

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE
CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SERIES**

In 2011, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (PRCSC) began hosting “Community Conversations” at their meetings. These “Conversations” are presentations on topics of major relevance to the community that often include a panel discussion. Being fully cognizant of ongoing budgetary constraints, the Commission designed the Community Conversations series as one that has minimal fiscal impact on the City. In general, the procedure for hosting the presentations has been as follows:

- Presentations are held at regular PRCS Commission meetings. Special meetings are not called solely for the purpose of hosting presentations; however, regular meeting dates may be adjusted to accommodate presentations if the Commission so desires.
- Commissioners identify, contact and make arrangements with the presenter.
- Commissioners create a flyer for the presentation and email it to PRCS Department staff for distribution.
- PRCS staff uses the flyer in two to three email blasts to publicize the presentation.
- PRCS staff makes copies of the flyer and posts it at various Culver City parks and facilities.

These presentations have generated much community interest and have been very successful. The Commission’s Community Conversations that have been held previously include:

February 1, 2011 - “Words Matter I” (Bullying)

June 7, 2011 - “Elder Abuse - How it Affects You, Your Family & Your Neighbors”

May 1, 2012 - “Healthy Living in Tough Times: Identifying and Coping with Stress from Financial Hardship”

April 2, 2013 - “Food vs. Mind and Body”

November 19, 2013 - “Words Matter II” (Bullying)

September 1, 2015 - “Character and Community Building in Youth Athletics”

May 2, 2017 - “Growing Up Intercultural in Culver City: A Student-Based Conversation on Race and Culture”

The Community Conversations Ad Hoc Subcommittee

As an “ad hoc” subcommittee, the Community Conversations Ad Hoc Subcommittee serves only a limited or single purpose, it is not perpetual and it is dissolved when its specific task is completed. Once a Community Conversation Ad Hoc Subcommittee has been created, the members begin planning their event. Often, updates on this process are given during the Standing Agenda Item, “Updates from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representative Appointees to Outside Associations and City Committees.” During the course of the planning process, a separate, specialized Agenda Item is sometimes presented so that the full Commission can participate in discussions and decisions on the topic and the event.