

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

Subject: FY/2016 Contribution and Recognition Groups Budget Review

Background: The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) reviewed the 2015 Contribution and Recognition Groups applications at its regular meeting on March 18, 2015. PRAB reviewed the following five 2015 Contribution Groups: Greenbelt Babe Ruth, Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, Greenbelt Senior Softball, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and Greenbelt Baseball.

PRAB members requested the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and Greenbelt Baseball meet with PRAB on April 1, 2015 to clarify their budget requests and answer questions.

Recommendations:

I. Contribution Groups

PRAB **voted 5-0** to accept the following three budgets as presented and without reservation:

- 1. Greenbelt Babe Ruth**
- 2. Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters**
- 3. Greenbelt Senior Softball**

PRAB **voted 5-0** to make **no recommendation** on the budget for **Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club**.

- a.** The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club did not submit an application until Wednesday, March 18, the date PRAB met and PRAB members did not get a chance to review the budget. In addition, Recreation Director Julie McHale stated that the application was incomplete and not accurate.
- b.** Boys and Girls Club did not attend the mandatory training for filling out the budget application. At least two Recreation Department attempted to contact the Boys and Girls Club, but got no response.
- c.** There is a question of eligibility for funds if Boys and Girls Club joins other leagues.
- d.** This is the second year in a row that the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club has submitted a budget that is not ready to be reviewed by PRAB or presented to Council.
- e.** PRAB would like input from Recreation Department staff as to the best way to proceed with the Boys and Girls Club.

After repeated attempts failed to get a completed budget from the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, the planned meeting with PRAB on April 1 was cancelled.

PRAB **voted 5-0** to have **Greenbelt Baseball** meet with PRAB April 1

- a.** Greenbelt Baseball's Application was not submitted in a form that could be presented to City Council.
- b.** The application did not include any itemized purchases made with City funds.
- c.** There were many irregularities in the budget pages and in-kind worksheets.

Greg Fisanich from Greenbelt Baseball subsequently made corrections to the application. However, the itemized list of purchases made with City of Greenbelt funds was not included. Mr. Fisanich stated that the list Reimbursement Report would be ready to present to Council before the organization's appearance before Council. It was then decided that PRAB did not have to meet with Greenbelt Baseball on April 1, 2015.

II. Recognition Groups

The following Recognition Groups were accepted as presented:

Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek
Greenbelt Climate Action Network
Greenbelt Community Development Corporation
Greenbelt Community Foundation
Greenbelt Community Garden Club
Greenbelt Dog Park Association
Greenbelt Home School Learning Cooperative
Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service
Greenbelt Labor day Festival Committee
Greenbelt Pride
Greenbelt Sity Stars
Greenbelt Soccer Alliance
Greenbelt Tennis Association
Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Organization
Greenbelt Writers Group

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