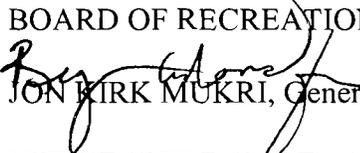


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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

December 8, 2010

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM:  JON KIRK MUKRI, General Manager
SUBJECT: USE OF CHILD CARE AND THERAPEUTIC SITES

The Commission asked staff for an update on the use of the facility space at the local recreation centers where the licensed Child Care Programs (CCP) were eliminated. As the Board recalls, the challenging economic environment necessitated staff and service reductions as part of the 2010-2011 department budget. Most notably, the bulk of reductions occurred in the Child Care and Therapeutic Recreation Programs (TRP).

During the summer months, all of the former CCP and TRP sites were used for the local recreation center's summer day camp program. Since September 2010, the information below describes the current site usage for each of the affected facilities:

Elysian Park Therapeutic Center – The location is now referred to as the Elysian Park Recreation Center. The center is currently being used by the Los Angeles Theatre Academy on a permit basis Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to offer a low-cost after-school program. This same group also has a permit for Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On every other Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., another group (Kids Enjoying Exercise Now – KEEN) also uses the building by permit.

Valley Therapeutic Center - The center, being located on the grounds of North Hollywood Recreation Center, is being programmed by the director in charge of the center. The room is being used for classes and permitted out to groups.

Martin Luther King Jr. Therapeutic Center – The location is now referred to as the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center. The center is currently being used for a staff-led after-school program, recreation programs funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and permitted out to groups.

Loren Miller Child Care Center – The location is now referred to as Loren Miller Recreation Center. It is clustered with Denker Recreation Center. The building is currently being used for recreation programs, classes and has been made available to groups by permit.

Van Ness Child Care Center - The center is on the grounds of Van Ness Recreation Center and is currently being used for after-school programs. Additionally, classes have been expanded to utilize this space, and it has been made available for permitted groups.

South Park Child Care Center - The center/program was located in the building of South Park Recreation Center and is currently being used for after-school programs. Additionally, classes have been expanded to utilize this space, and it has been made available for permitted groups.

Algin Sutton Child Care Center - The center is located on the grounds of Algin Sutton Recreation Center and is currently being used for after-school programs. Additionally, classes have been expanded to utilize this space, and it has been made available for permitted groups.

Banning Park Child Care Center - The center is on the grounds of Banning Recreation Center and is currently being used for after-school programs. Additionally, classes have been expanded to utilize this space, and it has been made available for permitted groups.

Harbor City Child Care Center - The center/program was located inside the gymnasium at Harbor City Recreation Center. The former space is currently being used for after-school programs.

Peck Park Child Care Center - The center/program was located inside the building of Peck Park Recreation Center. The center is currently being used for after-school programs.

Tarzana Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Tarzana Recreation Center and is being used for Pre-Kinder class (ages 3-5) and after school programs.

Victory Valley Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Valley Plaza Recreation Center. The center is using the space for Tiny Tot (ages 3-5) programming and after school programs.

Northridge Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Northridge Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Winnetka Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Winnetka Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Mason Afterschool and Pre-kinder Facility - The center is on the grounds of Mason Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Hubert H. Humphrey Afterschool and Pre-kinder – The center is on the grounds of Hubert H. Humphrey Recreation Center, which is using the space for after school programs.

Branford Afterschool and Pre-Kinder Facility – The center is on the grounds of Brandford Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Ira C. Massey Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Ira C. Massey Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Penmar Recreation Center – The center is on the grounds of Penmar Recreation Center, which is using the space for Pre-Kinder (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Palms Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Palms Recreation Center, which is using the space for pre-school (3.5 - 5 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – The center is on the grounds of Baldwin Hills Recreation Center, which is using the space for after school programs.

Robertson Childcare Center – The center is on the grounds of Robertson Recreation Center, which is using the space for pre-school classes and after school programs.

Echo Park Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Echo Park Recreation Center, which is using the space for children's programs (4.5 - 13 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Glassell Park Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Glassell Park Recreation Center, which is using the space for children's programs (4.5 - 13 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Eagle Rock Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Eagle Rock Recreation Center, which is using the space for pre-school classes and after school programs.

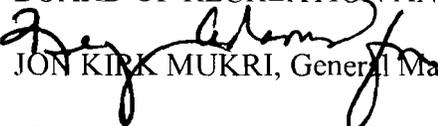
Downey Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Downey Recreation Center, which is using the space for children's programs (4.5 - 13 yr. old) classes and after school programs.

Evergreen Child Care Center – The center is on the grounds of Evergreen Recreation Center, which is using the space for pre-school classes and after school programs.

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FROM:  JON KIRK MUKRI, General Manager
SUBJECT: SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS 2010 FINAL REPORT

Now in its third year, the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) has partnered with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) to implement the innovative Summer Night Lights (SNL) program. SNL is an anti-gang initiative that keeps City Parks open after dark during the summer months, providing over 1,000 job opportunities and organized activities for at risk youth and their families. Thanks in part to SNL, Los Angeles had its safest summer since 1967.

Program Overview

In 2008, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa launched the SNL, a violence reduction and community initiative program that takes action to combat gang violence during the traditionally more violent summer months. This innovative program, keeps parks open after dark with organized activities for at risk youth and their families, while also providing job opportunities and a safe place to spend the summer.

Research has consistently shown that youth are more likely to commit violent crimes between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight during the summer months. Crime spikes when longer daylight hours result in youth searching for activities to alleviate restlessness and boredom.

The SNL Program has three (3) major components:

1. Extended Hours and Programming: From July 7 to September 4, 2010, 24 recreation facilities extended their hours of operation until midnight, four nights a week (Wednesday-Saturday) and expanded programming to include youth and family centered recreational, educational and artistic activities.
2. Youth Squad: At risk youth (defined as potential victims or perpetrators of violence) ages 17-20 were hired to help staff and assist with the extended hours and programs. Each youth squad member received a stipend for summer employment.
3. Cease Fires: Intervention workers helped maintain cease-fires at the SNL sites and in the surrounding communities.

Program Highlights and Accomplishments

In 2010, SNL expanded from 15 to 24 parks citywide. The nine week program operated Wednesday-Saturday, July 7 - September 4 from 7:00 p.m. – midnight. SNL organized programs included sports leagues, mobile skate parks, cultural and educational workshops, art, dance, swimming, movie nights and nutrition. Attendance for 2010 reached 710,000, with 382,523 meals served.

SNL Sports Tournament

This summer marked the inauguration of the SNL sports tournaments, culminating with the SNL championships. Tournaments were conducted in basketball, softball, and soccer with 16 sites hosting 130 teams with over 1,400 participants.

SNL Tournament Winners

Basketball: (9-11yr) Imperial Courts, (12-14 yr) William Nickerson, (13-15 yr Girls) Imperial Courts, (15-17yr) Van Ness, (Adult 18+) Jordan Downs

Softball: (9-12 yr Girls) Sepulveda, (13-15 yr Girls) Sepulveda, (15-17yr Co-ed) Cypress, (adult 18+) Cypress

Soccer: (9-11yr) Costello, (12-14) Ross Snyder, (15-17) Delano, (Adults 18+) Jim Gilliam

2010 Crime Statistics

40% overall reduction in gang related crime in areas surrounding the 24 SNL sites.

57% reduction in gang related homicides

48% reduction in aggravated assaults

55% reduction in shots fired

45% reduction in victims shot

Family Movie Nights

The Department partnered with Warner Bros Studios to offer Family Movie Nights on Friday evenings throughout the summer. Audiences were able to enjoy family movie classics such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Iron Giant*, *Superman II*, *March of the Penguins*. During the movies, free popcorn and snow cones were available for all to enjoy as a result of efforts of the CLASS Parks Teen program.

Los Angeles Sparks

In August, for the second year in a row, the Los Angeles Sparks partnered with the Mayor's Office, the Department and the SNL program to provide female specific athletic basketball clinics at Hubert Humphrey, Van Ness and Imperial Courts.

Chivas USA

Continuing a partnership that was fostered in 2008, Chivas USA hosted free youth soccer clinics ages 5 -17 years at five SNL sites: Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, Costello Recreation Center, Mount Carmel Recreation Center, Highland Park Recreation Center and Sepulveda Recreation Center.

SNL Finale

SNL 2010 concluded on Saturday, September 4 with a finale hosted by Valley Plaza Recreation Center. Each of the 24 sites arrived on buses with an attendance of over 5,000 who enjoyed entertainment, sports tournaments, cultural classes, swimming and food.

Friday Night Extreme Teens

As a continuation of the SNL program, all 37 CLASS Parks sites are offering expanded teen programming on Friday nights. The Friday Night Extreme teen program offers recreational sports, cultural classes, field trips, food, dance, music, and community service opportunities.

24 Participating Recreation Facilities For 2010 by Council District (CD)

CD 1

Cypress Recreation Center
Highland Park Recreation Center

CD 2

Valley Plaza Recreation Center

CD 6

Delano Recreation Center

CD 7

Hubert Humphrey Recreation Center
Sepulveda Recreation Center

CD 8

Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center
Martin Luther King Recreation Center
Mt Carmel Recreation Center
Van Ness Recreation Center

CD 9

Ross Snyder Recreation Center
Slauson Recreation Center
South Park Recreation Center

CD 10

Jim Gilliam Recreation Center

CD 13

Glassell Recreation Center
Lake Street Recreation Center
Lemon Grove Recreation Center

CD 14

Ramon Garcia Recreation Center
Ramona Gardens Recreation Center
Costello Recreation Center

CD 15

Imperial Courts Recreation Center
Jordan Downs Recreation Center
Normandale Recreation Center
William Nickerson Gardens Recreation Center

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