

City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: <u>11/04/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM: (1) Report from the Human Relations Subcommittee; and, (2) Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council that the City Host a Human Relations Related Event.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, Acting PRCS Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-6724	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☐		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (10/29/10); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (10/29/10).			
Department Approval: Pam Robinson (10/28/10)		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Fiscal Impact Approval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission: (1) Hear a report from the Human Relations Subcommittee; and, (2) consider making a recommendation to the City Council that the City host a Human Relations related event.

BACKGROUND:

On October 27, 1979 the Council adopted Ordinance Number CS-942 changing the name of the “Park and Recreation Commission” to “Human Services and Park Commission” and merging the “Human Relations Commission” therewith. The duties of the Human Services and Park Commission (now the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission) related to human relations issues are specifically stated in Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section 3.03.115 (b), as follows:

To recommend programs and plans designed to promote the full acceptance of all citizens in all aspects of community life without regard to race, religion, sex, color or national origin and to receive, hear and investigate complaints of discrimination based on race, religion, sex, color or national origin.

Former City Manager Mark Scott attended both the January 5 and March 2, 2010 Commission meetings to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the PRCS Commission. On April 5, 2010, Mr. Scott presented a report to the City Council regarding the roles of commissions. He recommended that the City Council direct

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staff to prepare Amendments to the Culver City Municipal Code relating to the duties of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission, and update the Ordinances establishing other Commissions to provide for a common format (Sections 3.03.005 through 3.03.420).

With relation to the PRCS Commission's Human Relations' function, Mr. Scott had received Commission support for eliminating the role of the Commission as an investigative body. Therefore, he proposed the following revision to the PRCS Commission's powers and duties:

To recommend programs and plans designed to promote the full acceptance of all citizens in all aspects of community life without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or national origin.

On July 8, 2010 the PRCS Commission took unanimous action to call a Special Meeting in order that the full Commission could attend the July 26, 2010 City Council meeting to be present for the Council discussion on the role of City Commissions and provide testimony or answer questions posed by the City Council. An excerpt of the City Council approved meeting minutes relating to that discussion, Agenda Item A-6, is provided as an Attachment.

At the conclusion of the July 26, 2010 discussion, the City Council did not pass any of the proposed motions and deferred making changes to the structure and function of the City's Commissions until such time that staff comes back before the City Council with additional information and proposals, most specifically with relation to the role of the Civil Service Commission. Therefore, until CCMC is amended by action of the City Council, the PRCS Commission's Human Relations' function stands as originally written.

DISCUSSION:

On Thursday, October 21, 2010 the members of the Human Relations Subcommittee, Commissioners Daly Redholtz and Greene, met with Acting PRCS Director Pam Robinson to discuss various Human Relations related topics. This Agenda Item has been prepared to give the Subcommittee members the opportunity to provide a verbal report of that meeting to the full Commission, including presenting for discussion suggestions that may provide the basis for possible recommendations to the City Council.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item at this evening's meeting. Costs to the City associated with any actions resulting from tonight's discussion will be presented when more information becomes available.

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ATTACHMENT:

Excerpt of the Approved Meeting Minutes Relating to July 26, 2010 Council Agenda Item A-6.

MOTIONS:

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Hear a report from the Human Relations Subcommittee;

AND

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council that the City host a Human Relations related event;

OR

3. Provide staff with alternate suggestions.