



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: February 18, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: ESTABLISH CITY PARTICIPATION WITH EXISTING YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWPORT- MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommend that the City Council approve in concept and direct staff to establish participation with an existing youth summer recreation program in partnership with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and authorize funding to be included in the FY 2014-2015 budget.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD) is a vital partner with the City to provide recreational resources to the community. This includes significant use of school district facilities as authorized in the existing joint use agreement between the City and N-MUSD. As such, schools will continue to be a hub for building and inspiring our community's health and well-being.

In the summer of 2013, N-MUSD held a three week youth sports program at both Estancia and Costa Mesa High School. The program consisted of a number of sports programs available to all incoming 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Between 100 and 250 youth attended the program each day. The existing program is designed to create interest in youth sports and connect Costa Mesa youth to their future respective high schools while providing additional avenues for physical fitness opportunities.

Due to the success of the program, the school district reached out the City with the intent of expanding the program to provide a more well-rounded recreational and educational experience for all Costa Mesa youth. In keeping with the City's tradition of being the "City of the Arts", the proposed concept of the expanded program will feature multiple areas of interest which will include the following:

- Music Participation and Appreciation
- Arts and Crafts
- Basic Emergency Preparedness
- Bike Safety and Road Awareness
- Crime Prevention and Investigation
- Fire Safety

For the proposed summer program, the intent would be to continue with the same three week schedule (July 14 through July 31, M-Thurs, from approximately 12pm-3pm). The district will provide the appropriate management and supervision, musical instruments, equipment, facilities, janitorial services, etc., and run the day to day activities. The City would provide funding and work with the respective school principals to facilitate the process of providing the instructors and coaches for the three weeks of camp. In turn, the instructors would become city employees for the three-week schedule. Existing City staff would be utilized for instruction in the areas of emergency preparedness, bike safety, crime prevention and investigation, and fire safety. The program will be free to all Costa Mesa residents.

The City will help to promote the camps through the use of the City Recreation Guide and each respective high school will be responsible for student sign-ups, and running the day to day operations of the camp at each school site.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The alternative would be to not participate with the school district at this time. This is not the recommended action. Staff feels adding the proposed classes to the district's existing program will provide broader opportunities for the youth of Costa Mesa in all areas of developmental growth including both personal and community awareness.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The estimated cost to the City will be approximately \$53,000 (\$30,000 for the sports component, \$18,000 for the music component, and \$5,000 for the arts and craft component) to hire appropriate part-time staff and pay for supplies for the summer program. These funds will be allocated in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget.

The City will incur no cost associated with the on-site principals and district staff, nor the day to day supervision of the program, equipment or facilities costs.

Additionally, the City will seek funding from the Costa Mesa Conference and Visitor Bureau's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 allocation to offset the costs associated with the music and arts and crafts portion of the program.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

No legal review is required.

**CONCLUSION:**

The proposed additions to the district's existing summer program will provide far reaching impacts for the youth of Costa Mesa. Therefore, Staff recommends that the City Council direct staff to establish participation with the district to the existing summer youth sports program in partnership with the Newport-Mesa Unified School district and move forward with the proposed additional summer opportunities.

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