



City of La Quinta

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2014

ITEM TITLE: UPDATE ON THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION: 1

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation is needed. Staff is updating the Commission on the status of the Adopt-A-Park Program and seeking suggestions.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

The Adopt-A-Park Program has been developed for groups or individuals who have vested interest in specific parks and want to contribute to the quality of public facilities.

Currently, there are volunteer groups who have been working with the Community Services Department to provide such services. These groups include: The Cove Neighborhood Association, The Stewards of the Fred Wolff Nature Preserve, La Quinta High School ROTC, YMCA of the Desert, and individuals interested in the City's dog parks and Bear Creek Trail. Staff developed the Adopt-A-Park Program in 2011 to seek out new interested groups and individuals, track the services provided as well as provide recognition.

This is not a revitalization program like some other cities have developed. The City has always taken pride in the parks and facilities. Because these facilities are well maintained, they have become desired quality of life amenities that are also enjoyed by residents from other cities. During these economic times, the City welcomes groups and individuals with civic pride who are willing to volunteer their time, services, and money, to continue to provide this level of service to our community.

Since the program is starting into its fifth year, staff is reviewing the plan and seeking suggestions from the Community Services Commission to identify additional park adoptions and new recognition ideas.

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Report approved for submission by: Edie Hylton, Deputy City Manager

Attachment: 1. Adopt-A-Park Program

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CITY OF LA QUINTA ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

Background

The City of La Quinta Adopt-A-Park Program was developed for groups and individuals who have vested interests in the City facilities and would like to provide a service to the community. Our residents appreciate the beautiful community we live in and the quality of life that our wonderful facilities provide. Even during difficult economic times, our residents have expressed a desire to maintain the standards that we have at our facilities and many civic-minded residents have asked "What can we do to help?" This Adopt-A-Park Program allows residents, who want to get involved, an opportunity to accomplish something positive, fun, and educational for the community while also promoting civic responsibility and community spirit.

Benefits

- ◇Provides the opportunity for residents to have an impact on the facilities they utilize.
- ◇Promotes civic engagement, social commitment, pride, and environmental stewardship.
- ◇Strengthens organizations through community service and team building.
- ◇Receives public recognition at the City's Annual Birthday and Community Picnic.
- ◇Receives a Certificate of Adoption from the La Quinta City Council.

Who

- ◇Neighborhood Associations ◇Community Groups ◇Faith Organizations ◇Scouts ◇Schools
- ◇Local Businesses ◇Civic Associations ◇Sports Teams ◇Youth Organizations

Adult supervision is required for any group with children under the age of 18.

How

Whether you choose to participate through a donation of funding, supplies, or through an on-going service program, your support will increase public awareness and show your commitment to the community.

Tasks

- ◇Removal of Litter, Weeds, Dog Feces, and Graffiti ◇Sweeping Walkways/Courts ◇Report Potential Hazards and Restroom Conditions ◇Clean Tables and Benches ◇Rake Play Areas/Volleyball Court ◇Painting ◇Fill Holes ◇Clear Gutters and Storm Drains

Supplies

Adoptive organizations are asked to furnish their own supplies due to the coordination and staff time that would be required for the City to provide the materials. Suggested supplies include:

- ◇Trash Bags ◇Shovels ◇Cleaning Supplies ◇Hoses ◇Brooms ◇Rakes ◇Rags/Brushes

**CITY OF LA QUINTA – COMMUNITY SERVICES
ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Adopting Organization Information

Park Adopting:

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Address:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone Number:

Approximate Size of Organization:

Services/Donations Providing:

Statement of Agreement

The Adopting Organization shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of the City. Adopting Organization shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its members are agents or employees of City. In addition, participants in the Adopt-A-Park program are volunteers of the Adopting Organization and are not volunteers of the City of La Quinta.

Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Adopting Organization shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless City, and any and all of its employees, officials and agents (collectively the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any liability (including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including, without limitation, incidental and consequential damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and fees of expert consultants or expert witnesses) incurred in connection therewith and costs of investigation, where the same arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, Adopting Organization's participation in this Adopt-A-Park program or by any of Adopting Organization's members or volunteers, including any non-members who are participating in the Adopt-A-Park program on behalf of Adopting Organization. All obligations under this provision are to be paid by Adopting Organization.

Covenant Against Discrimination. Adopting Organization covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry in Adopting Organization's participation in the Adopt-A-Park program.

City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time without reason.

It is the responsibility of the Adopting Organization to maintain records of volunteers, their services, and hours of service.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____