



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 28, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: CIRCLE OF SERVICE NOMINATIONS - NORA GONZALEZ MAHER AND TIMOTHY RICHEY

DATE: APRIL 12, 2004

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: JANA M. RANSOM, RECREATION MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the applications for Circle of Service nominees Nora Gonzalez Maher and Timothy Richey for induction into the Circle of Service and recommend to City Council to approve or deny the requests.

BACKGROUND

At the July 15, 1996 meeting, City Council adopted an amendment to Council Policy Number 800-4 (Attachment 1) that established the Circle of Service in Lions Park to honor those citizens who have provided significant service to the City of Costa Mesa, made an extraordinary contribution to the City; or contributed to the history of Costa Mesa.

The nominated individual must have been deceased a minimum of six (6) months prior to the nomination, must have been a resident of Costa Mesa for minimum of eight (8) years, must have been involved in community service for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years or have given their life in the service of the nation or community.

The application must be completed by a family member or member of the community, a member of a non-profit organization or someone from the business community. If service to an organization is identified, corresponding written support from the organization is required. The nomination must include the honoree's name, time of death, nearest family member or friend as our contact, a brief description of their contribution to the community, the name of the person submitting the nomination, phone number and the date submitted.

The following nominations are being submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and a recommendation to City Council to approve or deny the requests. Peter Donald Maher III has requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider approving Nora Gonzalez Maher for induction into the Circle of Service (Attachment 2). Dieter Kutz has requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider approving Timothy Richey for induction into the Circle of Service (Attachment 4).

A Circle of Service dedication ceremony will take place Friday, July 23, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. in Lions Park at the Mother and Child Fountain on the patio adjacent to the Neighborhood Community Center. Mr. Tom Thompson will also be inducted into the Circle of Service July 23.

ANALYSIS

The following information provides appropriate justification for City Council to accept Nora Gonzalez Maher (Attachment 3) and Timothy Richey (Attachment 5) into the "Circle of Service".

Nora Gonzalez Maher was killed in an automobile accident on July 15, 2003. She was a resident of Costa Mesa for over eight years and her contributions to the City included her most noteworthy accomplishment, co-founding "Save Our Youth" (SOY). Nora also worked as a pre-school teacher, an instructional aide at Pomona School, a migrant home school aide and an incoming student evaluator for the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. Along with all of these accomplishments, Nora also helped to start MADRES, a support group for mostly immigrant mothers who need help coping with the pressures of a new culture and restless adolescent children. Nora Gonzalez Maher meets the requirements to be inducted into the Circle of Service.

Timothy Richey passed away on August 5, 2003. Timothy was a resident of Costa Mesa for over twenty years and was heavily involved with his community, especially with regard to the Boy Scouts. He was involved in scouting in Costa Mesa for over three decades serving hundreds of young people in the process. Timothy served as Scoutmaster of Troop 339 in Costa Mesa for over eight years and also served as a committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Camporee Chairman and staff member, Trainer for Junior Leadership Sessions, and Chairman for Webelos Woods. Timothy also received the Award of Merit and his district's Scoutmaster of the Year Award, and was the recipient of the presidential Scoutmaster Award. In addition to all of these awards and recognitions Timothy was also a member of the Costa Mesa Lions Breakfast Club, Kiwanis Club and Boys Club. Timothy also volunteered his time to the Red Cross, Goodwill, and Muscular Dystrophy organizations. Timothy Richey meets the requirements to be inducted into the Circle of Service.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. Do not approve nominee as proposed.

FISCAL REVIEW

The estimated cost for purchase and installation of the plaques is \$220 each. The families have submitted checks to cover the purchase of plaques.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Council approved the establishment of the Circle of Service as part of Council Policy 800-4. All requests for induction into the Circle of Service are submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission shall make a recommendation to City Council to approve or deny the application.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the applications for induction into the Circle of Service for nominees Nora Gonzalez Maher and Timothy Richey and recommend to City Council to approve or deny the request.

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- Attachments:
- 1 [Council Policy 800-4](#)
 - 2 [Letters from Jean Forbath and from Allan Roeder dated March 26, 2004](#)
 - 3 [Circle of Service Criteria Summary Sheet for Nora Gonzalez Maher](#)
 - 4 [Letters from Dieter Kutz and from Brett Beck dated March 3, 2004](#)
 - 5 [Circle of Service Criteria Sheet for Timothy Richey](#)