

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 11/07/05		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Community Activities in Celebration of Martin Luther King Day			
Contact Person/Dept.: Marty Nicholson; Recreation Manager		Phone Number: (310) 253-6662	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee (11/2/05); Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (11/2/05); Parks and Services Foundation (11/2/05) and Master Notification List (11/2/05)			
Department Approval: William La Pointe; 10/27/05		CAO Approval: Jerry Fulwood 11/1/05	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang 11/1/05			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the City Council discuss and provide further direction to staff. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Prior to 2004, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department, had been providing Martin Luther King Day (MLK) celebrations by hosting a banner making activity in each of the local parks in honor of Dr. King. Banners were presented at the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting annually. At the January 12, 2004 Council meeting, Councilmember Silbiger requested that the City consider expanding the event and community involvement by offering additional activities to honor the MLK holiday. Attachment 1 provides a copy of the minutes of the January 12, 2004 meeting. On January 17, 2005 the PRCS Department hosted an expanded MLK celebration which included poetry reading, excerpts from Dr. King's speeches, movie presentation about Dr. King's life, two art projects and lunch for all the participants. In total, the event had 50 participants. On April 11, 2005 staff gave a report to City Council regarding community activities in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Attachment 2 provides a copy of the report. At the meeting there was a motion to appoint two Councilmembers to work in concert with staff, city organizations and individuals to see what type of Martin Luther King Day Celebration the City would want to hold. Attachment 3 provides a copy of the April 11, 2005 meeting minutes and City Council motion.			

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City Council appointed Council Subcommittees at the April 25, 2005 City Council meeting. At that time, Vice-Mayor Silbiger and Councilmember Gross were appointed to the Ad Hoc Martin Luther King Day Activities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission already had a subcommittee in place. Commissioners assigned to the MLK Subcommittee were Commissioner James and Commissioner Shapiro.

DISCUSSION:

The MLK Subcommittee referred to as the MLK Planning Committee (Committee) held its first planning meeting on June 29, 2005 at the Veteran's Memorial Building and has been meeting on a regular basis since that time. Events being proposed by the Committee include the following:

Sunday, January 15, 2006	Gospel Choir Concert held at Culver-Palms Methodist Church
Monday, January 16, 2006	Play called, "The Meeting" held at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Funds in the amount of \$500 have been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 adopted budget under Special Events Account #10132800. It may be estimated that the amount budgeted may not be enough to cover the expenses of the planned activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of the January 12, 2004 City Council meeting
2. April 11, 2005 City Council Staff Report on Martin Luther King Day Celebration
3. Minutes of the April 11, 2005 City Council meeting

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Discuss the Martin Luther King Day event and provide further direction to staff.