

City Council Regular Meeting - Includes
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Date 06/24/2021

Submitted:

Type of Ordinance

Action

Requested:

SUBJECT:

Consider a proposal by the Boys and Girls Club of the Sun Corridor to operate the after school and summer youth programs at the Len Colla Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve an Ordinance to enter into a lease agreement for the Len Colla Center and approve the public service agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of the Sun Corridor for youth services in the areas of after school programs and summer programs at the Len Colla Center.

DISCUSSION:

At the annual budget retreat, staff introduced a concept of partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of the Sun Corridor to provide youth services at the Len Colla Center and to transfer the oversight of the youth soccer program to the City's Recreation Division. Since that point, the representatives from the two entities have been working a proposal where the Boys and Girls Club would operate an after school and summer programming for youth at the Len Colla Center. The City of Casa Grande would incorporate the Boys and Girls soccer program into the recreation programming. These two attached agreements, which originated from a proposal developed by the Boys and Girls Club, would allow the Boys and Girls Clubs the opportunity to provide similar services at the Len Colla facility.

These programs would be aligned with programming that is currently taking place at the Recreation Center and other clubs throughout Casa Grande. Some major details of the concept and proposal are listed below

- The City Recreation Division will manage the local soccer program.
- The Boys and Girls Club of the Sun Corridor will provide after-school and summer programming using similar hours to their current clubs, which are expanded to the times the City operated the Len Colla Center.
- The City would fund the program \$60,000 a year for the next five years. This represents approximately a 50% savings from the City's previous years operating costs.
- The City will fund the program an additional \$31,200 a year for the next three years to provide no-cost programming to members of the community who have previously attended the Len Colla Center. Thereafter, membership would be evaluated based on the Boys and Girls Club membership model. Those qualifying for a full or partial scholarship would receive a discounted membership fee.
- The City would continue to provide custodial and maintenance services for the facility.
- At full capacity, 150 children would be served daily.
- Programming hours will expand as the Boys and Girls Club opens from 7:00 am-6:00 pm in the summer.
- The City will continue to have access to the Len Colla Center on a space-available basis for recreational programming when the Boys and Girls Club is not in operation.

If approved, the City would commence the oversight and management of the local soccer program for the upcoming fall season. The Boys and Girls Club would begin providing after-school services at the commencement of the upcoming school year. The Boys and Girls Club anticipates investing funding for repairs and improvements to the Center. As a result, they have made potential provisions to start the programming at the Palo Verde Elementary School and would transfer the programs to the Len Colla once the improvements were completed.

The proposed lease agreement would be for an initial term of 3 years, which aligns the term with the lease of the Recreation Center and offer three extensions of five years thereafter. The base rent is proposed at \$1 annually, with the City continuing to provide interior, exterior, and grounds maintenance. The Boys and Girls Club would be responsible for reimbursing the City for all utilities. The City could continue to utilize the Center for various programming efforts outside of the normal hours of operation. The lease agreement could be terminated by the City with a written one-year notice.

The proposed service agreement is for a five-year term. The initial three years of the

agreement would require the City to fund the Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$91,200 for the services provided as outlined above and in Exhibit 1 of the agreement. In years three and four, the funding amount would reduce to \$60,000 annually. The agreement also outlines the provisions for use of the funding, the services that must be provided, the accounting, record keeping, and reporting requirements for the Boys and Girls Club each year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City anticipates an overall savings in the operational costs that are currently expended to provide similar programming at the Center. The proposal requires the City to fund this program as follows;

- \$60,000 a year for five years for operational purposes.
- \$31,200 a year for three years to cover programming fees for previous community members.
- Operational costs for cleaning of the facility and maintenance of the groups.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the request and fund the Len Colla Center operations from the Community Services Department budget.
2. Delay the request and task staff with providing additional information or amending the terms of the agreements.