

PRAB Report 08-2
April 23, 2008

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: FY/2009 Contribution/Recognition Groups Budget Review

BACKGROUND: PRAB reviewed Contribution and Recognition Group Budget Requests received as part of its annual evaluation held at the regular meetings of March 19 and April 16, 2008. Arts organizations were reviewed in a separate report by the Arts Advisory Board.

A total of 28 applications were submitted for City review this year; 10 applications for Contribution Group status and 18 applications for Recognition Group status.

FINDINGS:

- A. PRAB met with the following Groups:
1. **Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, Inc.:** Presented by Acting President, Rita Jordan and Board members. Accepted with recommendations for clarification regarding additional \$3000 for 13-18 years of age baseball to be run in partnership with the County/City Babe Ruth Association program. *See Babe Ruth's recommendation comments below. \$18,000 requested. Vote: 7-0
 2. **Greenbelt Babe Ruth Association:** Presented by President, Bob Sonneveldt. Accepted with recommendations to (1) provide clarification about which organization will administer the new co-sponsored Babe Ruth/Boys and Girls Club baseball program next year; (2) consider transfer of the \$3000 requested above by Boys and Girls Club for baseball, **if needed** due to possible higher registration next season; and (3) add the cost of batting cage nets (safety issue). The batting cage netting is disintegrating from wear and needs to be replaced – a recent discovery, and not addressed by the current budget. Cost needs to be explored (under staff review). \$9,000 requested. Vote: 7-0
 3. **Greenbelt Baseball:** (formerly Greenbelt Little League) Presented by President, Hal Silverman and Treasurer, John White. Accepted with recommendations to provide the cost of scoreboard installation and background and cost for repair/replacement of PA system to their budget if they intend to pursue it with City Council. \$9,000 requested. Vote 7-0
 4. **Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch:** Presented by Coordinator, Kim Bradshaw and Coach, Austin Gibbs. Accepted with recommendations to add recruitment of replacement officers as a higher priority; and make suggested terminology and narrative changes for clarification. Numbers for totals need to crossfoot so that the rows and columns of numbers agree. \$4,000 requested. Vote 7-0
- B. Requests were accepted as presented for the following Contribution Groups with whom PRAB did not meet:
1. **Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters** – Accepted as presented. \$7,600 requested. Vote: 7-0
 2. **Greenbelt Golden Age Club, Inc.** – Accepted as presented. \$6,100 requested. Vote: 7-0
 3. **Greenbelt Senior Softball** – Accepted as presented. \$1,000 requested. Vote 6-0

- C. The Board also reviewed applications from the following Recognition Groups not requesting budgeted funds. Requests were approved as presented for:
1. Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
 2. Citizens to Conserve & Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC)
 3. DC Roadrunners
 4. Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers
 5. Greenbelt Climate Action Network
 6. Greenbelt Community Foundation
 7. Greenbelt Disability Connection
 8. Greenbelt Dog Park Association
 9. Greenbelt Intergeneration Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES)
 10. Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee
 11. Greenbelt Pride
 12. Greenbelt Tennis Association
 13. Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch

Seeing no issues, PRAB block-voted approval 6-1. Paul Sabol withheld approval because of his concern that three of the groups might not refrain from political action. These three are CCRIC, Climate Action Network, and Greenbelt Pride. Other PRAB members felt comfortable with these groups' assertions in previous years that they understood this restriction and would abide by it.

- D. The following groups were reviewed by the Arts Advisory Board:
1. Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) – Requested \$1,500.
 2. Greenbelt Concert Band – Requested \$4600.
 3. Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. - \$29,500
 4. Greenbelt In Focus
 5. Greenbelt Glass Guild
 6. Greenbelt Photo Club
 7. Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.
 8. Greenbelt Writers Group

- E. The following groups have yet to resubmit applications:
1. Friends of Roosevelt Center
 2. Greenbelt Garden Club

Respectfully submitted by:
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