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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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ATTACHMENT 1

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TO: CULVER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
RE: PRCS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 – COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS
DATE: 24 MARCH 2022

Dear City Council Members:

Our Commission would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to send funding recommendations for new programs and improvement projects for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCS). PRCS facilities have provided the community with outlets for recreation and relaxation during the pandemic, and the community has shown their appreciation of the services provided and highlighted many areas for improvements and upgrades. Based on community feedback, the Commission would like to recommend funding the following items.

Usage of our turf fields continues to be in high demand. In line with the PRZ Sports Turf Consulting Report on Turf Fields in Culver City completed in 2019, our turf fields need additional investment in order to meet the current usage needs. To attempt to meet these needs, the Commission recommends funding for:

- Additional Turf Maintenance Equipment - \$90,000 (One-Time Cost)
 - A new Aerway Aerator, a new overseeder, and a new mower will improve maintenance efficiency & quality and facilitate future improvements.
- Irrigation Study - \$100,000 (One-Time Cost)
 - PRCS current irrigation systems are 40+ years old and need modernization. Funding an irrigation study will highlight for PRCS of the most cost and water effective way to upgrade/replace our irrigation systems to meet the demands of our field usage.
- Personnel Enhancements - \$171,800 (\$85,900 each; Ongoing Cost)
 - The addition of 2 Maintenance Worker I positions will allow PRCS to be proactive, instead of reactive, to turf maintenance needs and implement improvements.

In the January 12th joint meeting with the Culver City Finance Committee, it was identified that PRCS needs to update the Parks & Recreation Master Plan which is almost two decades old. This update would serve the dual purpose of evaluating PRCS facilities to meet community needs and identifying specific projects to bring our facilities into the 21st century.

- PRCS Master Plan Update Consultants - \$350,000 (One-Time Cost)

During the pandemic, the PRCS staff provided innovative and engaging programming for all age groups that was highly praised by the community. Even though the pandemic restrictions are winding down, there is still strong demand for creative programming from PRCS and the Commission supports the continuation of programs like Egg-Stravaganza, Family Movie Night, Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Santa on Your Doorstep, & MLK Day.

- Special Events - \$30,000 (One-Time Cost)

PRCS has received considerable praise for the improvements to the basketball courts at Veteran's Park and requests for these improvements to be extended the basketball courts in Blair Hills Park, El Marino Park, and Lindberg Park.

- Basketball Court Rehab - TBD (One-Time Cost)

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department continues to be a vital resource for enjoyment, enrichment, and relaxation for Culver City residents and West Los Angeles. As we continue to emerge from COVID-19 restrictions and our city continues to grow, more demands will be placed on PRCS services and facilities. The PRCS Commission believes that these additional budget items will be key to improving and maintaining the quality of PRCS offerings to the community and allow for our facilities to meet the recreation demands of the 21st century.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION