

April 22, 2010

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: FY/2010 Contribution/Recognition Groups Budget Review

Background: PRAB reviewed Contribution Group Budget Requests and Recognition Group Applications received as part of its annual evaluation process at the regular meeting of April 21, 2010. Arts organizations are reviewed with a separate report by the Arts Advisory Board.

PRAB reviewed 16 Recognition Group Applications and 8 Contribution Group Applications. PRAB voted at the March meeting to meet with 5 groups to review questions and concerns expressed by PRAB members and 3 groups applications were determined by PRAB to be ready for recommendation without needing to meet with PRAB. Please refer to meeting minutes of March 17, 2010.

- Findings:**
- A. PRAB voted 9-0 to accept as presented the following Groups:
 - 1. Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters**
 - 2. Greenbelt Babe Ruth**
 - 3. Greenbelt Golden Age Club**
 - B. PRAB met with the following Groups:
 - 1. Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc:** Presented by Vice President, Mae Moncayo and Honorary Board Member, Anitra Byers.
PRAB Concerns:
 - a. Group is spending a very high amount on banquets and awards.
 - b. Group listed taxes as an expense when they are tax exempt. Representatives to PRAB were unable to explain this expense.
 - c. Projected equipment costs are very high with no specifics on what would be purchased.
 - d. Bank cash balance appears to be very high.
 - e. There was not enough representation from the organization at PRAB meeting to clarify the issues.
 - f. Betty Sonneveldt wanted it noted that there is an error on the application and that the President of the Board does not live in Greenbelt as clarified by group representatives. This does not affect PRAB recommendations, it is just an error.

Recommendations: - PRAB's recommendation to Council is to reduce the amount of the City contribution but not enough information was presented to recommend a specific amount. The vote was 8-0.

2. **Greenbelt Senior Softball:** Presented by Assistant Manager, Irv Salzberg, and Eli Flam, player.

PRAB Concerns:

- a. Only 5 out of 30 players are Greenbelt residents.
- b. This is a cost of \$200 per resident for a senior to play softball.

Recommendations: - PRAB recommends Council eliminate the City contribution. It was stated to PRAB by the representatives that there would be other places to play such as Bowie. The vote was 8-0.

3. **Greenbelt Farmers Market:** Presented by President, Lynne Chandler, Kimberly Rush Lynch, Secretary, Joe Gareri, Treasurer, and Jonathan Gordy, Board Member

PRAB Concerns:

- a. The majority of the group feels that this organization is not an activity group
- b. While the Board is made up of volunteers, the vendors are all for profit.

Recommendations: - PRAB recommends no City funding and that the group should structure itself like the Labor Day Festival and the New Deal and therefore be self supporting. The vote was 7-1.

4. **Greenbelt Baseball:** Presented by Vice President, Jim Inzeo and Treasurer, Emily Sullivan.

Recommendations: - PRAB approves the budget. The vote was 8-0.

5. **Greenbelt City Stars (youth Double Dutch):** Presented by President and Head Coach Kimberly Bradshaw.

Recommendations: - PRAB approves the budget. The vote was 8-0

C. PRAB met with the **Teen Education Network-Early Twenties too! (TEN-ET)**, a new Group seeking Recognition Group status.

Recommendations:- PRAB recommends Council approve the groups application.

D. The Board also reviewed applications from the following Recognition Groups not requesting budget funds. Requests were approved as presented for:

1. Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
2. Chesapeake Education and Arts Research Society (CHEARS)
3. Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek
4. DC Roadrunners Club
5. Friends of Still Creek
6. Great Greenbelt Volkmarchers
7. Greenbelt Climate Action Network
8. Greenbelt Community Foundation
9. Greenbelt Community Gardens
10. Greenbelt Dog Park Association
11. Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES)
12. Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee
13. Greenbelt Pride
14. Greenbelt Tennis Association

15. Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch
16. Teen Action Network-Early Twenties too!

Seeing no issues, PRAB block-voted approval 8-0

E. The following Groups were reviewed by the Arts Advisory Board:

1. Alight Dance Theater
2. Greenbelt Glass Guild
3. Greenbelt Marching Band
4. Greenbelt Photo Club
5. Greenbelt Pottery, Inc
6. Greenbelt Writers Group
7. Out of the Black Box Theater Company
8. Transitions Theater, Inc
8. Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)
9. Greenbelt Concert Band
10. Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center