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Staff Report

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Continuation of the Drafting of an Events Plan for Disability Awareness Month in October 2024

Meeting Date: June 12, 2024

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Fiscal Impact: Yes No

General Fund: Yes No

Public Hearing:

Action Item:

Attachments: Yes No

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - Disability Advisory Committee (06/07/2024); (E-Mail) Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department Updates (06/07/2024)

Department Approval: Ted Stevens, PRCS Director (06/07/2024)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) continue discussion and drafting of an events plan for Disability Awareness Month in October 2024.

BACKGROUND

Culver City traditionally celebrates Disability Awareness Month every October. Culver City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) staff plans the month's events with the assistance of the DAC.

In past years, the DAC has voted to offer various activities such as a wheelchair basketball demonstration in partnership with the Culver City High School; a display case at the Julian Dixon Library featuring facts and information related to Disability Awareness Month; and an Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair hosted at the Culver City Senior Center.

The Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair is a chance for organizations of service to individuals with disabilities to offer information to the community. In addition to information booths, different areas of the Senior Center are set up to offer activities such as crafts, carnival games, and a quiet space. A local Girl Scout Troop volunteers at the event to run the carnival games with City Staff. During the COVID-19 pandemic, DAC and PRCS staff coordinated to shift the Abilities Carnival to a drive-

through model to keep staff, volunteers, and community members safe. The 20th Annual Abilities Carnival, held in October 2023, was the first in-person edition of the event since before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DAC began discussing the 2024 Disability Awareness Month events plan at the April 10, 2024, committee meeting. At that time, it was decided that the 21st Annual Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair would be held Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 12 to 3 PM. The committee also reached consensus to schedule a Special Meeting of the DAC on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM to finalize details for the month's events. On June 11, 2024, PRCS held a joint meeting with the Disability Awareness Month Planning Ad Hoc Subcommittee to engage in further event planning and discussion.

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared this report as an Agenda Item to give the DAC members an opportunity to continue discussion of, and approve, if desired, this year's Disability Awareness Month events plan. Activities that occurred in October 2023 are listed below as a reference. Activities for 2024 are also noted below, with set dates if known.

October 2023 Disability Awareness Month Activities

- Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair
- City Council Meeting - Proclamation & Commendation
- Regular DAC Meeting
- Dances for the Developmentally Disabled Halloween Boo-gie
- Boo! On Your Doorstep
- Los Angeles Hot Wheels wheelchair basketball demonstration at Culver City High School
- Senior Center Halloween party
- Disability Awareness Month display case at Julian Dixon Library

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- Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair
 - Sunday, October 6 from 12 to 3 PM.
- Boo! On Your Doorstep
- City Council Meeting - Proclamation & Commendation
- Dances for the Developmentally Disabled
 - Friday, October 11 from 7 to 9 PM
- Disability Awareness Month Display Case at Culver City Julian Dixon Library
- Regular DAC Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

MOTIONS

That the Disability Awareness Committee:

1. Draft an events plan for Disability Awareness Month in October 2024; and
2. Approve the draft of the Disability Awareness Month events plan for October 2024 as discussed, if so desired.