



City of Culver City

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Staff Report

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Planning Session: Continuing In-Depth Discussion of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Community Conversations - Topic #7, with the Working Title, "Growing Up In or Attending School In Culver City: A Continuing Conversation on Culture and Race," which is Tentatively Scheduled for February 7, 2017.

Meeting Date: January 10, 2017

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒

General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐

Public Hearing: ☐

Action Item: ☒

Attachments: Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas - Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (01/05/17); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (01/05/17)

Department Approval: Daniel Hernandez, PRCS Director (01/04/17)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission hold a planning session for the continuing in-depth discussion of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Community Conversations - Topic #7, with the working title, "Growing Up In or Attending School In Culver City: A Continuing Conversation on Culture and Race," which is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2017.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Community Conversations

In 2011, the PRCS Commission 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.
- Commissioners create a flyer for the presentation and email it to PRCS Department staff.
- 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.
- The Senior and Social Services Manager routes the flyers to other Human Services providers.

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

February 1, 2011 - "Words Matter I" (Bullying)

June 7, 2011 - "Elder Abuse - How it Affects You, Your Family & Your Neighbors"

May 1, 2012 - "Healthy Living in Tough Times: Identifying and Coping with Stress from Financial Hardship"

April 2, 2013 - "Food vs. Mind and Body"

November 19, 2013 - "Words Matter II" (Bullying)

September 1, 2015 - "Character and Community Building in Youth Athletics"

The Community Conversations Ad Hoc Subcommittee

As an "ad hoc" subcommittee, the Community Conversations Ad Hoc Subcommittee serves only a limited or single purpose, it is not perpetual and it is dissolved when its specific task is completed. On July 7, 2015, the PRCS Commission created the Community Conversations - Topic #7 (CC - #7) Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Commissioner Kelly Kent Marin and Commissioner Laura Stuart were appointed to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee at that time.

Commissioners Garland and Rickards are currently the members of the CC - #7 Ad Hoc Subcommittee. At the October 12, 2016 meeting, the Commission approved "Growing Up In or Attending School In Culver City: A Continuing Conversation on Culture and Race," as the working title of this Community Conversation. This Agenda Item has been prepared to give Commission Members the opportunity to hold a planning session for the continuing in-depth discussion of Community Conversations - Topic #7, which is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

MOTION

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Hold a planning session for the continuing in-depth discussion of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Community Conversations - Topic #7, with the working title, "Growing Up In or Attending School In Culver City: A Continuing Conversation on Culture and Race," which is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2017, and,
2. Receive and file the report.