

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 08/14/06		Item Number: <u>A-7</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Special Permit to the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to Allow the S.T.A.R. Eco Station to Set-Up a Rainforest, with Animals, in Veteran's Park for Entertainment Purposes on August 26 and 27, 2006.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, VMC Manager/PRCS		Phone Number: (310) 253-6632	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (email on 8/9/06), Parks and Recreation Commission (email on 8/9/06) and Fiesta La Ballona Committee (email on 8/9/06)			
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe (08/03/2006)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (08/09/2006)	
City Controller Approval:			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a special permit to the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to allow the S.T.A.R. Eco Station to set-up a Rainforest, with animals, in Veteran's Park for entertainment purposes on August 26 and 27, 2006.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

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 City Council. The special permit allows animals for the purposes of conducting entertainment or exhibitions. City Council has approved special permits for animals for the Fiesta La Ballona event in past years, and on April 10, 2006, City Council approved a special permit for a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, K-9 Dog Demonstration and Police Horse during the 2006 Fiesta La Ballona.

Subsequent to the above referenced meeting on April 10th, the Fiesta La Ballona Committee received a request from the S.T.A.R. Eco Station to turn their vendor booths into a Rainforest with animals for children of all ages. The animals would be of the variety they typically take to schools and other public events. The Fiesta La Ballona Committee is interested in approving their booth application and is requesting that the City Council approve an additional special permit for this purpose.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, at their meeting on August 1, 2006, unanimously approved a recommendation to City Council that they grant a special

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permit for S.T.A.R. Eco Station to set up a Rainforest, with animals, in Veteran's Park during the 2006 Fiesta La Ballona.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Approve a special permit for the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to allow the S.T.A.R. Eco Station to set-up a Rainforest, with animals, in Veteran's Park for entertainment purposes on August 26 and 27, 2006.