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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Bryan Langley

DATE: March 12, 2018

SUBJECT

Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas authoring the City Manager to execute a contract with the S. Tracy Howard Project (STHProject) for the Summer Food Service Program.

BACKGROUND

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Children 18 and younger may receive free meals and snacks through SFSP. Meals and snacks are also available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled.

Since 2005, the Parks and Recreation Departments (PARD) has facilitated the SFSP. The SFSP was originally funded through a Texas Health and Human Services Commission grant that covered the direct cost of the program. The Denton Independent School District (DISD) assisted in the administration of the program by preparing the meals. PARD staff delivered the food to camp sites, served the meals, and documented the process for grant reporting. The SFSP budget was \$223,038 in 2016 and included temp/seasonal personnel costs, food, supplies, rental vans, gas, and coolers.

In 2017, the department partnered with the STHProject, a local nonprofit, to administer the SFSP. The STHProject started serving a free dinner at the MLK Jr. Rec Center in the fall of 2016. Based on the success of the free dinner program, the STHProject approached the City and offered to expand the partnership to include the SFSP. STHProject provides the food at no cost to the City and saves PARD approximately \$17,283 in administrative staff time that was not covered by the grant. The partnership has also allowed full time staff to reallocate resources to summer camp activities by reducing staff time spent on the delivery and service of meals and the administrative tasks associated with grant compliance.

The STHProject currently serves dinner Monday - Friday at the MLK Jr. Recreation Center year round. During the summer they offer breakfast and lunch at the following camps:

- Camp Voyage at Denia Rec. Center
- Kings Kids at MLK Jr. Rec. Center
- Camp Exploration at the Denton Civic Center
- Super Kids and Little Campers at McMath Middle School.

STHProject served over 29,000 meals and snacks at last year's camps.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the contract with the STHProject to provide full meal service for the SFSP.

FISCAL INFORMATION

STHProject provides the service at no cost to the City. Additionally, the partnership saves PARD approximately \$17,283 in staff time.

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, Livable, 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: **4.1 Enhance public safety in the community**

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 Ordinance

Exhibit 3 STHProject Summer Food Program Contract

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