

ATTACHMENT 1

TO: CULVER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
RE: PRCS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 – COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS
DATE: XX APRIL 2018

Dear City Council Members:

Thank you for inviting our Commission to send recommendations to the Council on funding for new programs and capital improvement projects for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCS).

As we have noted in the past, the PRCS is part of the core services that create the "quality of life in Culver City," connecting our commitments to provide opportunities and safe places for recreational, developmental, and social activities, as well as contributing to the unique city aesthetic and its range of social services. PRCS facilities and programs are available to all citizens and often used to capacity, with participants also coming from neighboring communities. In both active and passive manners, we are serving residents from infants to seniors. We have programs that mentor our children and give them insights into their futures, developing skills and plans for what is ahead. We anticipate that PRCS will be treated equally in funding and attention alongside Public Works, Community Development, and Police and Fire Departments in this year's funding priorities.

Building on the experiences of the last year, the PRCS Staff has recommended funding in a number of areas to implement critical services for the emerging community. Based on considerable deliberations, the Commission offers full endorsement for these choices. We encourage particular emphasis on the following specific areas:

- Conversion of the Administrative Assistant to a Media and Marketing Coordinator
- Purchase additional modules from ActiveNet to allow for better online registration opportunities and funding for proper training of staff to implement the new software
- Hire three Recreation Specialist positions for Veterans Memorial Complex (VMC), Plunge and Senior Center to assist with increased programming and facility needs
- \$1 million for the Tellefson Park Rehabilitation Project

In addition to the requests highlighted by PRCS Staff, the Commission, based upon public feedback and discussion, recommends that the Council provides funding for the following items:

- Construction of shade structures for playground equipment
- Turf Consultant to review all Culver City parks and provide recommendations and estimated costs to improve and maintain turf to accommodate community needs, including adult sport recreation
- Consultants to update the PRCS Master Plan to inform and prioritize the long term parks improvement plans
- New and replacement lighting to extend facility and turf use after sundown

Overall, we want to emphasize the importance of revisiting the long range plans for PRCS, analyzing the stated objectives and implementation plans in relation to emerging conditions and thoroughly considering changes or shifts in priorities as might be warranted. This may involve additional consultation with external sources as well as structuring opportunities for extending community involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

PARK, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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