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TO: CULVER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
RE: PRCS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 – COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS
DATE: 4 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). The PRCS is part of the core services that create the "quality of life in Culver City" by providing opportunities and safe places for recreational, developmental, and social activities. Our recommendations address PRCS facilities and programs that are available to all citizens and often used to capacity, with participants also coming from neighboring communities.

Based on considerable deliberations, the Commission offers full endorsement of the PRCS Staff funding request to implement critical services for our growing community. We encourage particular emphasis on the following specific areas:

- Conversion of the Administrative Assistant to a Media and Marketing Coordinator
- Additional modules from ActiveNet to allow for better online registration opportunities and funding for proper training of staff to implement the new software
- Three Recreation Specialist positions for Veterans Memorial Complex (VMC), Plunge and Senior Center to assist with increased programming and facility needs
- Lindberg Park Rehabilitation Project - \$1,000,000

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:

- Two shade structures to begin a multi-year playground shade upgrade plan - \$80,000

Culver City employees take pride in effectively providing the highest levels of service to enrich the quality of life for the community by building on our tradition of more than a century of public service, by our present commitment, and by our dedication to meet the challenges of the future.

- Turf Consultant to provide recommendations and estimated costs to improve and maintain turf to accommodate all community needs - \$ 50,000
- Consultants to update the PRCS Master Plan to inform and prioritize the long term parks improvement plans - \$150,000
- New and replacement lighting to extend park use after sundown - \$500,000
- Improved hydration stations at Veteran's Park - \$60,000

Park and recreation amenities are the cornerstones to improving a community's quality of life and a major factor in enticing employers and workers to an area. It is imperative that PRCS is properly funded to create a comprehensive multiyear improvement plan for the entire PRCS portfolio which meets the needs of our evolving Culver City community.

Respectfully submitted,

PARK, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION