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PROPOSAL BY: Jon Liberman
DATE: June 30, 2008
TITLE: Modification to Proposal to Co-Sponsor the RAL Program for Summer, 2008
SUMMARY: To consider changes to SORO NC's support of the Program.

[Note: This is the same proposal as approved earlier this month. The only proposed change is to expand the categories for which the NC will provide support. The Police Foundation has approved its financial support and approved a grant. The only changes to the earlier SORO NC proposal will be outlined in red ink. Approval of this modification will not increase our financial commitment beyond the \$4000 currently allocated. This modification was occasioned by a determination that t-shirts for participants would not be available from the past program. When RAC asked that we provide these new shirts as part of our commitment our Treasurer indicated that the past authorization was too restrictive to accommodate this request.]

FULL PROPOSAL: The RAL program is an outgrowth of collaboration by LAPD, LAUSD, LA City Department of Parks & Recreation, the LA City Attorney, CD #5, CD#10 and SORO NC. The program was started two years ago as a consequence of gang activity that led to three murders of young people. The basic thrust of the program was to be proactive. The intent was to determine those young people who were most at risk of getting involved with gangs and to provide an alternative program to keep them out of the gangs. The program was evaluated last fall by ETI. A copy of that evaluation was sent to all Board Members on June 5th. The conclusion of that study is shown on Pages 14-15. In an effort to make this as brief as possible, I will not repeat the conclusion but I will state that the report is favorable both from the perspective of the students who participated in the program and from the perspective of the staff members, volunteers and police officers who worked the program.

Why is this program undergoing review at this time? I was concerned that with the new position assumed by Beth Ryan, the transfer out of RAC by Nicolle Griffin and her replacement by Brooke Powers, The transfer of Captain Matt Blake and his replacement by Captain Bill Eaton, and the transfer of SLO Rashad Sharif and his replacement by SLO Maria Grey; we were losing all of the people who had day to day experience in running the RAL program. Additionally it was late May and the program if it was to be ongoing needed to be up and running by the last week in June. Because of this, I asked Brooke Powers, Rashad Shariff & Maria Grey to meet with me to discuss the program and to determine whether we were going to offer a Summer, 2008 program. That meeting resolved several issues:

1. One entity needed to be in overall charge of the program. It was determined that this entity should be the Department of Parks & Recreation.
2. We needed to determine whether we could obtain the same level of support from LAPD. (It was subsequently confirmed by Captain Eaton that LAPD will supply the same support as last year. Two Officers for the entire day for each day of the program).
3. The problem with past RAL programs was inherent in the fact that they were thrown together without sufficient time to preplan the program. These caused inconsistencies between what was originally promised and the program as it was delivered.
4. We would rely on the SLO to determine those young people who should be enrolled in this program.
5. With Budgetary restraints for fiscal year 2008-2009, the Department of Parks & Recreation had to have this program come in at or under budget. They could not and would not subsidize the program above a budgeted amount.

6. We needed to obtain confirmation that the LA Police Foundation and LAUSD would participate in the program. (LA Police Foundation has authorized the Grant. LAUSD has provided preliminary notification of intent to participate.)

7. We need to plan on this being a transitional year. Rather than planning on a large number of participants; we will limit the scope to 40 youngsters this year. The age group will be 12-15.

8. Brooke Powers needed to put together a specific plan for the summer program. Once she had the plan, she would develop a budget. (Brooke Powers will present her plan and a proposed budget at the June 11th Board Meeting)

9. South Robertson Neighborhoods Council was not promising at this May Meeting that it could or would support the RAL program. What we promised was an evaluation of the prior program with a vote at the PS Committee level as to whether it wished to recommend to the SORO NC Board that the NC continue financial support of the program.

As an outgrowth of the May discussions, Brooke was invited to the June, 2008 SORO NC Public Safety Committee meeting. It was the belief of the committee that there was inherent value in continuing the RAL program. It was proposed that SORO NC co-sponsor the RAL Program and contribute up to \$4000 for the 10 week program to provide food and ~~arts & crafts supplies~~ any supplies, materials or other items not precluded by DONE funding requirements.

PROS AND CONS, as expressed in committee meetings:

Pro: We have a program that provides a viable alternative to the problems of gangs, graffiti and violence.	Con: cost.
Pro: The program addresses problems in LACH which is an area of SORO that has a shortage of programs and resources.	Con:
Pro: The RAL program is in a fragile and transitional state. If we abandon the program now, and ever decide to restart it; our credibility would be completely shot.	Con:
Pro:	Con:

MOTION for the Board's consideration, as proposed by the Public Safety Committee

1. To fund up to \$4000 for the Summer, 2008 RAL Program.

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South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Revised Budget Fiscal Year 2007-2008 June 30, 2008

<i>Funds</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Revised</i>
Yearly Allocation	\$50,000	\$50,000
Rollover 2006-2007	\$19,000	\$43,251
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$69,000</i>	<i>\$93,251</i>

Budget

<i>Account</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Revised</i>
100	Operations Facilities Meetings Office Supplies Utilities Website/Hosting General Operations	\$13,600	\$9,000
200	Outreach Festival Movies/Music in park Newsletter Street Banners Taste of SORO Town Hall General Neighborhood Outreach	\$27,700	\$48,036
300	Community Improvement Education Green Team Land Use Public Safety General Community Projects	\$27,700	\$36,215

<i>Fiscal Year 2007-2008</i>	<i>\$69,000</i>	<i>\$93,251</i>
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South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Revised Budget
Fiscal Year 2007-2008
June 23, 2008
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The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council's Treasurer has compiled a revised budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008, which was presented to the General Board on June 30, 2008. The approved revised budget covers the periods of 7/1/2007-6/30/2008 and was created in accordance with the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council's By-laws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

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South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009 June 30, 2008

<i>Funds</i>			
	Yearly Allocation		\$50,000
	Rollover 2008-2009 (includes reallocation targets)		\$12,212
	<i>Total</i>		\$62,212
Budget			
Account	Category		
100	Operations		\$10,212
	Facilities		
	Meetings		
	Office Supplies		
	Utilities		
	Website/Hosting		
	General Operations		
200	Outreach		\$26,000
	Festival	\$8000	
	Newsletter	\$3000	
	Street Banners	\$6000	
	Special Event	\$2000	
	General Outreach	\$7000	
300	Community Improvement		\$26,000
	Education	\$5000	
	Land Use	\$5000	
	Public Safety	\$13000	
	General Community Projects	\$3000	
	Fiscal Year 2008-2009		\$62,212

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Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2008-2009
June 30, 2008
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REALLOCATION TARGETS						
DATE	AMOUNT		MINUTES	Unspent Amount		
PASSED	BUDGETED	DESCRIPTION	REFER.	100	200	300
3/12/2008	\$ 1,000.00	Land Use Buses	GB031208-13			\$1,000.00
12/12/2007	\$ 2,126.25	Apple One	12122007-16	\$1,775.00		
11/28/2007	\$ 1,300.00	Logo	11282007-17		\$675.00	
1/10/2007	\$ 1,000.00	Green Team Publicity				\$806.00
12/13/2006	\$ 3,040.00	4 School Support	5.3			\$927.00
10/11/2006	\$ 3,000.00	Robertson Beautification grant	8.2			\$1,200.00
10/11/2006	\$ 550.00	Shenandoah gardening/bench	8.3			\$ 550.00
9/13/2006	\$ 50.00	Live Streaming of meetings	7.5.8	\$50.00		
9/13/2006	\$ 2,000.00	WLAPD Phone system (amount amended from \$5k)	7.3.2			\$2,000.00
8/9/2006	\$ 190.00	Modify Proposal/Pres. Guidelines (monitor/stand)		\$ 190.00		
8/9/2006	\$ 2,340.00	Urban Ranger Program	5.5.2			\$2,340.00
8/9/2006	\$ 1,375.00	9/11 Living Memorial	5.5.1			\$599.00
			Subtotal	\$2,015.00	\$675.00	\$9,422.00
			Total	\$12,112.00		

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee, which met on June 18, 2008, had compiled a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009, which was presented to the General Board on June 30, 2008. The approved budget covers the periods of 7/1/2008-6/30/2009 and was created in accordance with the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council's By-laws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

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