

# PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**Monday, March 11, 2013**

**6:30 p.m.**

DALES SENIOR CENTER

3936 CHESTNUT STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. **Public Comment Period** - This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any items within the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Park and Recreation Commission Meeting - February 11, 2013 Minutes

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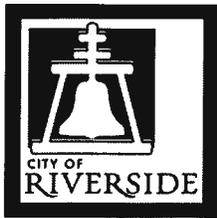
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# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2013**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM NO: 3**

**SUBJECT: FEBRUARY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT**

**ISSUE:**

The issue before the Park and Recreation Commission is a monthly update of the Community Services Division's programs and activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive the monthly update of the Community Services Division's programs and activities.

**BACKGROUND:**

The following is a summary of activities that took place within the Community Services Division in February:

***After School Programs***

**PRIME Time**

Participants in the Alvord Unified School District PRIME Time program enjoyed a field trip to Castle Park on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Throughout the year, students utilize the program to improve their grades through the use of tutoring and other enrichment programs. Student progress was monitored and students that showed academic improvement were offered the opportunity to attend the Castle Park trip.

***Kids-In-Action***

**Hunt Park**

The Kids-In-Action (KIA) program has been busy celebrating multiple holidays in February: Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, President's Day and Valentine's Day. Participants in the program celebrated Valentine's Day with an exciting party, including arts and crafts, games, and the exchange of Valentine cards and candy. Refreshments were provided and enjoyed by all. Tutoring, computer lessons, sports activities and art class are included in the KIA Program.

**Nichols Park**

Rain, rain, go away, let KIA come out to play! Enrollment for the KIA program at Nichols Park reached a school-year high of 36 students. After completing homework assignments and utilizing tutorial assistance, the children participated in craft activities, video game competitions and sports tournaments. An arts and crafts project in early February resulted in youth decorations being used for the Valentine's Day party.

### Villegas Park

There is a small, but close-knit group of participants who are members of the KIA program at Villegas Park. Participants continue to complete school assignments and reading projects on a daily basis. They were also able to enjoy some free time to create Valentine Dance posters that helped advertise the month's special event. Everyone took to a paint brush and chipped in using their creative talents to design some awesome posters. On Valentine's Day, over 20 participants enjoyed pizza and punch and each individual received a candy bag as they exchanged cards among themselves.

### ***Time for Tots***

#### Hunt Park

The Time for Tots Program continues to grow and improve, operating at full capacity each month. Tots learn vital lessons for future academic success, including the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, days of the week, months of the year and how to write their own names. Silly songs, play time, and arts and crafts are included in the program to provide creative outlets for the tots.

On Valentine's Day, the children celebrated the day with a wonderful potluck lunch, with families bringing a dish or drink to share with the class. The children passed out candy, Valentine cards and yummy goody-bags. They also enjoyed singing songs, making Valentine cards for their parents and coloring festive Valentine pictures.

#### Nichols Park

In support of the Kids' Heroes Run, the participants in the Time for Tots Program learned about the different branches of the military and the wide array of community heroes, such as doctors, nurses, police officers and firefighters. The children also learned about the importance of fitness and exercise during a visit from the Fitness Heroes, River and Bella.

#### Villegas Park

The Villegas Park Time for Tots program reached an all-time high of 20 participants during the month. Participants engaged in the monthly curriculum of numbers, letters, colors and shapes. Sibling Superheroes River and Bella paid a visit to the group and helped promote the Kids' Heroes Run at Fairmount Park. In keeping with the theme, the program instructor scheduled outdoor activities that taught the children simple exercises to help develop a healthy lifestyle.

### ***Senior Programs***

#### Dales Senior Center

Dales Senior Center hosted a Sweets and Treats Luncheon on Wednesday, February 13, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Participants enjoyed listening to rock and roll songs that were performed by musical guest, James Alexander. Participants enjoyed a delicious lunch that consisted of a garden salad, spaghetti with homemade meatballs, breadsticks that were donated by Olive Garden, and sweet cupcakes that were donated by Casey's Cupcakes.

On Tuesday, February 19, the Dales Senior Advisory Board conducted their monthly meeting. Members voted to sponsor the Senior Breakfast Club with \$500 monthly to assist with the cost of expenses. They also discussed dates to volunteer for bingo, breakfast club, and the monthly senior luncheon.

The Dales Senior Center received 50 Riverside Transit Agency bus tickets from the Transportation Access Program (TAP) during the month of February. Participants receive two passes a week and can receive up to four passes a month. Twenty of those tickets are used for the City of Riverside Special Transportation, which assists in transporting seniors to the center's programs.

During the month of February, HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) conducted weekly training sessions for their volunteers to provide free and objective information and counseling that can help seniors understand their specific rights and health care options.

La Sierra Senior Center

On Thursday, February 14, the La Sierra Senior Advisory Board conducted their monthly meeting. Members reviewed bylaws, voted on donating 100 baskets to the upcoming egg hunt at La Sierra Community Center, and chose dates to volunteer at upcoming special events.

La Sierra Senior Center hosted “A Night at Mount Olympus” Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 15 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. With assistance from volunteer Advisory Board members, 83 seniors were served a hearty meal that began with flatbread and hummus, chicken stuffed with feta cheese, rice pilaf, broccoli, baklava, and beverages. “A Night at Mount Olympus” Dinner and Dance also included live entertainment provided by The Pastels, opportunity drawings and a “best toga” contest.

La Sierra Senior Center hosted a Mardi Gras luncheon on Thursday, February 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. One hundred and nine participants enjoyed singing and dancing to the musical group, The Happy Hour Singers. Participants enjoyed a flavorful helping of lunch consisting of cheese enchiladas, potato salad, beans, garden salad and rainbow sherbet.

The La Sierra Senior Center received 50 Riverside Transit Agency bus tickets from the TAP during the month of February. Participants receive two passes a week and can receive up to four passes a month. Twenty of those tickets are used for the City of Riverside Special Transportation, which assists in transporting seniors to the center’s programs.

The La Sierra Senior Center partnered with the AARP Tax Program to offer free tax services and preparation to seniors. This service began February 14 and will be offered Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. until April 15.

Villegas Park/Ysmael Villegas Community Center

Early February was spent with seniors creating decorations of hearts and cupids in a wide assortment of colors, made from a variety of materials, to be used for the Valentine Dance. The group also composed special Valentine cards that were given to spouses, significant others and to their children or grandchildren.

Janet Goeske Center

On Tuesday, February 12, staff celebrated and honored volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that included entertainment and a small “thank you” gift. The Foundation Board of Directors and staff thanked over 200 volunteers in attendance by serving them a delicious lunch and announced the 2012 volunteer service hours of 25,972; the equivalent of 12 additional full-time staff members and a tremendous contribution of time to their growing organization.

On Sunday, February 17, staff hosted over 220 attendees for a couponing class. The class allowed for free admission with a donation of a shelf-stable item to stock up the Goeske food pantry that helps seniors in need. The donations were plentiful and in return, attendees learned how to save hundreds of dollars a month by clipping and using coupons at favorite grocery and drugstores.

Tax season is here and the AARP “Tax-Aid Program” began February 11 and will continue through April 16. This is a free service available to those individuals with low to moderate incomes. AARP representatives are at the Center on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Center celebrated the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Program on Friday, February 22 with over 200 in attendance. The program featured special guests and a performance by the Martin Luther King High School Choir. The program honored Martin Luther King, Jr. and the legacy of his life. The program concluded with a delicious soul food lunch.

Fifty patrons had the opportunity to partake in a presentation on Tuesday, February 12 entitled, “Healthy Hispanic Cuisine” and another on Friday, February 15 entitled, “Living Well with Diabetics.” These two separate presentations were to show those with diabetes how to create wonderful cuisine and live a thriving life.

### **Community Centers**

#### **Bryant Park/Arlanza Community Center**

The boxing program continues to attract increasing numbers of youth and adult participants. The boxing and fitness area is filled with many community members learning the skills and techniques of the sport and there is a high level of enthusiasm on display each day. Bryant Park staff and volunteers continue to devote their time and energy to helping program participants have positive experiences while at the center.

On Friday, February 15, Bryant Park staff hosted a Valentine’s Dance for the Arlanza community from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in a dance room that was filled with hearts and cupid. There were approximately 20 energetic children who participated in the dance.

The Bryant Park dance and cheer teams performed at the Valentine’s Dance on Friday, February 15. They gave an energetic performance for the youth in the dance room where the Valentine’s dance was held. The Bryant Park cheer squad continued to shout with enthusiasm for the youth basketball teams at various locations and times.

The Arlanza Advisory Board proudly sponsored the Project Hope youth members to a trip to Ice Town in Riverside on Friday, February 15. The youth enjoyed every minute of the ice skating experience because for many, this was the first time that they had experienced ice skating. The group also volunteered their time to assist with the Riverside Raincross 5K Run/Walk, where they manned the water stations along the route. Project Hope members will also have assisted at the Council Ward 7 Litter Graffiti Abatement Community Greening on March 9 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

#### **Bryant Park/Eric M. Solander Center**

Solander Center has been filled with new and interested young adults who wish to complete their high school diploma. The John Muir Charter School has been offering numerous orientation sessions on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. to inform these new incoming members of the possibilities and opportunities with the John Muir Charter School. The John Muir Charter School faculty and staff have set up two school sessions per day due to the overwhelming numbers of students interested in the program. The sessions take place from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. PRCSD staff is working with John Muir staff to find placements in local businesses and City departments for the Vocational Education portion of the curriculum.

Hunt Park/Renck Community Center

Hunt Park Community Center has been busier than ever with basketball practices and tournaments. Numerous children and youth alike are involved in their basketball programs, ranging from Tots, Pee Wee, and Junior Divisions, with an attendance of 500 visits per week.

This year, Valentine's Day was a smash! Hunt Park hosted a Valentine's Day Dance on February 14, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Youth aging from 10 - 14 thoroughly enjoyed the dance, which included refreshments, goodies, a DJ, festive games and special performances from their very own Beginning Dance, Intermediate Dance, and Beginning Cheer participants.

La Sierra Park/La Sierra Community Center

Working with the Riverside Community Health Foundation, adult Zumba classes continue to fill the La Sierra Community Center gym, with over 50 participants enjoying energetic fitness activity during each session. Zumba classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

La Sierra Park cheerleaders practiced twice weekly in preparation for the Valentine's Day Party, which was held on Thursday, February 14. The cheerleaders performed on two Saturdays, February 16 and 23, during half time at the B Division basketball games. Their hard work and dedication to the class was demonstrated in their performances.

The La Sierra Park dance class continues to grow on a weekly basis. Ten youth are enrolled in the classes held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The participants in the dance class participated in the Valentine's Day Party by performing for parents and youth.

Nichols Park/Joyce Jackson Community Center

Besides extensive community involvement, the youth at the Olympic Taekwondo Academy have continued to represent the community on a national level. Many of the students spent five days battling the best of the best at the U.S. Open on February 19 through 23. As if that honor and distinction weren't enough, the members then will have traveled to the Santa Cruz Open on Saturday, March 9 in Santa Cruz, California. They were tested on and excelled in their striking and defense techniques.

The participants of the Nichols Park Aerobics Programs refuse to let rain put a damper on their healthy lifestyle. Rain or shine, the devoted have gathered day and night to stretch and dance. The evening aerobics class collected enough donations from participants to purchase multiple sets of dumbbells to enhance their workouts and expand the parameters of their exercise options. Under the direction of the instructor, the ladies also learned basic self-defense techniques.

The Nichols Park Dance Program has been off to a great start. Fifteen enthusiastic participants have joined in on the fun-filled, music-driven atmosphere. The young dancers have been assessed to determine their skill levels and practiced basic choreography to warm up to this new and exciting class. As the students advanced, they were introduced to different dance genres. In anticipation of their inaugural debut performance at Nichols Park's Spring Egg Hunt, the class has been hard at work learning their first routine.

With the multi-purpose room decked out in roses and hearts for the Sweets and Treats Valentine's Day Event, participants enjoyed refreshments while dancing away to love tunes. Staff was on hand to take keepsake photos for those in attendance.

### Villegas Park/Ysmael Villegas Community Center

On Thursday, February 14, the youth of Casa Blanca attended the annual Valentine's Dance held inside the community center. Over 25 children, ages 8 - 14 years old, shared a great time with their peers. The attendees were treated to pizza, nachos with jalapeños and punch. The youth enjoyed music from current day R&B to the past hits of Motown. A few dance games were conducted in which prizes were awarded to youth with the best dance moves. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The first Mayor's Night Out with Mayor Rusty Bailey was held on Thursday, February 28, at Villegas Community Center. The event began at 6:30 p.m. and included City Councilmembers and City Staff from the Offices of the City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager, Community Development, Fire, Library, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Police, Public Works and Public Utilities. Residents of the community were given the opportunity to meet and interact with City staff, as they moved from table to table. Residents also learned about projects and programs in their neighborhood and then concluded with a question and answer session with the Mayor himself.

### Friendly Stars

Participants enjoyed Computer Night on Friday, February 22, which is a great way to introduce those that are interested to the fundamentals of computers. Staff was on hand to help guide them through the very basic of operations.

Participants enjoyed another great music and dancing evening on Friday, March 1. Dance Night, had a special objective, which was to get with a friend that is often too shy to dance and join into a "dance-off" to win a prize. This is a great way to get those less confident participants on the dance floor and make new friends.

Lastly, a group of participants are avid basketball players and want to demonstrate their athletic abilities to their peers. Therefore, on Basketball Night on Friday, March 8, participants will be able to join in the fun or simply cheer on their peers inside the basketball gym.

### Youth Opportunity Center (YOC)

On Thursday, February 14, the YOC and César Chávez Community Center hosted a Teen Valentine's Day Dance where pre-teenaged youth enjoyed an evening of dancing, various game activities and a variety of mouthwatering snacks. Decorated with balloons and hearts displayed all over the room, the music classroom was transformed into an intimate dance floor for teens to enjoy an evening in a safe environment.

The YOC has partnered with Riverside Goodwill Career Resource Center to provide job preparedness workshops with job leads to young adults ages 18 - 24. The Goodwill Resource Center brings job seekers and employers together in one place. Employers get help finding candidates and screening prospective employees; job seekers get help preparing resumés, getting interviews and taking classes toward retraining or upgrading their skills. The YOC is excited to bring additional opportunities with the possibility of placing young adults in sustainable jobs.

### Project BRIDGE

With the start of the second CALGRIP cohort, staff has assisted all participants, from middle school age through out of school young adults, obtain their California Identification Cards. In addition, a financial literacy workshop provided by a local banking institution was offered to the youth where they learned the importance of banking. The participants agreed to open a savings

account and have their checks deposited electronically to their savings account. This has become a great achievement that empowers and helps the youth become responsible adults.

On Wednesday, February 20, ten participants experienced the college atmosphere by attending a men's basketball game at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). Chaperoned by staff, youth were thrilled to have the opportunity to visit a college campus, something they had not been exposed to before. Their faces revealed their excitement as they experienced the enthusiastic fans in the stands cheering the Highlanders as they beat University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB).

### Youth Sports

The Bryant Park Division A - Supersonics youth basketball team was moved up to the Gold Division for the second half of the basketball season. The Supersonics youth basketball team ended the season undefeated. These young men worked hard all season, as did the rest of the youth basketball teams. The youth soccer teams have started forming for all divisions including tots, peewee, and junior divisions.

A number of Hunt Park youth basketball teams attended the SCMAF tournament representing the City of Riverside. On Saturday, February 9, Hunt Park C Division teams had a blast playing a 10-minute game during halftime of the California Baptist University Women's Basketball Game. Coach Rory Tso and Coach Micah McDaniels were the respective coaches. Also, Hunt Park basketball teams were on hand as guests of UCR to cheer their home team at the March 2 game in the Student Recreation Center.

La Sierra Community Center is well represented in the 2013 Youth Basketball League, with 13 basketball teams and 153 participants. Youth division teams include three A Division teams, three B Division teams, and two C Division teams. Tots, PeeWee and Junior divisions include one Tot team, two PeeWee teams and two Junior teams for the 2013 season. The Tots, PeeWee and Junior divisions all concluded play on February 16. La Sierra Community Center will have three teams entered into the SCMAF basketball tournament, which will be held on March 16 and 17. La Sierra Community Center served as the host site for B Division games on Saturdays.

### ***Special Events***

#### Riverside Raincross Run

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside Raincross 5K Run/Walk took place on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 a.m. at Fairmount Park. The event provided a challenging workout, leading runners through the beautiful historic park and neighborhoods. In addition, the Kids' Hero Run, for youth ages 5-12, began at 8:30 a.m. Participants also benefited from the Family Fitness Fair, which took place from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m., offering a variety of information and activities from local health and fitness agencies.

#### Volunteer Meet and Greet

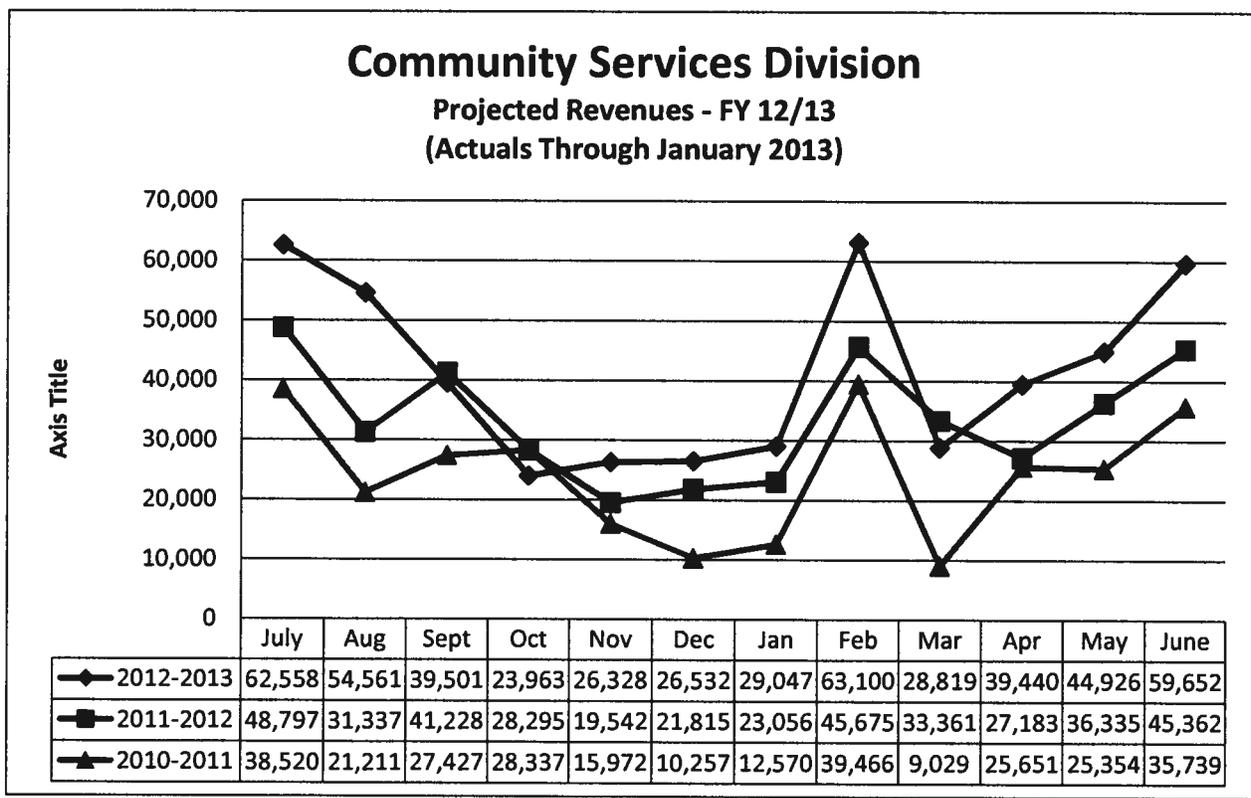
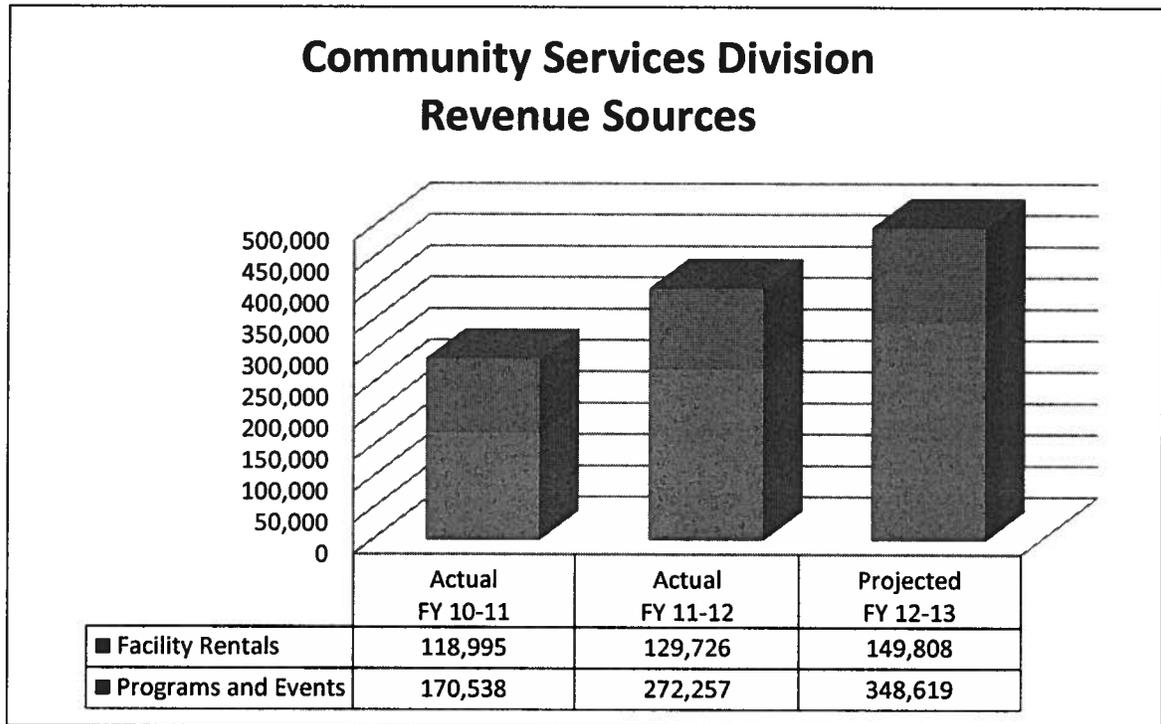
A volunteer meet and greet social was held Thursday, February 21, 2013, at the La Sierra Senior Center. The meeting provided information about volunteer opportunities throughout Riverside. A brief video was presented that highlighted volunteer opportunities, including information about leading activities/classes, coaching youth sports and assisting with the operations at local neighborhood community centers.

### Training

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department conducted staff training on Thursday, February 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. The topic of the webinar was "Energize, Motivate and Sustain Momentum in your Staff". Various trainings are held throughout the year at the

Dales Senior Center and provide staff with educational opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed within the profession.

**Revenues**



Community Services Division year-to-date revenues are up 23% from the prior year at the same reporting period.

**Upcoming Special Events**

- March 13 Springtime in Paris Luncheon (11:00 a.m.) at Dales Senior Center
- March 14 La Sierra Community Center St. Patricks Day Party (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)
- March 15 St. Patrick's Day Concert (6:00 p.m.) at Dales Senior Center
- March 16 Old Town Temecula and Bluegrass Festival (10:00 a.m.) Senior Excursion
- March 19 Dales Senior Advisory Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.) at Dales Senior Center
- March 30 Spring Egg Hunt (10:00 a.m.) at Nichols, Hunt, Villegas, La Sierra and Bryant Parks

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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On Tuesday, February 26, the Teens Advisory Board (TAB) members met to discuss and plan the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Dance. The TAB's eight members will assist staff in planning and promoting the dance scheduled for Friday, March 15. The dance will promote interaction between teen peers and build community with the youth in a fun, safe and festive environment.

On Wednesday, February 27, the youth basketball program concluded with 38 total teams representing OTCC. A few of the OTCC teams will compete in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation-Inland Valley's Youth Basketball Tournament on March 15-16 in various cities throughout the Inland Empire.

#### Stratton Community Center

Stratton Community Center continues to offer a variety of free classes and activities such as soul-line dancing, yoga, Zumba, aerobics, pool tournaments and senior nutrition. In addition to free classes, the Stratton Community Center offers a number of low-cost classes and activities including bingo, karate, and the Center's gym. The Center also hosts a number of community meetings including the Senior Martin Luther King Club, the Bordwell Park Advisory Team, and the NAACP.

Community Center staff and seniors from the Martin Luther King Club enjoyed a potluck on Tuesday, February 12, in celebration of Black History Month. The luncheon had over 150 participants in attendance.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) continues to offer free tax services to all members of the community on Wednesdays and Fridays through April 12.

#### César Chávez Community Center

The César Chávez Community Center and Bobby Bonds Park had more than 9,500 visits and 15 paid facility rentals in February. Activities offered at the center included youth and adult open play basketball, free legal clinics, parenting classes, belly dancing, Kyu Shin Ryn Jujitsu and Karate, ballet folklórico, youth basketball, after-school program and School's Out Fun Day camp.

The League of United Latin American Citizens Council (LULAC), in collaboration with the PRCSD, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Health Fair at César Chávez on Saturday, February 23. The health fair provided free dental, medical, and vision tests, haircuts, fitness demonstrations, informational/educational workshops and a community resource fair. Over 1,500 youth and adult participants benefited from the services provided by volunteers and local non-profit groups.

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP) began offering free tax services to all members of the community and will continue this service every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through April 15.

Classes at the Riverside School of the Arts continued through the month of February. Local artists, music and dance teachers, and drama/theater enthusiasts have been recruited from surrounding colleges, universities, school districts and non-profit organizations to teach free/low cost classes. Staff is currently planning the March to a Tune 'Til June Instrument Drive. The goal of the instrument drive is to collect previously owned and new instruments to be utilized by participants at the School of the Arts.

#### Bobby Bonds Synthetic Turf Field

The Bobby Bonds synthetic turf field continues to be heavily utilized by various sports leagues and organizations including J.W. North, Notre Dame and Poly High Schools.

Lincoln Park and Patterson Park

Staff at Lincoln and Patterson Parks are currently offering free after school programs from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lincoln Park operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Patterson operates on Tuesday and Thursday. This program offers homework assistance, organized arts and crafts, and fun indoor and outdoor activities to more than 40 neighborhood youth.

Ruth H. Lewis Community Center/Reid Park

During February, there were more than 5,000 youth and adults visits at the park and community center as a result of participation in recreation classes, senior activities, youth and adult sports, and after-school programs. Registration for contract classes, Tot Olympics, Sports for Tots, Lil' Kickers Soccer, adult basketball and adult volleyball is currently being accepted.

The Reid Park after-school program added cooking, dance and martial arts components to the curriculum. Participants will begin to apply their math principals to the art of cooking, learn basic principles of dance and history of martial arts. The participants in the after school program also held a Valentine's Day dance on Thursday, February 14.

More than 60 cheer and dance participants marched in the Black History Parade on Saturday, February 9. Both groups are busy preparing routines for the Spring Egg Hunt and youth basketball tournament games.

Reid Park staff and advisory board members are collaborating on details for the upcoming spring event scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. The event will include egg hunts, games and craft booths, magic show, balloon artist, petting zoo and Peter Rabbit.

Reid Park and youth sports staff are working together to present the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kids Fair in conjunction with the Tot Olympics. The event will be held at Bobby Bonds Sports Complex on Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. The fair will include health, informational and recreation vendors.

The Reid Clubhouse is being utilized for contract classes, rentals and special events. In the month of February, the facility was reserved for four rentals. Staff continues to receive inquiries about reserving the facility.

***Special Events and Projects***

On Sunday, February 3, OTCC staff and /volunteers of Prevent Child Abuse of Riverside County co-hosted the second annual Super Bowl event at Orange Terrace Park. This family oriented, community event featured the Super Bowl game televised in a VIP tent outdoors along with an outdoor jumbotron for the general public to view. In addition, the event had community information booths, meet and greet with ex-NFL players, autograph signing, food vendors, kids' sports zone, fun zone, and a beer and wine garden. Over 500 were in attendance. The event raised more than \$5,000 in sponsorship and donations to help offset the cost of foster care and prevention programs offered in Riverside County.

On Friday, February 8, staff at OTCC hosted a youth basketball banquet for tot, PeeWee and junior league participants and their families. The banquet included awards, slide show presentation and a potluck. Over 300 youth, parents and coaches attended the banquet. Staff is currently recruiting coaches and participants for the upcoming Lil' Kickers Soccer season, scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 13.

In February, Orange Terrace Community, Bobby Bonds and Reid Parks hosted their Annual Teen Valentine's Day Dances. Middle and high school students enjoyed dancing, video games, dance contests, raffles, glow in the dark jewelry, and a snack bar. Over 500 teens from the community enjoyed the dances.

On Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18, staff at Bobby Bonds and Orange Terrace Community Parks, hosted School's Out Fun Days. The events attracted over 70 youth who enjoyed a fun-filled day of arts and crafts, organized sports programs, and other activities.

Staff at Orange Terrace Community, Bobby Bonds and Reid Parks continues to plan the upcoming Spring Egg Hunts and Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Bobby Bonds staff, in collaboration with the Riverside Community Health Foundation, will also host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastside Community Health Fair. More than 1,000 youth and 500 adults are expected to participate in the festivities. Activities will include an egg hunt, visits with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, 40 health and wellness booths, and live entertainment.

Recreation Division staff, in collaboration with the Kiwanis and Rotary Club, is planning a city-wide egg hunt at the newly renovated Martha Mclean Park on Saturday, March 30, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. This annual event will celebrate and showcase the diverse community of Riverside, service organizations, and will feature a variety of children's and family activities that may include: Spring Egg Hunts, large inflatable bouncers, games, petting zoo, and entertainment.

Lincoln Park will host a similar event on Friday, April 22, with an expected attendance of 200 youth.

Planning for the 2013 Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series is currently underway. Concerts will be held every Wednesday evening beginning June 19. The Riverside Sings vocal competition auditions will be held May 21 and 22 at César Chávez Auditorium at Bobby Bonds Park. Staff will finalize the entertainment line-up by the second week in March.

Preparation is underway for the 2013 4<sup>th</sup> of July shows at La Sierra Park and atop Mt. Rubidoux.

### **Facilities**

On Friday, February 1, the City's athletic fields were reopened for the Spring 2013 season. Athletic fields had been closed since December 2012 for down time and maintenance. In addition, Facilities staff has processed over 40 outdoor reservations, including several for the Lakeside Room at Fairmount Park.

On Saturday, February 16, Orangecrest Pony Baseball held their Opening Day at Andulka Park. They had multiple vendors, a parade of players, picture day and carnival games. There were approximately 750 people in attendance.

Since December, facility staff has been assigned to process special event applications for groups hosting events within a City park or facility or event that may impact City parks or facilities. In order to process an application, staff typically meets with the event organizer, tours suggested facilities and acts as a liaison between the various City departments and the group organizers. Staff anticipates processing more than 50 applications annually. Events include the Guadalupe Shrine Walk, Riverside Roadrunners 5K, MLK Walk-A-Thon, Raincross Run, Orange Terrace Superbowl, Walk with the Animals and Carving Canyon Mountain Bike Race.

### **Aquatics**

Riverside Aquatics Association (RAA), Riverside Aquettes, Notre Dame High School and the Riverside Unified School District continue daily use of Shamel and Sippy Woodhead Pools for practice and games.

Staff in the aquatics program is currently recruiting lifeguards, pool managers and cashiers for the upcoming summer season, which kicks off with Lifeguard Training Classes in May. Staff recruited potential candidates at local colleges, high schools and swim teams. Interviews for various positions will be conducted in April.

The Riverside Aquettes (RAQ) continue ongoing use of Shamel Park Swimming Pool and provide water aerobics and aqua therapy on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.; on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The class offers techniques to develop muscular flexibility, strength and endurance while in the water. Through active participation, students learn the concepts and importance of proper body alignment and posture, warm-up, cool down, personal fitness level awareness and setting personal fitness goals.

Staff is currently recruiting elementary and middle schools to reserve City pools for their end-of-the-year splash parties. The splash parties are scheduled to begin the first week in May.

### **Contract Classes**

During February, contract classes had 881 participants and 11 non-residents. One of the most popular classes held was the new Disney's Aristocats Musical Theater class at OTCC, which had 23 students registered. The Musical Theater class is taught by Stacey Tweedlie. Students learn the fundamentals of musical theater and improve their public speaking and social skills while having fun in this high energy class. Each class consists of singing, acting and basic dancing from Disney's Aristocats Kids Musical, which is performed at the end of the final class.

Staff is currently recruiting new instructors for the Summer Activity Guide, which will be distributed the first week of May. Staff is also working with Economic Development to coordinate a joint quarterly publication that will showcase the classes and programs offered by the PRCSD and projects and items that have an economic impact with the City of Riverside.

### **Youth Sports**

The youth basketball program concluded on Saturday, March 2 with 126 total teams representing all community centers throughout the City of Riverside. Youth basketball teams have the opportunity to compete in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation-Inland Valley's Basketball Tournament the weekend of March 15 – 17 in various cities in the Inland Empire.

The Sports for Tots and Start Smart Programs are ongoing at Orange Terrace Community and Arlington Heights Sports Parks. Classes are held Tuesday and Saturday mornings. These instructional programs are designed to teach children basic skills in a variety of sports. Staff is looking forward to a great Spring session.

Registration for the Lil' Kickers Soccer program is currently ongoing. Staff has distributed flyers to local schools and preschool programs in the surrounding area. Registration days are taking place at Arlington Heights Sports Park in mid-March. The league is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 13.

Staff is gearing up for the annual Tot Olympics event scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at Bobby Bonds turf field. Staff will be collaborating with UECC AmeriCorps students and other non-profit groups to assist with coordination and staffing the event.

### **Adult Sports**

The spring Adult Men's Basketball League began Monday, February 11. Staff hosted a coaches' meeting on Friday, February 8, to discuss league policies, rules and listen to player feedback on the structure and overall quality of the league. Staff continues to market the league by utilizing [www.teamsideline.com](http://www.teamsideline.com). The website provides real time access to league schedules and information. It also has advanced features which include league scheduler, instant text message which provide instant updates to the participants of the league.

Sports staff is currently recruiting for the Adult Volleyball League that began Tuesday, March 5. Games will be held at Bobby Bonds Park on Tuesday nights or Orange Terrace Park on Thursday nights. Staff has promoted the program by contacting former teams, distributing fliers and marketing through social media outlets.

The Adult Softball Winter League concludes the week of March 20. Games are played every day at Reid and Hunter Hobby Parks and the University of California, Riverside (UCR). The League is averaging 180 teams per season. The spring season is scheduled to begin in early April.

### **Training**

Staff training for February – March is as follows:

Successful Survey Techniques Webinar – Jovan Fontenot, Bridget Amaya, Desiree Gurrola, Noemi Lopez, Ebony Perkins, Erica Green, Danielle Smith, Crystal Chavez, Ebony Perkins and Randy Solis

Interview Panel Workshop – Amanda Gassaway, Jamie Jones and Ebony Perkins

SMART Level 1 – Janet Magana, Joseph Ferreira and Valarie Davila

SMART Level 2 – Danielle Smith

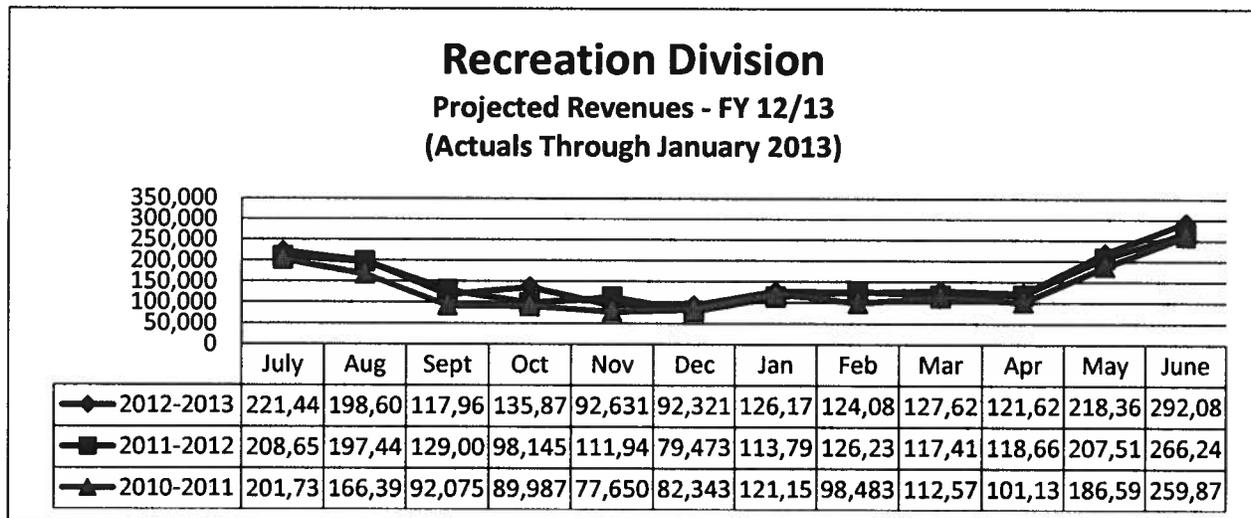
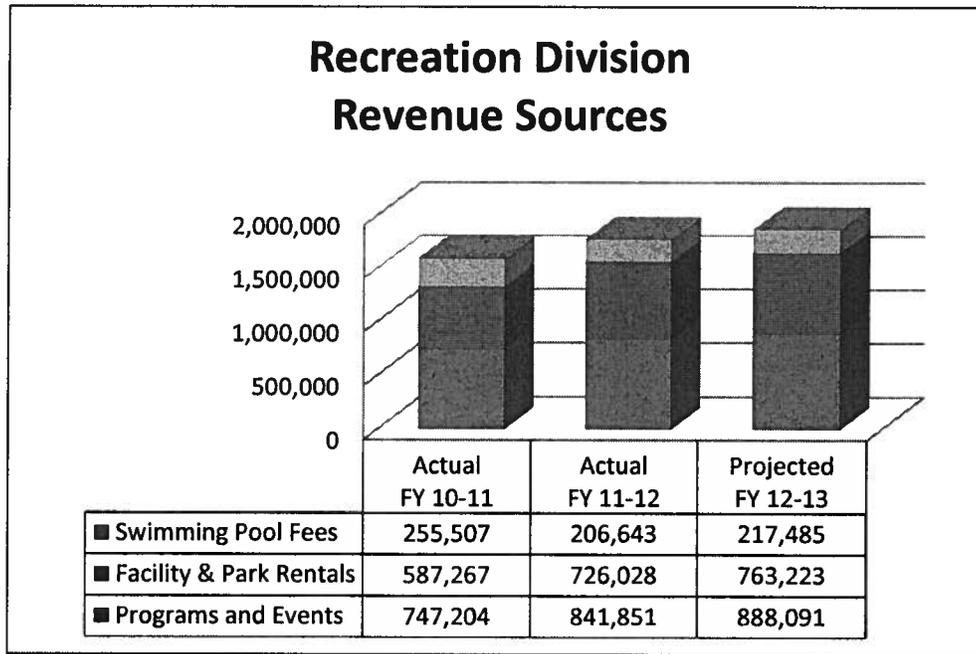
Prioritization and Time Management – Recreation Division benefitted staff

Energize, Motivate and Sustain Momentum in your Staff – Recreation Division benefitted staff

Make and Take Marketing – Recreation Division benefitted staff

Southern California Public Pool Operators Association ADA and Title Workshop – Randy Solis and Noemi Lopez

**Revenue**



Community Services Division year-to-date revenues are up 5% from the prior year at the same reporting period.

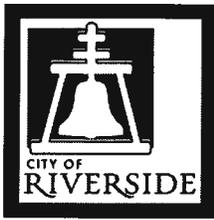
**Upcoming Events**

Upcoming Events	Date	Location	Time
Youth Basketball Banquet	March 7	Orange Terrace	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Saint Patrick’s Day Dance	March 15	Orange Terrace	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Walk With the Animals Walk-a-Thon	March 16	Fairmount Park	8:00 a.m. - Noon
Egg Hunt	March 22	Lincoln Park	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Egg Hunt and Spring Events	March 23	Orange Terrace, Reid and Bobby Bonds Parks	10:00 a.m. - Noon
Martha McLean Egg Hunt	March 30	Martha McLean	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service	March 31	Mt. Rubidoux	5:30 – 8:00 a.m.
Spring Camps	April 1-5	Bordwell, Orange Terrace and Reid Parks	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lifeguard Training	April 1 – 4	Sippy Woodhead Pool	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Robin A. Metz, Recreation Superintendent  
 Approved by: Ralph J. Nuñez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director  
 Approved by: Belinda J. Graham, Assistant City Manager



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2013**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM NO: 5**

**SUBJECT: FEBRUARY PARKS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT**

**ISSUE:**

The issue before the Park and Recreation Commission is a monthly update on the Parks Division's activities and maintenance functions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a monthly update on the Parks Division's activities and maintenance functions.

**BACKGROUND:**

***Projects***

Tree trimming and removals were completed at the Fairmount Park Golf Course. Staff is making revisions to the building plans for renovation purposes. In addition, staff is working with the City Attorney's Office and the Finance Department Purchasing Division for the removal of personal property left on site by the previous lessee. Hazardous material was removed from the site, including the abatement of floor and wall coverings containing asbestos and lead.

The installation of irrigation at Loring Park was started. The project will include an automated irrigation system, a booster pump, and new electrical service.

The turf was fertilized in all parks in January and February.

Parks Division staff is working with Excel Landscape on the required California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) spraying of the citrus trees to prevent the spread of Asian Citrus Psyllid at Washington and Arlington Heights Sport Parks. One application of pesticides has been completed.

***Park and Trail Maintenance***

**Andulka Park**

A worn diaphragm was replaced on a toilet that ran continuously in the iTennis building.

### Bobby Bonds

Leaking toilets were re-sealed around the base at the César Chávez Community Center and the YOC.

### Bordwell Park

Three 24" boxed Chinese Fringe Trees were planted near the Centro de Niños building, in memory of a youth who was killed in the Eastside in 2012.

### Bryant Park

The heavy punching bags were raised to the proper height to allow the boxers to hit them in the center.

### Don Derr Park

The landscape contractor made repairs to the drainage system near the baseball field.

### El Dorado Park

A broken irrigation mainline and valve were repaired.

Trees and shrubs were trimmed away from the fence line.

### Fairmount Park

A new electrical receptacle was installed near Bowling Green Drive for the starting equipment for the annual 5K run/walk. Additional preparations for the event included weed abatement, painting, and graffiti removal.

Five broken irrigation lateral lines were repaired.

Annual pruning was completed in the rose garden.

The buildings and gates in the park were re-keyed.

### Hunt Park

The electrician repaired a loose connection on the gym lights that caused the contactor to melt and fail.

The electrician repaired the basketball backboard in the gym that would not lower after a ball hit the power switch and damaged it.

A new switch and wiring were installed in the Viking range in the kitchen. The original switch failed and broke at the stem.

### Hunter Hobby Park

Staff pulled clogged urinals and a toilet in the restroom near the train station. The lines were cleared and the fixtures were cleaned and reinstalled.

### Janet Goeske Senior Center

Repairs were made to the failed data logger on the photovoltaic system. The data logger tracks the output of the system and reports any failures so a troubleshooter can respond.

La Sierra Park

The sensors were adjusted on the automatic entry doors because the doors were not opening and closing properly.

Martha McLean Anza Narrows

Two drains were installed at the park to provide better drainage in the parking lots.

Nichols Park

All of the nets on the outdoor basketball courts were replaced.

Rancho Loma Park

The tree maintenance contractor trimmed 45 trees throughout the park.

Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park

Eagle Scout, Jonny Castro, constructed and installed an information kiosk at the canyon's trail entrance behind Sycamore Highlands Park.

Villegas Park

New boxing equipment was installed.

Repairs were made to the chain link fencing at the Brown Room. A loose post caused the gate latch to fail.

White Park

A new TV and wall bracket were installed in the dance room in Dales Senior Center.

The walkways in the park were pressure-washed.

The security lights and electrical receptacles were repaired throughout the park.

A broken urinal was repaired in the interior men's restroom.

***Playground Maintenance***

Cracked and loose handholds were repaired on the climbing wall at Bordwell Park, and a cracked belt swing was replaced.

A new clutter bridge, slide and platform were installed at Taft Park.

Four belt swings and one missing bolt were replaced at the playground on Norwood Ave. at La Sierra Park.

All of the s-hooks were replaced on the swings at Myra Linn Park.

The cracked slide hood was replaced on the Castlevue Park playground.

Loose wind chime tubes were repaired on the playground at Arlington Heights Sports Park.

New periscope lenses were installed on the playground at Harrison Park, to replace the scratched lenses.

A new platform and kickplate were installed at Collett Park.

### ***Vandalism Repairs***

During the past month, staff spent over 100 hours removing graffiti at Bonds, Bordwell, Bryant, Carlson, Challen, Fairmount, La Sierra, Lincoln, Mt. Rubidoux, Nichols, and Villegas Parks.

Melted plastic was ground down and made smooth on the slide at Washington Park. Estimated cost: \$50.

Etched stainless steel mirrors were removed from the men's restroom in the gym at Nichols.

Stolen pipes were replaced for the sink in the men's park restroom at Hunt Park. Estimated cost: \$200.

A stolen soap dispenser was replaced in Orange Terrace Community Center. Estimated cost: \$50.

A toilet paper dispenser was broken off the wall at Renck Community Center. Estimated cost: \$50.

A broken latch was replaced on the base box at Bobby Bonds Park. Estimated cost: \$100.

Vandals damaged the doors on the storage bin at Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park. Estimated cost: \$200.

Following a break-in, César Chávez Community Center was rekeyed. Estimated cost: \$1,375.

The snack bar door at Orange Terrace Park was repaired after vandals tried to break in. Estimated cost: \$500.

A park bench was stolen from the playground area at Rancho Loma Park. Estimate cost: \$300.

New wires were pulled twice after vandals cut and stole wires from the security lighting system at Reid Park. Staff is working with the alarm company to install an alarm on a closed-loop system. Estimated cost: \$2,600.

Vandals broke into the maintenance yard at Fairmount Park and stole gas cans and a small trailer. Estimated loss is \$3,000.

Vandals broke into the Fairmount Park Golf Course buildings and damaged the empty ATM machine, cut the main electrical feed and damaged the panel, and damaged the main gate. Staff is working with the Building and Safety Division to relocate the electrical service to a more secure location.

Staff spread mulch that was illegally dumped in the overflow parking lot at Fairmount Park. Estimated cost: \$400.

New wires were pulled to the security lighting at Hunt Pak after vandals cut and stole wires. Estimated cost: \$750.

The park restroom/snack bar building at Bobby Bonds Park was repainted after vandals spray painted it with graffiti. Estimated cost: \$700.

A truck ran over a bench near the tennis courts at Fairmount Park on the evening before the Raincross 5K. Estimated cost: \$300

### **Work Orders**

In February, in addition to regular maintenance and special projects, the Parks Division responded to 33 service requests generated by the City's 311 Call Center and 165 work orders. Additionally, emergency call-out staff responded to four calls and the Maintenance Electricians completed 97 repairs/service requests.

### **Training**

Parks staff attended the following trainings:

- Annual Pesticide Applications/Safety
- M3P SMART and SHIELD programs

### **Recruitments**

Staff is currently recruiting for a General Service Worker and Weekend Crew Supervisor.

### **Programs**

#### Volunteers/Alternate Workforce Programs

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Work Release Program (WRP) crews performed 2,976 man-hours of work in February. The crews perform routine maintenance functions such as weed abatement, litter and graffiti removal, removal of litter from the lakes at Fairmount, cleaning and stocking restrooms, rose pruning, tree trimming and homeless camp cleanups.

The Urban Conservation Corps, consisting of eight youths and a supervisor, is continuing work in the natural area at Fairmount Park. The crew is on-site three days per week and their work includes skirting trees, removing trash/debris, cutting weeds, and removing tumbleweeds. The crew is also working on weed abatement at Mt. Rubidoux, along the roadways.

CalFire crews worked on clearing overgrowth in the undeveloped areas of Fairmount Park and Tequesquite Park, and cleared dead trees on the Riverside Golf Course property.

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, volunteers picked up trash at Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park. The group of 15 started in the Central Avenue parking lot and worked their way to Sycamore Highlands Park.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Sonya Chavarria, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Ralph J. Nuñez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

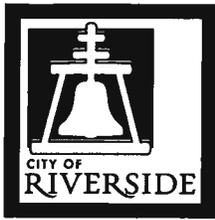
Approved by: Belinda J. Graham, Assistant City Manager

Attachment:

1. Parks Division Tree Plantings and Removals

Parks Division Tree Plantings and Removals for January - June 2013

Park	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Planted	Removed										
Andulka Park												
Arlington												
Arlington Heights Sports Complex												
Bergamont												
Bobby Bonds												
Bordwell			3									
Bryant												
Carlson												
Castleview												
Challen												
Collett				2								
Dario Vasquez												
Don Derr												
Don Jones												
Don Lorenzi												
El Dorado												
Fairmount				1								
Harrison												
Highland												
Hunt												
Hunter Hobby												
Islander												
La Sierra												
Lincoln												
Loring												
Low												
Martha McLean Anza Narrows												
Mt. Rubidoux												
Mt. View												
Myra Linn												
Nichols												
North												
Orange Terrace												
Patterson												
Rancho Loma												
Reid												
Riverwalk												
Rutland												
Shamel				2								
Sycamore Highlands												
Taft												
Thundersky												
Villegas												
Washington												
White												
Misc: Arlington Library												
Misc: Casa Blanca Library												
Misc: Cypress Ave. trail												
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>							



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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2013**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM NO: 6**

**SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT**

**ISSUE:**

The issue before the Park and Recreation Commission is a monthly update of the Department's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive the monthly update of the Department's Capital Improvement Projects.

**BACKGROUND:**

The attached CIP Tracking Report for March 2013 provides a detailed list of capital projects that are either in design phase, under construction, are planned for the future, or completed. Major milestones are identified for each project. The following are highlighted milestones pulled from this month's report:

**Design Phase Projects:**

- North Park Fencing Project – Bids were received and awarded.
- Janet Goeske Senior Center Dry Storage Improvements – Bid Documents are in progress and are scheduled to bid by the end of March.
- Loring Park Improvements – Bids were received for irrigation materials and installation. Work is schedule to start in April.

**Construction Phase Projects:**

- Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo - Construction continues throughout the site. Street improvements on Tequesquite and Palm Avenues are also in progress.
- Bobby Bonds César Chávez ADA Improvements – Project is substantially completed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner

Approved by: Ralph J. Nuñez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

Approved by: Belinda J. Graham, Assistant City Manager

Attachment:

1. Capital Projects Tracking Report

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT**

March 2013

PLANNING OR DESIGN PHASE		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	WARD	PROJECT BUDGET	FUNDING SPENT TO DATE	MILESTONE DATES/NOTES
ASSIGNED STAFF	PROJECT NAME						
Andy Emery	Arlington Park Childcare Center -Redev	Design an 8,900 sq ft. 144 Student childcare center at Arlington Park.	Out to Bid	5	540,500	458,000	FUNDING: 7/1/08 BID: 5/2012 CONST:(9/2013) COMP:(10/2014) NOTES: The Redev. Oversight Board approved funding on June 14, 2012. Re-bid is now pending State approval.
Parks	Arlington Park Renovation - CDBG	Design and Construction of misc. improvements including: stucco on pool building, pool plaster & tile repairs, electrical / lighting, new gazebo, playground expansion, fencing repairs, concrete work, new tables and benches, irrigation and landscape.	In Design	5	209,692	-	FUNDING: 3/2012 BID:(TBD) CONST:(TBD) COMP:(TBD) NOTES: CDBG MOU is executed. Project pending env. approval.
Ewina Lau	Bobby Bonds- Playground - LWCF Grant & IWM Tire Grant	Design and construction of a new playground.	In Design	2	325,000	12,276	FUNDING: 9/2011 BID: (10/2013) CONST:(11/2013) COMP:(2/2014) NOTES: Design is in progress. Additional Funding is needed to proceed with project.
Parks	Bryant Park Restroom Improvement-CDBG	Design and construction of rehabilitated restrooms, including replacing partitions, new flooring, stucco and paint.	In Design	6	260,640	8,750	FUNDING: 9/2011 BID:2/2013 CONST:(4/2013) COMP:(6/2013) NOTES: Project will be completed by in-house staff.
Ewina Lau	Janet Goeske Senior Center Dry Storage Improvements - CDBG	Design and construction of rehabilitated dry storage to bring into compliance with County Environmental Health permit requirements for full service kitchen.	In Design	3	15,000	1,700	FUNDING: 9/2012 BID:(3/2013) CONST:(5/2013) COMP:(8/2013) NOTES: Design is in progress.
Parks	Loring Park Improvements - General Fund	Design and construction of landscape and irrigation improvements.	Out to Bid	1	93,235	-	FUNDING: 11/2012 BID: 2/2013 CONST:(4/2013) COMP:(6/2013) NOTES: Bid received for irrigation parts and labor. PO pending
Parks	North Park Fencing - CDBG	Design and construction of perimeter fence to secure the park and park parking lot area.	Out to Bid	2	130,000	-	FUNDING: 2010 BID: 2/ 2013 CONST: 3/ 2013 COMP: (6/ 2013) NOTES: Bid awarded February 19. Env. Review in progress.
Parks	Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Nature Center - Grant	Design and construction of 700 SF Sycamore Canyon Nature Center.	In Design	4	780,000	122,400	FUNDING: 2010 BID: (April 2013) CONST:(Summer 2013) COMP: (Fall 2013) NOTES: Bid Documents in progress.
Randy McDaniel	Transit Facility Modernization and Improvement - Grant	Design and construction to renovate approx.1700 SF existing transit facility.	In Design	4	850,000	500	FUNDING: BID: (April 2014) CONST:(Sumr 2014) COMP:(Wtr. 2014) NOTES: Project design is in progress.
Ewina Lau	Villegas Park Community Center Improvements -Redev	Design to renovate 17,000 SF Ismael Community Center including full service kitchen, renovation of bathrooms, entry, lighting and facade; site improv. incld. Bunker St Parking exp. & soccer field renovation.	In Design	4	350,000	337,000	FUNDING: 10/27/09 BID: (7/2012) CONST:(9/2013) COMP:(9/2014) NOTES: The Redev. Oversight Board approved funding on June 14, 2012. Bid is now pending State approval.
<b>DESIGN AND PLANNING PHASE TOTAL</b>						<b>3,554,067</b>	<b>940,626</b>

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT**

March 2013

<b>CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	WARD	CONST FUNDING	FUNDING SPENT TO DATE	MILESTONE DATES/NOTES
ASSIGNED STAFF	PROJECT NAME						
Ewina Lau	<b>Bobby Bonds- Cesar Chavez Elevator &amp; ADA Improv. - CDBG</b>	Construction funding for installation of an Elevator, ADA improvements, accessible drinking fountain and accessible Restrooms.	Maintenance	2	411,000	320,000	FUNDING: 10/2011 BID:4/2012 CONST: 9/4/2012 COMP: 2/2013 NOTES: Elevator is operational and restrooms are completed. Project is substantially completed.
Andy Emery	<b>Doty-Trust Park-Redev</b>	Construct 14.71 acres of a 22 acre neighborhood park including parking, basketball courts, playgrounds, open turf play area, par exercise course, picnic areas and walking jogging path with connections to existing trails.	Maintenance	5	4,900,000	4,647,000	FUNDING: 8/25/09 BID:12/2010 CONST:02/2011 COMP: 6/9/2012 NOTES: Mitigation measures to control slope erosion are being implemented.
Andy Emery	<b>Ryan Bonaminio Park Development -Redev</b>	Develop 43 acres of parkland including two ball fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, concession / restroom, two basketball courts, open turf, park trails and staging area to access Santa Ana River bicycle trail and parking for up to 350 vehicles	Construction	1	9,207,703	6,229,000	FUNDING: various BID:07/2011 CONST: 01/26/2012 COMP:(08/2013) NOTES: Construction continues. Curb & gutter on South side of Tequesquite has been completed. The playground has been installed.
Ewina Lau	<b>Villegas Park Improvements - CDBG</b>	Install projector, screen and sound system and field.	In Design	4	128,000	3,300	FUNDING: 7/2010 BID:(TBD) CONST:(TBD) COMP:(TBD) NOTES: Bid pending to accommodate Redevelopment funding constraints.

<b>CONSTRUCTION PHASE TOTAL</b>	<b>14,646,703</b>	<b>11,199,300</b>
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**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT**

March 2013

<b>FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	WARD	EST. PROJECT COST
PROJECT NAME					PROJECT COST
<b>Ab Brown Sports Complex</b>	Design and Construct new sports complex to replace existing complex. *Orange Street Acquisition and Riverside Golf Course are potential locations under review.				1 In Design 18,500,000
<b>Arlington Park Childcare Center</b>	Construct upto a 8,900 sq ft 144 student childcare center at Arlington Park as funding allows.				5 Pend funds 4,228,824
<b>Carlson Park St. Francis Falls Restoration</b>	Design and construct the fountain renovation, Riverside neon sign rehab, historical plaques, irrigation landscape and additional sidewalk.				1 Pend funds 250,000
<b>Fairmount Park Golf Course Renovation</b>	Improve entry gates, parking, renovate clubhouse, expand by nine holes, landscape and irrigate.				1 Pend funds 4,000,000
<b>Fairmount Park Historic Core Improvements - Construction</b>	Improve entry gates, enhance pedestrian access, add signage, landscaping, refurbish restroom, amphitheater, playground, parking lot, new benches and picnic tables.				1 Pend funds 4,000,000
<b>Fairmount Park Lake Shore Access - Phase II</b>	Design and construct improvements to enhance pedestrian access, landscaping, paving and lighting around Lake Evans.				1 Pend funds 500,000
<b>Fairmount Park Lake Rehabilitation - Phase II (Aeration)</b>	Replace Fairmount Lake aeration system, remove and reinstall fish habitat "constructs," provide well rehab improvements, as necessary, to facilitate future water demand and develop a long term maintenance plan for the lake system.				1 Pend funds 1,000,000
<b>Fairmount Park North Hill Banks Pedestrian Entry</b>	Enhance pedestrian access at the intersection of Locust street and Banks Drive and improve street alignment, signage, landscape, irrigation, paving and gates.				1 Pend funds 2,000,000
<b>Fairmount Park North Hill Expansion</b>	Expand Fairmount Park to include two acres of parkland on the corner of Locust Street and Houghton Drive and include picnic area, trail access, landscape and irrigation.				1 Pend funds 700,000
<b>Mission Ranch Park</b>	A new neighborhood park in the Alta Cresta area of Riverside. Facilities will include a lighted baseball field, restroom facilities, approximately 30 on-site parking stalls, a children's playground, picnic facilities and open meadow space useable for football and soccer practice and other recreational purposes.				4 Pend funds 6,200,000
<b>Nichols Park Community Center</b>	Demolish and construct an 18,000 square-foot community center with an indoor gymnasium, exterior patio, covered walkway, and parking to support sports activities, recreation programs, and community gatherings.				1 Pend funds 8,000,000
<b>Transportation Center Remodel -Grant</b>	Renovate admin offices, lunch room, conference room, storage area and reception area.				1 Pend funds 2,000,000
<b>University Neighborhood Park Master Plan</b>	Master Plan three parks in the University Neighborhood area, including Highlander, Mt. Vernon and Islander parks.				1 and 2 Pend funds 120,000
<b>Villegas Park Parking Lot Improvements</b>	Resurface and expand parking lot with lighting and storm drain improvements.				4 In Design 550,000
<b>Villegas Community Center &amp; Park Improvements - REDV</b>	Design to renovate 17,000 SF Ismael Community Center including full service kitchen, renovation of bathrooms, entry, lighting and facade; site improvements including Bunker Street Parking expansion and soccer field renovation.				4 In Design 3,278,785
<b>UNFUNDED-PROJECT SHORTFALL TOTAL</b>					<b>55,325,609</b>

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL PROJECTS TRACKING REPORT**

March 2013

**CAPITAL PROJECTS THREE YEAR COMPLETION HISTORY**

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	FINAL PROJECT COST	DATE COMP.
Dales Sr Center Renovation - CDBG - Construction	Construct renovation for ex. 2,100 SF senior center & convert old Admin. offices to 10,540 SF Senior Center facility to include a 152 person banquet hall, game room, dance room, arts & crafts room, computer lounge, full service kitchen, future concession facilities for events and offices.	1	1,350,000	Feb-2013
Reid Clubhouse Renovation - CDBG	Design and Construction to renovate the old golfcourse clubhouse including remove and replace flooring, renovate lighting, Painting and landscape.	1	116,600	Oct-2012
Bobby Bonds- Cesar Chavez Community Center Auditorium Rehab and ADA Improvements Design Phase- CDBG	Design funding to prepare bid documents for rehabilitating the auditorium - ADA improvements and other misc. improvements.	2	35,000	Jun-2012
Bobby Bonds- Cesar Chavez Elevator Design Phase - CDBG	Design funding to prepare bid documents for installation of an Elevator	2	59,000	Jun-2012
Don Jones Ballfield Lighting & ADA Access Improv.- CDBG	Design and construction of Musco sports field lighting and ADA accessible concrete walk between the parking lot and ball field at Don Jones Park.	1	270,000	May-2012
Janet Goeske Senior Center Kitchen Improvements - CDBG	Remodel kitchen and make improvements to Senior Center including new appliances.	3	165,000	May-2012
Andulka Park Parking lot -Construction Phase	Construct a small parking lot expansion to provide an additional 50 parking spaces for overflow Tennis Parking.	3	194,000	May-2012
Hunter Hobby Sports Complex - Redev	Construct renovation 36 acre park including three lighted sports fields, 208 on-site parking lot, a new children's playground, restrooms, basketball courts, picnic facilities and Live Steamers' railroad train station.	1	8,541,912	May-2012
Dales Sr Center Renovation - CDBG - Design	Design to renovate ex. 2,100 SF senior center & convert old Admin. offices to 10,540 SF Senior Center facility to include a 152 person banquet hall, game room, dance room, arts & crafts room, computer lounge, full service kitchen, future concession facilities for events and offices.	1	190,000	Feb-2012
Ryan Bonaminio Park - Design Phase	Master Plan and design to develop 43 acres of vacant land south of Mt. Rubidoux for use as a park. The Tequesquite Task Force recommended both passive and active recreational opportunities at the park, while respecting the adj. relationship to the surrounding property	1	1,488,655	Jan-2012
Hunt Park Pool Bldg. & Skate Park Expansion-Redev	Renovate the 1957 pool house (new roof, restrooms, staff area, relocation of solar panels, replaced pool deck and landscape improvements). Expand to 28,000 sf skate park with new fencing, new entry, street skate features and landscape improvements. Sherman Drv. Restroom	5	1,840,940	Nov-2011
Andulka Park Parking lot - Design Phase	Design a parking lot expansion to provide 50 additional parking spaces for over flow Tennis Parking.	3	45,000	Oct-2011
Janet Goeske Senior Center Restroom - Referb	Remodel and make improvements to Senior Center restroom	3	10,000	Oct-2011
Reid Park Rugby Field Fencing - CDBG	Renovate field fencing.	1	180,000	Oct-2011
Bryant Park Improvements -CDBG	Resurface tennis courts and renovate field.	2	180,000	Aug-2011
Fairmount Park Maintenance Yard Facility	Construct new maintenance yard facility to serve Fairmount Park and Reid Park area.	1	242,284	Aug-2011
Arlington Park Picnic Area Renovation -CDBG	Design to remodel interior of pool changing rooms and restrooms, resurface basketball court and tennis court, replace picnic table, gazebo shelter, tables, and install group barbecue unit.	5	132,795	May-2011
PRCSD Headquarters Relocation Project	Relocate PRCSD Headquarters in new facility at 6927 Magnolia, second floor, above the new Marcy Library.	3	600,000	May-2011

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March 2013

**CAPITAL PROJECTS THREE YEAR COMPLETION HISTORY**

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	FINAL PROJECT COST	DATE COMP.
Hunt Park/Renck Community Center & Gymnasium	Construct a 15,470 square-foot community center with indoor gymnasium, banquet facility for 200, computer room, exercise room, class room, exterior patio, covered walkway, and 150 parking spaces and landscape improvements.	5	5,150,000	Apr-2011
Fairmount Park Universal Playground	Renovate five acres of park land, including a Universally accessible playground, designed to incorporate the history of Fairmount Park with a preschool area, a school age area, water play area, picnic areas, sand play area, sensory wall area, existing parking lots and landscape.	1	2,650,000	Feb-2011
Doty-Trust Park	Design a new 14.71-acre neighborhood park including parking, basketball courts, playgrounds, water play, open turf play area, par exercise course, picnic areas and walking jogging path with connections to existing trails.	1	300,000	Feb-2011
Bobby Bonds- Cesar Chavez Ceiling Repair	Design and Construction for replacement of a collapsed ceiling.	2	109,000	Jan-2011
Fairmount Park Improvements - Various	Improve Izaak Walton Parking (\$275,000), rehab various parking lots (\$200,000), refurbish three restrooms (\$200,000), furnish (\$52,000), relandscape various locations (\$78,000), re-roof Boathouse and Bandshell (\$27,000), add signage (\$10,000), lig. paint and irr. repairs (\$25,000)	1	867,000	Jan-2011
RCC Joint Use Aquatics Facilities	Develop a new aquatics facilities with RCCD, located at the RCC Downtown Campus, including an Olympic-sized competition pool, creating a water polo and synchronized swimming venue. Competitive diving facilities will include 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 meter boards, lighted for nighttime use.	1	3,050,000	Dec-2010
Reid Park Pool Bldg Restoration - CDBG	Restore pool building.	1	113,236	Dec-2010
Bobby Bonds- Soccer Field Fence Expansion - CDBG	Construct a ball barrier to prevent balls from being kicked into the street.	2	50,000	Oct-2010
Mt Rubidoux Camaras -Redev	Install cameras at park entrance, mounted to the top of light standards to monitor street side parking for car vandalism.	1	30,000	Oct-2010
Ramona High School Turf Field	Replace grass with synthetic turf - Joint Use with RUSD.	3	1,000,000	Oct-2010
Trash Enclosure Construction	Constructed trash enclosures at Bryant, Nichols, Orange Terrace, and Villegas Parks.	3, 4, 6	59,000	Oct-2010
Mt Rubidoux Improvements	Increase security, plant trees, expand parking, enhance entrance, repair the Ben Lewis Bridge, add signage and markers, enhance vista points, and upgrade rest areas	1	1,500,000	Sep-2010
Villegas Park Fiber Optic and Camera Improvements	Install fiber and cameras in parking lot area, in the community center and at various other locations.	4	60,000	Sep-2010
Arlington Heights Sports Park	Develop the 34-acre agricultural heritage themed sports complex to include three lighted baseball fields, eight lighted football/soccer fields, restroom and concession facilities (reminiscent of an old farmhouse) and 300 on-site parking stalls. In addition, develop a portion of the site as a	5	16,856,293	Aug-2010
Challen Park Improvements	Install a monument sign, polyvinyl fencing along the perimeter, construct a parking lot and trail head	6	200,000	Aug-2010
Rutland Park Renovation	Replaced children's playground, re-roofed existing picnic shelter, added a picnic shelter and new walkway to serve as jogging path around perimeter of park, replaced two sand-lot volleyball courts with a basketball court and made other miscellaneous site improvements.	7	600,000	Aug-2010
Dales Senior Center Automatic Doors - CDBG	Installed automatic swing door opening hardware on the Senior Center entry.	1	10,000	Jul-2010
Fairmount Park Historic Core Improvements	Master Plan to improve entry gates, enhance pedestrian access, landscape, refurbish restroom, amphitheater, playground, parking lot, new benches, picnic tables and add signage.	2	85,000	Jul-2010

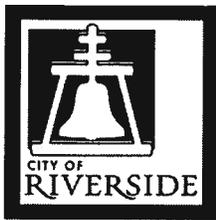
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PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	FINAL PROJECT COST	DATE COMP.
Fairmount Park Historic Core Playground Rehab	Renovate existing playground and shade shelters	1	290,000	Jul-2010
CDBG - Villegas Picnic Area Improvements	Installed a group of barbecue units, picnic tables, and made irrigation system improvements	5	17,705	Jun-2010
Myra Linn Park and Restroom Shelter	Replaced picnic shelter and restroom building.	6	230,000	Jun-2010
Parking Lot Rehabilitation	Rehabilitated parking lot, slurry sealed and striped at various locations.	Various	406,463	Jun-2010
Rancho Loma Park Improvements	Demolished existing playground and installed new structure with ADA accessible playground surfacing, and purchased and installed playground signage.	7	220,000	Jun-2010
Shamel Park/Magnolia Little League Ballfield Rehabilitation	Completed rehabilitation of the two existing little league ballfields, including new fencing and backstops, bleachers, scorekeepers booth and restrooms, ballfield lighting and new turf, irrigation, and brickdust for infields.	3	1,060,454	Jun-2010
Sippy Woodhead Pool Improvements	Added seven additional swim lanes in the Olympic size pool at Bobby Bonds Park to increase the usability of the facility for competitive swim events.	2	207,327	Jun-2010
Tyler Doggy Barkway (Design Only)	Built a new canine-oriented open space using the unusually wide parkway area along Tyler Street between Comanche Ave. and Shosone Ave. The facility includes separate off-leash areas for large and small dogs.	5	78,962	Jun-2010
La Sierra Park Snack Bar	Renovated the La Sierra Park Little League Snack Bar	7	148,291	Jun-2010
La Sierra Park Community Center Rehab	Painted, rehabilitated the flooring and lighting, and furnishings and made improvements to the gymnasium, kitchen, multi-purpose room, computer room, game room, and lobby.	7	550,000	Jun-2010
La Sierra Park Senior Center	Constructed a 13,787-square-foot building and parking lot, drop off area, visitor entrance, computer training and billiards rooms, arts and crafts patio, fitness center, dining hall, kitchen, library/reading room, and administrative offices in La Sierra Park.	7	6,827,614	Jun-2010
Bryant Park Community Center restroom-CDBG	Rehabilitated four community center restrooms, including replacing partitions, new flooring, and paint.	6	120,000	Jun-2010
Fairmount Park Water Quality Improvements	Study to replace the lake aeration system at Fairmount Lake, remove and reinstall the fish habitat "constructs," provide well rehabilitation improvements, as necessary, to facilitate future water demand and develop a long term maintenance plan for the lake system.	2	90,000	Jun-2010
La Sierra Park ADA Improvements - CDBG	Added restroom to meet ADA requirements at the adjoining community center and gymnasium. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded project included demolition of existing tile flooring, toilet partitions, plumbing fixtures, new floor and paint.	7	182,000	May-2010

<b>3-YEAR COMPLETED PROJECTS TOTAL</b>	<b>58,759,541</b>
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# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2013**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM NO: 7**

**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**ISSUE:**

The issue for Park and Recreation Commission consideration is the election of officers as required by the City Charter.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission appoint the Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the City Charter.

**BACKGROUND:**

As required by City Charter, the Commission will select and appoint two members to serve as Commission Chair and Vice Chair for the term of March 2013 through February 2014. In the past, the Commission has followed the list of succession to determine the Chair and Vice Chair (Attachment 1). The order of succession is recommended; however, there is some flexibility should the Commission choose to change the process.

If the Commission agrees to follow the order of succession, the new Chair will be Commissioner Deborah Macias and the Vice-Chair will be Commissioner Robert Ritzau.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Approved by: Ralph J. Nuñez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director  
Approved by: Belinda J. Graham, Assistant City Manager

**Attachment:**

1. List of Succession

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the RIVERSIDE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION serves as a vital CITY COMMISSION, and whereas a consistent leadership succession is vitally required, we therefore accept in principle, the following guidelines in future selections of **COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**.

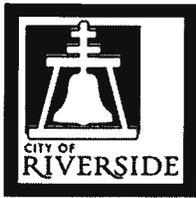
- 1) Succession of leadership roles such as Commission Chairperson and Commission Vice Chairperson will be based upon the appointment date of the Commissioner.
- 2) Individual Commissions retain the option of serving or not serving in these positions. If an individual Commissioner desires not to serve in a leadership role, their name returns to the bottom of the full Commission list.
- 3) New appointees to the Commission will be placed at the bottom of the list of those Commissioners who have not served previously. They will be eligible to serve in a leadership role before those who have served previously.
- 4) Per City Charter, the newly appointed officers will be elected after the last meeting in February and begin their term in March.

### **SUCCESSION BASED UPON CURRENT COMMISSION POLICY**

Commissioner Macias	Appointed 03/08
Commissioner Ritzau	Appointed 11/08
Commissioner Moore	Appointed 02/09
Commissioner Inaba	Appointed 2/10
Commissioner Hurtado	Appointed 4/11

### **COMMISSIONERS WHO PREVIOUSLY HELD THE CHAIR POSITION**

Commissioner Berg	Appointed 02/06
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# Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MARCH 11, 2013**  
**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT** **ITEM NO: 8**  
**SUBJECT: NAMING OF NATURE CENTER AT SYCAMORE CANYON PARK**

**ISSUE:**

The issue for Park and Recreation Commission consideration is a request to name the Nature Center at Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of former City of Riverside Councilmember Ameal Moore.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission support the naming of the Nature Center at Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of former Councilmember Ameal Moore.

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 21, 2013, the Parks Subcommittee, following discussion, with members Poulsen, and Berg present, unanimously supported the naming of the Nature Center at Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of former Council Member Ameal Moore. A letter was received from former Council Member Charles L. Beaty requesting consideration of this item (Attachment 2).

According to the protocol for naming of parks and recreation facilities, all names selected shall be acceptable and meaningful to a majority of the neighborhood/community where the park or recreation facility is located. Resolution No. 18582 adopted by the City Council in October 1994 further stipulates as follows:

*A park or recreation facility can be named for a person only in limited situations. Such person, **except for cases deemed extraordinary by the Park and Recreation Commission**, should be honored posthumously. The person for whom a park or recreation facility is named must be an outstanding, long-time City leader or a person of national prominence or historic interest who has supported or contributed to open space and/or recreation activities and concepts, or a person who has made a significant personal contribution toward the acquisition and/or development of a specific park or recreation facility. A donor whose contribution represents a major portion of a planned park or recreation facility may designate a name as a condition of the donation, providing it conforms to the naming criteria set forth above.*

Although the request does not strictly meet the criteria for naming the Nature Center in that the person who the request is being made is still alive; the Subcommittee felt that Mr. Moore's declining health could constitute as "extraordinary circumstances".

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

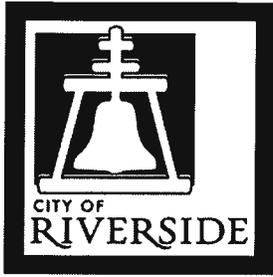
There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Ralph J. Nuñez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

Approved by: Belinda J. Graham, Assistant City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Parks Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2013
2. Letter from Charles L. Beaty, Ph.D.



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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
PARKS/CIP SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 21, 2013**

**5:30 p.m.**

*PRCSD Administration Office  
6927 Magnolia Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92506*

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioners Poulsen and Berg at 5:30 p.m.

**1. NAMING OF THE NATURE CENTER AT SYCAMORE CANYON PARK IN HONOR OF AMEAL MOORE**

Director Nuñez indicated he received a request from former School Board Member Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Ph.D., requesting that the city name the Nature Center at Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of former Ward 2 Councilmember Ameal Moore. In the request, he indicates that Ameal Moore was a strong voice for recreational programs in the city and served as a strong advocate for the expansion of Sycamore Canyon. The request does not strictly meet the criteria for naming the Nature Center in that the person who the request in being made for is still alive. However, there is a provision that allows the naming if there are "extraordinary" circumstances. Although the policy is vague in this area, the members of the subcommittee felt that Mr. Moore's declining health fit the criteria and contributions met the criteria.

Director Nuñez confirmed that Mr. Ameal Moore has played a significant part in the expansion of Sycamore Canyon, a 1,500 acre Stephan's Kangaroo Rat Reserve and the largest park in the city located in Ward 2. In addition, it was noted that he had served the community as a former Councilmember for 12 years.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to move the proposal forward to the full Commission for consideration. They cited his long record of public service and his ongoing contributions to the City and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CHARLES L. BEATY, PH.D.**  
**4640 NINTH STREET**  
**RIVERSIDE, CA 92501-3021**

February 23, 2012

Ralph Nunez, Director  
Park and Recreation  
City of Riverside  
6927 Magnolia Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92506

Dear Ralph,

With this letter, and as a follow up to our conversations, I wish to document our desire to have the new Education Center at Sycamore Canyon Park named in honor of former Councilman Ameal Moore.

Without question Ameal played a key role in the establishment and funding of this huge park in Ward Two. As our city's largest park, it offers Riversiders an opportunity to experience the beauty of nature in all its splendor.

Please know how very much I appreciate your assistance in honoring and recognizing Ameal Moore's many years of public service in addition to his twelve years as Ward Two's city councilman.

Hope you know I am available in any way to help you bring our suggestion to fruition.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Beaty