



SENIOR COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: 6b

SUBJECT: Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation Update

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FROM: Parks and Community Services/Senior Services Division

PRESENTATION BY: Yvette Aguilar, Senior Center Program Administrator

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file staff report.

BACKGROUND

The Costa Mesa Senior Center, in response to senior residents' request, requested an update on the status of the disbanding of the Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation from President Mike Schaefer.

ANALYSIS

Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation President, Mike Schaefer, responded in writing to provide the Senior Commission with an update (Attachment 1).

FISCAL REVIEW

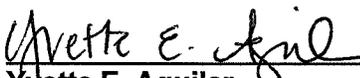
No financial review is required for this Item.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

Receive and file staff report.



Yvette E. Aguilar
Senior Center Program Administrator



Travis M. Karlen
Recreation Manager

Attachments: 1. Letter from Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation President, Mike Schaefer

June 12, 2015

To: City of Costa Mesa Recreation Division
Re: Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation

The Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation, a 501c3 organization, currently is governed by a board of directors comprised of 5 individuals. The Foundation meets on a regular basis to discuss matters of importance.

The Foundation recently concluded that it should take a course of action to dissolve. To that end we met with an attorney who works in subject matter relevant to the dissolution. The attorney examined all of the documents pertaining to the Foundation, including by-laws, incorporation papers, etc. He has determined that the Foundation has discretion in deciding where the funds of the Foundation may be distributed. However, that discretion is governed by certain State and Federal regulations that we as a Board will follow. Our goal is to dissolve the Foundation as soon as we can, and to donate to organizations that meet the requirements by the State and Federal governments.

Please note that our Board is determined to make those donations primarily to organizations that benefit the Senior community. Based on information from your department we recognize certain groups that work to benefit or provide service to seniors who participate at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

We have begun a process where we will be contacting those various groups/organizations that meet the established criteria. We will be looking at their credentials, financial statements and purpose statements before we determine how much, if any, to donate.

I will also reiterate at this point that the majority of our Board is made it clear that they will not approve any funding requests for capital projects at the Center. They have also stated that they are not likely to approve requests to purchase equipment, such as the Bingo board, etc. Of course we are glad to consider any requests, but just a heads up on the prior.

It is important that your Senior Commission understand that the Albert Dixon Foundation is a separate entity, not associated or connected any longer to the former Costa Mesa Senior Corporation. That determination was confirmed by our attorney.

We know that some seniors and Commissioners have questioned the motive and direction of our Foundation. That sentiment is not only distasteful to our Board, it is unfounded. Our goal is to enrich the community in what we see is the most beneficial way. That is our motive as we move towards the dissolution of the Foundation.

Mike Scheafer, President
Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation