Since 2011, Old Spanish Days has reserved the Courthouse through the Santa Barbara County Parks Department for a Board-approved fee at the discounted non-profit rate. Prior to 2011, the General Services Department was responsible for overseeing this event along with collection of use fees.

During event showcases and rehearsals, all the dancers utilize the interior Anacapa Gallery and Figueroa Hallway area as a green room for performance preparation. The interior is monitored by overtime facilities personnel provided by General Services, who also instruct security of event job duties.

The breakdown of Site use, Set up and Break down fees are as follows:

Set up \$1050
Site use Fees \$4,500
Break down \$525
Total - \$6,075

\$6,075 – Amount requested to be waived by the Board of Supervisors

Park Ranger and General Services Facilities Personnel Overtime and Monitoring Fees - \$1,762 (Not recommended to be waived)
Security Deposit (Refundable) - \$1,500 (Not recommended to be waived)

Fiscal Analysis:

Special Instructions:

N/A

One-Time Waiver of Fees for use of the Historic Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Gardens by Old Spanish Days
from August 5 to August 8, 2021

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: 2021 Fiesta Schedule and Financial Breakdown

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