



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DCM: Bryan Langley

DATE: May 22, 2018

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas approving a City sponsorship in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 of in-kind services and resources for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program on Saturday, June 16, 2018; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multi-district level. Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs and cover all expenses. For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

Locally, Rotary Clubs in District 5790 (clubs in Denton to Fort Worth and out to Abilene) sponsor a four day RYLA program for rising high school seniors. This program historically has been held in Denton. The program will take place this year from Wednesday, June 13 through Saturday, June 16 with an estimate of 120 students. The majority of the program will take place on the TWU campus with Rotarian counselors and various exercises. On Friday evening, a mock City Council meeting will be held at Denton City Hall in the Council Chambers with City Council Members and staff participating.

On Saturday, June 16, the RYLA students will participate in a service project, which is planned to be done this year at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center. The students will volunteer to:

- Weed, plant and spread mulch in flower beds.
- Work in Greenhouse with Master Naturalists. Work with seedlings, learn about seed collection and propagation.
- Build benches for along trails; and
- Plant some class trees.

The Denton Rotary Club is requesting the City of Denton provide assistance by transporting the students on Saturday, June 16 out to Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center from the TWU Student Center using the Parks and Recreation Department's vans and drivers. Staff has estimated the cost to provide transportation in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 based upon staff costs and fuel. In exchange, the City of Denton will receive volunteers to help work on projects at the City's Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center.

RECOMMENDATION

The City of Denton has historically provided assistance to the RYLA program for the mock City Council meeting and past volunteer projects, such as planting trees in various parks.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL INFORMATION

If approved, the City will provide in-kind services in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to provide transportation for the service project event on Saturday, June 16, 2018 to Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center. Requests where City facilities or services are requested for free or at a reduced rate require City Council approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton’s Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Liveable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community
Related Goal: 4.4 Provide outstanding leisure, cultural, and educational opportunities

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Agenda Information Sheet
- Exhibit 2 Ordinance
- Exhibit 3 Letter of Request

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