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Staff Report

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CC - Approval of Special Permits to Allow Animals in Veterans Memorial Park for Entertainment or Exhibition Purposes During the 2017 Fiesta La Ballona to (1) Freckle Farms for a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides; (2) Michelson Found Animals Adopt & Shop for their Catty Wagon; and, (3) the Culver City Police Department for a Police K-9 Demonstration.

Meeting Date: July 10, 2017

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐

Public Hearing: ☐

Action Item: ☐

Attachments: Yes ☐ No ☒

Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (07/05/17); (Email) Freckle Farms (07/03/17); (Email) Michelson Found Animals Adopt & Shop (07/03/17); (Email) Culver City Police Department (07/03/17); (Email) Fiesta La Ballona Committee (07/03/17)

Department Approval: Daniel Hernandez, PRCS Director (06/29/17)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve special permits to allow animals in Veterans Memorial Park for entertainment or exhibition purposes during the 2017 Fiesta La Ballona to (1) Freckle Farms for a petting zoo and pony rides; (2) Michelson Found Animals Adopt & Shop for their Catty Wagon; and, (3) the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) for a police K-9 demonstration.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

For the public's enjoyment, the City Council has routinely approved special permits for animals for the Fiesta La Ballona (Fiesta) event in years past. Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section 9.10.055(A) states:

§ 9.10.055 PROHIBITIONS. *Within the limits of any public park it shall be unlawful for any person:*

A. *Having charge, care, custody or control of any dog, except as permitted by § 9.10.400 or § 9.10.600, or other animal, fowl, or reptile to cause, permit or allow the same to be within the limits of any public park within the City, **unless such person shall have obtained a special permit from the City Council to conduct an entertainment or exhibition in which an animal is a participant.*** (emphasis added)

(Note: § 9.10.400 relates to the Rules and Regulations of the Off-Leash Dog Park and § 9.10.600 relates to Designated Dog Paths.)

The Freckle Farms petting zoo and pony rides, and the CCPD K-9 demonstration have been featured at the Fiesta for many years, and are very popular attractions for patrons of all ages. This year, staff is checking with Michelson Found Animals Adopt & Shop to see if they would like to bring their Catty Wagon to the Fiesta. The Catty Wagon is the premiere mobile adoption unit of Michelson Found Animals Adopt & Shop.

If approved, these special permits will pertain only to the applicants and their specific requests to allow animals in the park for entertainment purposes during the Fiesta. Pursuant to CCMC Section 9.10.055(A), no other animals will be allowed in Veterans Memorial Park.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The approval of these special permits allowing animal attractions at the Fiesta will have a nominal positive fiscal impact to the City due to the accrual of a small percentage of the fee that the public pays to ride the ponies and pet the animals. This revenue will be posted in a revenue account in 10130285 (Fiesta La Ballona). In 2016, the revenue collected from this vendor was \$1,088.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

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