

City of Culver City, California  
**City Council Agenda Item Report**

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| Meeting Date: 06/15/07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Item Number: <u>A-5</u>                                                                           |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Special Permit to the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to Allow a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, K-9 Dog Demonstration, Police Horse and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veteran's Park for Entertainment Purposes on August 25-26, 2007 During the Fiesta La Ballona.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Contact Person/Dept.: Marty Nicholson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Phone Number: (310) 253-6662                                                                      |  |
| Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                 |  |
| Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Public Notification: Parks and Recreation Commission 6/7/07; Culver City Homeowner's Association 6/7/07; Veteran's Park Homeowner's Association 6/7/07; American Youth Soccer Organization 6/8/07; Adult Softball Leagues 6/8/07 and Master Notification List 6/9/07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Department Approval:<br>William La Pointe (5/21/07)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | City Attorney Approval:<br>Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (06/01/07)                                   |  |
| City Controller Approval:<br>Marlee Chang (6/6/07)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | City Manager Approval:<br>Jerry B. Fulwood (06/06/07)                                             |  |
| <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b></p> <p>Staff recommends the City Council approve a special permit to the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to allow a petting zoo, pony rides, K-9 dog demonstration, police horse and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veteran's Park for entertainment purposes on August 25-26, 2007.</p> <p><b><u>BACKGROUND:</u></b></p> <p>The Fiesta La Ballona (Fiesta) began in 1951 as a week long festival in honor of the City's heritage. The Fiesta is a celebration with events that evoke pride and remind residents of Culver City's impressive past while enhancing a sense of community. Two of the most popular attractions for young children are the petting zoo and pony rides. In addition, performances by the Culver City Police dogs and horse are enjoyed by people of all ages.</p> <p>Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) §9.10.055(A) prohibits animals within any City public park unless a special permit has been obtained from City Council. The special permit allows animals for the purposes of conducting entertainment or exhibitions. Attachment 1 provides a copy of CCMC §9.10.055(A). City Council has approved a special permit for animals for the Fiesta La Ballona event in the years past.</p> |  |                                                                                                   |  |

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Fiesta La Ballona Committee is requesting that the City Council approve a special event permit to allow a petting zoo, pony rides, K-9 dog demonstration, police horse and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veteran's Park on August 25-26, 2007 during the Fiesta La Ballona celebration. The special event permit would only pertain to the petting zoo, pony rides, K-9 dogs, police horse and animals from the S.T.A.R. Eco Station and does not include any other animals that are not a part of the entertainment of the Fiesta.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Approval of a special permit allowing entertainment animals will have no additional fiscal impact to the City.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Culver City Municipal Code §9.10.055(A).

**MOTION:**

That the City Council:

Approve a special permit for the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to allow a petting zoo, pony rides, K-9 dog demonstration, police horse and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veteran's Park on August 25, 26, 2007 for entertainment purposes.