



# City of Culver City

## Staff Report

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**PRCSC - Discussion Regarding the Planning and Implementation of Community Conversation - Topic #9.**

**Meeting Date:** October 2, 2018

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**Phone Number:** (310) 253-6682

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes  No

**General Fund:** Yes  No

**Public Hearing:**

**Action Item:**

**Attachments:**

**Public Notification:** (Email) Meetings and Agendas - Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (09/27/18); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (09/27/18)

**Department Approval:** Corey Lakin, PRCS Director (09/26/18)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) discuss the planning and implementation of Community Conversation - Topic #9.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### *The Community Conversations Series*

In 2011, the PRCSC began hosting "Community Conversations" which are presentations on topics of major relevance to the community that often include a panel discussion. Being fully cognizant of ongoing budgetary constraints, the Commission designed the Community Conversations series as one that has minimal fiscal impact on the City. In general, the procedure for hosting the presentations has been as follows:

- Presentations are held at regular PRCS Commission meetings. Special meetings are not called solely for the purpose of hosting presentations; however, regular meeting dates may be adjusted to accommodate presentations if the Commission so desires.
- Commissioners identify, contact and make arrangements with the presenter(s).
- Commissioners create a flyer for the presentation and email it to PRCS Department staff for distribution.
- PRCS staff uses the flyer in two to three email blasts to publicize the presentation.

- PRCS staff makes copies of the flyer and posts it at various Culver City parks and facilities.

These presentations have generated much community interest and have been very successful. The Community Conversations that have been held previously include:

1. February 1, 2011 - "Words Matter I" (Bullying)
2. June 7, 2011 - "Elder Abuse - How it Affects You, Your Family & Your Neighbors"
3. May 1, 2012 - "Healthy Living in Tough Times: Identifying and Coping with Stress from Financial Hardship"
4. April 2, 2013 - "Food vs. Mind and Body"
5. November 19, 2013 - Words Matter II' (Bullying)
6. September 1, 2015 - "Character and Community Building in Youth Athletics"
7. May 2, 2017 - "Growing Up Intercultural in Culver City: A Student-Based Conversation on Race and Culture"
8. April 18, 2018 - "Everyone Deserves to Feel Safe, a Community Conversation for Teens Led by Peer Educators from The Talk Project."

## **DISCUSSION**

On August 7, 2018, the PRCS Commission formed the Community Conversation - Topic #9 Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appointed Commissioners Heineman and Rickards as members. Also at that meeting, former Culver City Mayor Jim B. Clarke, spoke as a representative of the Culver City Area Interfaith Alliance (the "Alliance"). He made some suggestions for future Community Conversation topics. Mr. Clarke mentioned that the Alliance is working with the Culver City Unified School District and recommended that the Alliance, the School District and the PRCS Commission work together on an upcoming Community Conversation.

At the September 4, 2018 Commission meeting, the Reverend Carolyn Wilkins of Culver City Area Interfaith Alliance spoke to the Commission regarding programming to support youth in the community. She proposed three subprograms under the idea of The Power of Community including: the Interfaith Peace Breakfast, a Youth Dialogue at the Teen Center in October and a Community Conversation hosted by the PRCS Commission. She suggested that the Community Conversation focus on the different types of bullying and educating youth with the intent of creating a world of compassion, acceptance and friendship so that children feel connected, appreciated and safe in their own neighborhood. The Commission then scheduled Community Conversation - Topic #9 on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Veterans Memorial Building Rotunda Room. The Commission supported Reverend Wilkins' recommendation that Bullying serve as the topic of the Community Conversation.

This Agenda Item has been prepared in order to give the PRCS Commission an opportunity to discuss the planning and implementation of Community Conversation - Topic #9.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

**MOTIONS**

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

Discuss the planning and implementation of Community Conversation - Topic #9.