



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Combined Parks and Recreation Commission and Youth Member

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission appoints two Commissioners to serve with two Youth Council representatives to determine the eligibility and term for the youth member of the Commission.

DISCUSSION:

On November 3, 2009, voters of the City of Santa Barbara overwhelmingly approved Measure C. The ballot measure amends language in the City Charter in order to form a new combined City "Parks and Recreation Commission" with seven members. The powers and duties of the new Commission will be the same as that of the former separate Park Commission and Recreation Commission, except that the amendment grants the new Commission authority to advise the City Council on matters concerning creeks within the City, since the Department has oversight and responsibility for the Creeks Division.

The measure also authorizes, but does not require, the City Council to appoint a youth member 16 years of age or older who resides within the City, to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The manner of appointing the youth member and the term of office for the youth member will be established by an Ordinance of the City Council.

Staff recommends that a sub-committee of two Commissioners and two Youth Council members be formed to determine the appointment process and term of office for the youth member. The sub-committee would bring their recommendation to the Youth Council for discussion and approval. The Youth Council would bring their recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval and recommendation to City Council.

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