

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: <u>7/14/08</u>		Item Number: <u>C-5</u>
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Special Permit to the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to Allow a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, K-9 Dog Demonstration and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veterans Park for Entertainment Purposes on August 23-24, 2008 During the Fiesta La Ballona.		
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, Acting Recreation Manager		Phone Number: (310) 253-6632
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing: ☐	Action Item: ☐	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (07/09/08).		
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe, (07/03/08)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (07/09/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (07/08/08)	City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (07/09/08)	
 <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> 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 and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veterans Park for entertainment purposes on August 23-24, 2008. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> 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 K-9 dogs have been featured at the Fiesta for many years and are enjoyed by people of all ages. S.T.A.R. Eco Station's Animal Display is a Fiesta attraction that has been added in recent years. The Animal Display also appeals to a wide audience and is both entertaining and educational. Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section 9.10.055(A) prohibits animals within any City public park unless a special permit has been obtained from the City Council. The special permit allows animals for the purposes of conducting entertainment or exhibitions. Attachment 1 provides a copy of CCMC Section 9.10.055(A). City Council has approved a special permit for animals for the Fiesta La Ballona event in the years past.		

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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 and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veterans Park on August 23-24, 2008 during the Fiesta La Ballona celebration. The special event permit would only pertain to the petting zoo, pony rides, K-9 dogs 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 featured at the Fiesta.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Approval of a special permit allowing entertainment animals will have no additional fiscal impact to the City other than revenues equal to a small percentage of the fee the public pays to ride the ponies and pet the animals and the fee from S.T.A.R. Eco Station to rent a booth for the Fiesta event. This income will total less than \$1,000, and the funds will be deposited into the Fiesta La Ballona Division.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Culver City Municipal Code Section 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 and S.T.A.R. Eco Station Animal Display in Veterans Park on August 23-24, 2008 for entertainment purposes.