



Sponsorship of the Winter Wonderland

Agenda Item: GB111909-3
Date: November 19, 2009
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Summary:

\$1000 for Winter Wonderland to be held on Saturday Dec 19, 2009 from 10am-2pm.

Full Proposal: 101 Enterprises, a 501c3, is requesting \$1000 for Winter Wonderland to be held on Saturday Dec 19, 2009 from 10am-2pm. It will be held at Councilmember Wesson's Western field office. The target audience is in need children from our elementary school and children living in the SORO area. School staff will identify children based upon need for this event. Each child will receive an age appropriate toy; will meet Santa and have pictures taken with Santa. The event will have snow made for the children to play in. There will be an arts and crafts section, the Culver City Eco Station and the children and their parents/guardians will receive lunch.

SORO NC participated in this event last year.

This year's budget:

Budget Item	Estimate Amount
Snow	\$ 4,000.00
Blowup Jumper	\$ 300.00
Décor/paper goods	\$ 900.00
Food & Bev.	\$ 2,500.00
DeeJay music	\$ 300.00
Avail Budget total for NC contribution	\$ 8,000.00
Event Budget Total=	\$ 21,000.00

Proposed Motion

I. SORO NC to approve up to \$1000.00 to fund the Winter Wonderland.

Considerations

Pro

This will be the only gift some will receive

It brings the community together

Con

Does not reach a large number of children

Board Notes

Votes For: **Against:** **Abstain:**

Proposed Amendments:

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Motion to fund up to \$3000 for Fire Station 58 enhancements

Agenda Item: GB111909-4

Date: November 19, 2009

Proposed By: Ann Hammond, Co-Chair, Public Safety Committee

Summary

Motion to fund up to \$3,000 for purchases to enhance operations of Fire Station 58.

Full Proposal

At the request of the Public Safety Committee, Fire Station #58 submitted a list of items that it considered priorities for improvements to enhance its ability to serve the SORO community. At its meeting on November 10, 2009, the Public Safety Committee considered the request (13 items) and agreed upon five to recommend to the Board for immediate funding: (a) a 42" wide lateral file cabinet for the front office, to replace two old file cabinets that are no longer sufficient for handling operational files; (b) new flush mount fluorescent lights for kitchen and TV room to replace outdated hanging lighting fixtures that are unreliable and do not provide energy-efficient lighting; (c) window blind treatments for the front office, to replace broken blinds that have been repaired by hand; (d) a larger microwave oven in the kitchen to replace a smaller, older microwave for food preparation for the firemen; and (e) "kettle bells" workout weights for the workout room, to help firemen stay in shape. Funds would be granted for each item on the basis of three price quotations, including taxes. Estimated costs (exclusive of taxes) are: (a) \$800 for filing cabinet; (b) \$1,000 for lights (to be installed by a fireman who is a licensed electrician); (c) \$800 for window blind treatments; (d) \$300 for microwave; and (e) \$300 for workout weights.

Proposed Motion

To fund up to \$3,000, inclusive of taxes, for items to enhance operations of Fire Station 58 in the following order of priority: (a) a 42" lateral filing cabinet; (b) flush mount fluorescent lights for the kitchen and TV room; (c) window blind treatments for the front office; (d) microwave; and (e) workout weights.

Considerations

Pro

Would enhance operations of Fire Station #58

Con

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Motion to send a letter to the LAFD Fire Chief

Agenda Item: GB111909-5

Date: November 19, 2009

Proposed By: Jon Lieberman

Summary

To authorize the NC to send a letter to the Fire Chief of LAFD asking for confirmation as to whether the budgeted painting of Fire station # 58 will be funded during fiscal year 2009-2010. [A draft of the letter will be available at the Nov Board meeting.]

Full Proposal

The fire station is 60 years old and is showing its age. The City has budgeted funds during Fiscal year 2009-2010 to paint the inside and outside of fire station # 58. They have painted the interior of the station. The station was instructed to remove the landscaping. The outside painting was to be started shortly. Since the budget crisis hit, the fire station personnel have been unable to determine if the LAFD will authorize expending the budgeted funds to paint the outside of the station and replace the landscaping in the current fiscal year.

Proposed Motion

- I. To ask the Fire Chief whether this budgeted item will be funded during the current fiscal year.
- II. Should the LAFD determine that it will be unable to start this project, to determine what the cost of providing the raw materials (paint, supplies & landscaping) would be? If it is determined that this amount is something that SORO NC is willing to fund, to ask whether the LAFD would be willing to partner with the NC on the basis of the NC providing the materials and the fire station personnel providing the labor to finish the job.
- III. If the response is favorable, this would come back to the Board to determine whether it wished to use NC funds to purchase these materials.

Considerations

Pro

Resolves uncertainty about this item.

Allows the NC to determine if it can afford this project's costs.

Continues NC support for our adopted fire station

Updates the look of the fire station in our community

Con

The letter needs to be sensitive to the concern that this might be construed as an internal matter.

Potential cost of the supplies



Fresh Fruit on Fridays

Agenda Item: GB111909-6

Date: November 19, 2009

Proposed By: Barry E. Levine, Education Committee co-chair

Summary

Fund up to \$5,511 for Fresh Fruit on Fridays at Shenandoah Street Elementary School for twenty two weeks in the 2009/2020 school year

Full Proposal

Fresh Fruit on Fridays is a weekly farm to school nutrition program that introduces children to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetable grown and harvested by small Southern California farmer and provided by the La Cienega Farmers' Market. The Supervisor of the La Cienega Farmers' Market makes arrangements with it's participating farmers to purchase a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables and distributes the produce weekly to the students of Shenandoah Elementary School throughout the school year. The produce is brought by the farmer to the La Cienega Market on Thursday and is picked up by the program supervisor who then distributes it to each student.

The program supervisor also provides each grade level instructor with a brief description of the featured produce for that week as well as information about the farm, farmer, and the produces' background and nutrition information. This information is read in-class or in homeroom before the students are introduced to the fruit or vegetable.

Teachers may also appoint students from grades three, four, and five to assist with the preparation and distribution of the produce, Each grade level is assigned a designated area for the students to enjoy their fruit or vegetable for that week.

See attached five pdf files for complete proposal as provided by Model Neighborhood Program, sponsor of fresh fruit on Friday.

Proposed Motion

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council will fund up \$5511.00 for Fresh Fruit on Fridays program to provide fruit and information about the fruit to Shenandoah Elementary School

Considerations

Pro

Children will take nutritional message home and share with families

Con

Other worthy programs may go unfunded

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**Children will understand
importance of a healthy diet and
how it can affect their lives**

Fresh Fruit on Fridays may provide
no benefit to children

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

Model Neighborhood
Program



Farmers' Markets

MNP Farmers' Markets

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The Model Neighborhood Program (MNP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit neighborhood improvement organization dedicated to vitalizing the community by providing direct support through its Certified Farmers' Markets and nutrition programs, along with supportive resources to the area's neighborhood groups and residents.

Fresh Fruit on Fridays

A Farm-to-School Nutrition Program

The MNP Farmers' Markets began conducting nutrition demonstrations for students at 2 local elementary schools over 8 years ago. As a result of those demonstrations, Fresh Fruit on Fridays (FFOF) was born. Today FFOF serves a total of 6 public schools and after-school programs at a local recreation center. Fresh Fruit on Fridays is completely funded by donations and grants.

The goal of the MNP is to educate children about the nutritional benefits and importance of eating locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, and to influence their decisions when making food choices. Fresh Fruit on Fridays expands their food knowledge through their direct interaction with freshly-picked produce from local California growers. Students develop and expand their knowledge of where, when, and how California produce is grown, and expand their food experiences by tasting the different varieties of fruits and vegetables that they get to sample each week at school. The quality and freshness of this produce is a completely new experience for many of the children.

For each school, FFOF begins on Thursday at the MNP's La Cienega Farmers' Market, when a parent or school volunteer comes to the farmers' market to pick up the produce. The MNP's supervisor has made arrangements earlier in the week with that week's featured farmer, who brings this order to the Thursday farmers' market. The school's volunteer picks up the produce and takes it back to the school either the next morning or that same day. On Friday prior to the children actually eating the produce, the principal at the school's morning assembly reads over the loudspeaker information that has been provided by the MNP regarding that week's featured produce.

This information includes historical, nutritional, and life style information, as well as a farmer bio and interesting facts. This is the students' first introduction to the produce, and the information is kept interesting enough to hold their attention and stimulate their curiosity.

Before distribution, the produce is cleaned and prepared by volunteer parents. This stage can include student volunteers as well. The supply of fruit or vegetables is separated for each grade level and that level's number of students; it is then served on trays in the outdoor lunch quad, using the tables to separate each grade level. We also try to have a compost box for scraps if the participating school has a school garden program.

A critical part of the program is *how* the students actually sample the featured produce. It is done in an environment without the structure of the classroom, where they are free to experience the produce among their peers and in a setting where they are mingling with friends and more willing to try something new. These new experiences are happening on the children's terms and in their setting, without parental pressures. Time and time again, parents are surprised at the new foods their children choose to eat because of Fresh Fruit on Fridays.

For information please contact:

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Neighborhood Council Funding Program

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment via the Project Coordinator.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: South Robertson NC - 5020
Neighborhood Council Name

SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

~~MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM~~ 95-465739 CALIFORNIA 12/20/2000
1A) Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)

1B) 835 Locust Ave, Unit 420 Long Beach CA 90813
Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code

1C) _____
Business Address (if different) City State Zip Code

1D) _____
Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) City State Zip Code

Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices:

Name: Cynthia Djeda

2) 835 Locust Ave Unit 420 Long Beach CA 90813
Street City State Zip Code

3) Type of Organization- Please select one: (Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles)

Public School (not to include private schools)

or

501(c)(3) Non-profits (other than religious institutions)

Attach Letterhead

Attach IRS Determination Letter

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

See attached

562
440.6467

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

This grant will cover the cost of the produce that is purchased weekly from the participating farmers. Every student (700 attendees) will be able to participate weekly in the Fresh Fruit on Fridays farm to school nutrition program for 22 weeks

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE- Please outline the project budget below.

6A) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Cost of volunteers fuel + time	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00
Spent picking up the produce on Thursday, bringing it to school on Friday for preparation + serving.	\$	\$
1.5 hours per week x \$15 per hour = \$22.50 per week	\$	\$

6B) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Average weekly cost for produce for 700 students = \$228.00 per week, multiplied by 22 weeks of program = \$5,016.00	\$ 5,016.00	\$ 5,016.00
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? Yes, please describe below No

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 5,511.00

9) What is the expected completion date? 11/19/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SECTION IV - PROJECT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide the name, telephone number, fax and e-mail address (if applicable) of the person(s) responsible for the funds and program(s) listed in Section II of this application.

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 First Name Last Name MI
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 Telephone Number Fax Number E-mail

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

11A) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal

Cynthia Ojeda Executive Dir. Cynthia Ojeda 8/24/09
 PRINT First Name/ Last Name Title Signature Date

11B) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal

 PRINT First Name/ Last Name Title Signature Date



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Fund Physical Education Class

Agenda Item: GB11909-7

Date: November 19, 2009

Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Summary

Fund a physical education class for fifth graders at Shenandoah Elementary School

Full Proposal

Due to budget cuts, it has been identified that classes in the arts at Shenandoah Elementary School have been eliminated. To encourage the arts and to promote physical education, a Lula Washington Dance Theatre instructor will teach the 5th grade students a blend of history and dance movement including: Caribbean, Hip-Hop, African, and Basic Jazz Dance; also incorporating stretch and strengthening exercises. The curriculum will utilize the California Visual and Performing Arts standards, (VAPA Standards) the instructor will include the historic/cultural connections and creative expression within the structure of the dance class. The cost of the eight-week course that includes a performance at the school and the SoRo Festival is \$3,750.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC to fund \$3750 for a physical education class for fifth graders at Shenandoah Elementary School

Considerations

Pro

Promotes the arts

Promotes physical education

Con

There may be grants to fund this class.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

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TIME LINE:

FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 20:

LWDT OUT OF TOWN

8 WEEKS OF INSTRUCTION:

OPTION 1

- February 22 – March 26 Instruction
- March 29-April 2 Spring Break
- April 5- 23 Classes Resume
- Tuesday/Thursday: 8am-11am ideal available days & time
- Two days per week & two classes each day

OPTION 2

- April 5 – June 12
- Tuesday/Thursday: 8am-11am ideal available days & time
- Two days per week & two classes each day

3 ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS (during the school day)

- Starting after the last day of instruction
- Reduce to one day to the week
- Rehearsals must be at least 90min.- 2hrs.
- Rehearsals need to include all participating students

CULMINATING PERFORMANCE

- To Take place at school for student body and parents
- Day & Time (s) TBA

CONFLICTING DATES: *I realize that Shenandoah may have some conflicts as well. I am happy to meet and go over the calendar to make necessary adjustments, schedule “make-up” classes/rehearsals as needed.*

- April 26-30
- Thurs. May 13 & Fri. May 14

****FYI: Saturday May 15 LWDT is being hosted by the Luckman Fine Arts Complex as part of our 30th Anniversary home season.***

Option selection will be left to the administration of Shenandoah Elementary School.



Motion to elect five authorized Community Impact Statement representatives

Agenda Item: GB111909-8

Date: 19 November 2009

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Summary

Community Impact Statements are a powerful tool for making the NC's voice heard in the City Council. SORO NC can have up to 5 representatives authorized to forward the NC's CIS motions.

Full Proposal

See attached PDF explaining the CIS process.

Proposed Motion

- I. To nominate and elect 5 authorized Community Impact Statement representatives for the South Robertson Neighborhood Council
- II. These representatives may only file CIS documents that have been voted on and approved by the full Board

Considerations

Pro

The CIS process is simple and something we should have in our legislative toolkit.

Con

None.

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Submit a Community Impact Statement

In mid-2003, the City began a new system through which Neighborhood Councils can adopt Community Impact Statements that summarize its official position on City issues and have them printed directly on the meeting agendas. It's a unique and unprecedented way for each Neighborhood Council's voice to be known to the City Hall decision-makers and the world before a vote is taken.

There are several ways to send Community Impact Statements to the City Clerk for inclusion on the agendas of the City Council, its committees, and City commissions. A paper version may be sent via postal mail, hand-delivery, fax, or it may be sent through the Internet at <http://appl1.lacity.org/cis>

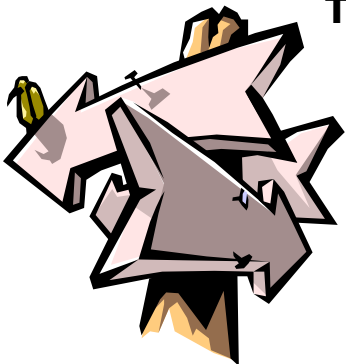


Getting Set Up:

Each Neighborhood Council with an elected board should notify the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment of up to five official representatives who are authorized to submit its statements. The City will trust that they will be transmitting only official and authorized Community Impact Statements.

Please provide the representatives' names and contact information to Ms. Jacqueline Mendez via e-mail at Jacqueline.Mendez@lacity.org, or by fax to (213) 485-4608. She will send each representative a username, password, and instructions on how to use the system. A copy of the Neighborhood Council's board minutes appointing the representatives or a letter from the Neighborhood Council President is required to confirm the authorized representative(s).

The Process:



- ❖ Community Impact Statements are limited to 100 words. Usually, it is a summary of a more lengthy position that was adopted. The City Clerk will attach the original statement to the official City Council file, and will scan the statement into the Council File Index system so that it can be retrieved by the public through the Internet.

- ❖ The City Clerk will not edit statements except in accordance with City Council rules. Statements containing offensive or defamatory language will be returned with an explanation by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. If the statement is received by the City Clerk in a timely way, it will be printed on the agenda below the Fiscal Impact Statement for the item. The full statement and any attachments will be placed in the City Council file.
- ❖ If the statement is received too late, it will be included in the City Council file, copies will be distributed at the City Council meeting, and the Clerk will announce at the City Council meeting that a statement has been received from a Neighborhood Council. At the direction of the City Council President or the City Council, the statement may be read into the record.
- ❖ A Neighborhood Council may submit only one statement for each agenda item. If several Neighborhood Councils submit statements on the same issue, the agenda will note that fact, and identify the Neighborhood Councils that submitted the statements. The agenda will also note whether the Neighborhood Councils support or oppose the item. The original statement will become part of the official record.
- ❖ Neighborhood Councils may submit a statement on any agenda item it wishes. Neighborhood Councils are not restricted to commenting on matters within its boundaries because many important issues may not be geographically based, or may directly affect more than one Neighborhood Council.
- ❖ Neighborhood Councils may use its statement to request a delay of a vote. However, such a request cannot prevent the City Council from taking an action. The City Attorney has advised the City Council to make reasonable efforts to comply with the spirit and intent of the law, and to notify Neighborhood Councils as soon as possible prior to making decisions.
- ❖ The Department recommends that either the statement, or the larger official position that will be added to the record, if submitted, include other enlightening information about the vote and the position, such as explaining the other side of a divided vote, the results of an advisory vote taken may have been taken among the stakeholders, the results of a community survey, or a reversal of a previous position. For instance, if the vote is less than unanimous, decision-makers may want to know the reasoning of the other side for the sake of clarity.
- ❖ It is also suggested that information be included that explains who made the decision (i.e., was it a vote by the entire governing board, by a committee, or by an officer authorized by the board to take positions, etc.?). The point is that there have already been some problems with individuals within a Neighborhood Council speaking for themselves and giving City agencies the impression that they are speaking for the entire Neighborhood Council.
- ❖ The City Clerk will accept statements only from Neighborhood Councils that have governing boards in place, and have voted in a public meeting to establish the

position, or have established in a public meeting some other process for establishing official positions.

Via Fax or Mail:

You may submit a signed statement by faxing it to the City Clerk at (213) 978-1079. It can also be mailed or hand-delivered to the City Clerk at 200 North Spring Street, Room 395, City Hall, Los Angeles 90012.

Council File Index:

To track any City Council file and to view related documents, such as the Community Impact Statements, go to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/CFI/>



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Motion to nominate Harold Bock as C-PAB representative

Agenda Item: GB111909-9

Date: November 19, 2009

Proposed By: Ann Hammond, Co-Chair, Public Safety Committee

Summary

Motion to nominate Harold Bock the SORONC representative to C-PAB.

Full Proposal

At its meeting on October 15, 2009, the SORO NC Board decided in principle to appoint a representative to the West Los Angeles Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB), and Board members were encouraged to express interest. At the Public Safety Committee meeting on November 10th, several possible representatives were considered. It was agreed at that Committee meeting that all Board members should be encouraged to join C-PAB if interested, but that only one SORO NC Board member should be designated as the official representative to ensure a single voice. In addition, it was agreed at the Committee meeting that the official SORO NC representative should not be representing any other constituency to avoid any potential for real or perceived conflict of interest.

Harold Bock has volunteered to serve as the SORO NC representative to C-PAB. As long-standing SORO NC Board member and as Co-Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, he is especially well situated to serve in that capacity.

Proposed Motion

To appoint Harold Bock to serve as SORO NC Representative to the West Los Angeles Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB).

Considerations

Pro

Would put onto the C-PAB Board an experienced NC Board member.

Would build additional expertise and broader perspective on public safety

Con

It would entail an additional investment of Harold's time.



issues for the Co-Chair of the SORO NC Public Safety Committee.

Would further strengthen SORO NC ties with community leaders in public safety issues.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



Motion to create an ad hoc Election Committee

Agenda Item: GB111909-10
Date: 19 November 2009
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Summary

Creates an ad hoc steering committee to co-ordinate 2010 NC election activities.

Full Proposal

As we approach the 2010 Neighborhood Council elections, SORO NC needs to begin planning for publicizing the election and planning for the transition.

An ad hoc committee seems the most appropriate structure. It is a single-focus, temporary committee limited to board members only. It cannot have more than 6 members.

Proposed Motion

- I. To create an ad hoc committee responsible for planning and (in partnership with appropriate committees) executing a strategy for maximizing community involvement in the 2010 Neighborhood Council election and for facilitating a smooth transition for the new Board when it takes office.

Considerations

Pro

The ad hoc format gives us flexibility under the Brown Act.

Con

The ad hoc format limits community involvement in the planning process (although not the execution).

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