



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
8650 CALIFORNIA AVE  
SOUTH GATE CA 90280**

### **Officials**

**Chair:** Alan Flores

**Vice Chair:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Commissioner:** Jennifer Cypert

**Commissioner:** Lizette Ruiz

**Parks & Recreation Director:** Steve Costley

### **Call to Order**

### **Flag Salute**

### **Roll Call**

### **Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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### **Report on Posting**

I, Ana Medina, Parks & Recreation Sr. Secretary, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was properly posted on September 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., as required by law.

Ana Medina, Parks & Recreation Sr. Secretary

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## **Open Session Items**

### **1. SPORTS & AQUATICS ANNUAL DIVISION REPORT**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 1 STAFF REPORT - Sports & Aquatics Annual Report.pdf](#)

### **2. PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 2 STAFF REPORT - Park Projects Update.pdf](#)

### **3. REVIEW OF RECREATION 4th QUARTERLY REPORT FY 2021/22**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 3 STAFF REPORT - Recreation 4th Qtr Report.pdf](#)

### **4. REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE REPORT FY 2021/22**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 4 STAFF REPORT - Maintenance 4th Qtr Report.pdf](#)

### **5. REVIEW OF FEE WAIVERS FY 2021/22**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to approve the report as presented and forward to the City Council for their purview.

Documents:

[ITEM 5 STAFF REPORT - Fee Waiver Annual Report 2022.pdf](#)

### **6. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATION SG YOUTH FOOTBALL**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 6 STAFF REPORT - SGYouth Footbal Partner Organization Annual Rpt.pdf](#)

## **7. REPORT ON HALLOWEEN HAUNT 2022**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

Documents:

[ITEM 7 STAFF REPORT - 2022 Halloween Events.pdf](#)

### **Director's Report/Calendar of Events**

### **Parks & Recreation Commission Sub-Committee Reports**

### **Request for Items on Future Agendas**

### **Adjournment**

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# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** James Markel, Recreation Supervisor  
**Date:** August 17, 2022

**Subject:** Annual Sports and Aquatics Division Report

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Receive and File

**Report Summary:**

**Youth Sports:**

Summer & Fall 2021 were still under strict covid guidelines which prohibited our ability to offer any youth sports classes.

Youth Sports resumed during the Winter 2021 session. Due to covid guidelines our traditional 9-week classes were held outdoors. The following classes were conducted: Basketball Fundamentals (2 classes, ages 5-12), Volleyball Fundamentals (1 class, ages 10-17), Baseball Fundamentals (3 classes, ages 3-12) and Multi-Sport (3 classes, ages 3-12). Class sizes were reduced to ensure all covid guidelines were met and enrollment across all fundamental classes totaled 100 participants.

Spring 2022 continued with the traditional 9-week session with all programming resuming to normal operations. Our team of Recreation leaders developed a new Multi-Sport class which included a different combination of sports such as soccer, football & tennis. Basketball and volleyball classes returned indoors and our contract classes were able to resume instruction as well. Soccer Fundamentals held at GOALS had a total of 6 classes, Karate restarted their monthly classes and tennis resumed with Level 1 and 2 lessons. We had a total of 400 participants in our youth sports classes during the Spring. In April 2022, we hosted our first ever Jr. NBA Challenge. The Challenge provided boys and girls, ages 13 and younger, the opportunity to showcase their basketball abilities through a dribbling, shooting, and rebounding skills competition. Each of our participants completed the challenge, had their photo taken, and were provided with a certificate of completion.

Summer 2022 classes are currently halfway through, and participants' feedback has been extremely positive. We have expanded programming again and have added another Baseball Fundamental class that takes place on Friday evenings at Legacy High School. Staff continues to work hard creating new lesson plans and finding alternative ways to engage the participants. At the culmination of each 9-week class, participants celebrate with a scrimmage, potluck, and award ceremony. The following classes are currently taking place: Basketball Fundamentals (3 classes), Volleyball Fundamentals (1 class), Multi-Sport Pass, Serve, Score (2 classes), Baseball Fundamentals (3 classes), Multi-Sport Shoot, Kick, Hit (3 classes), and Baseball Fundamentals at Legacy HS (3 classes). Our contract classes (Soccer, Karate, and Tennis) also reached class capacity. In total across all youth sport classes we had 450 participants register during the Summer session.

### **Adult Sports:**

Summer 2021 kicked off with a new event, Ballin' After Dark. Teams of 5 played pick-up basketball rules, called their own fouls, and competed in a tournament style format for prizes. Games were up to 11 points with staff as official scorekeepers and to provide final call on all judgement plays. We had a second "B.A.D." event in August and had 12 registered teams. The events had great energy from the participants and spectators and were welcomed with great appreciation and satisfaction.

Winter/Spring 2021 brought back our much-anticipated Men's and Co-ed Softball Leagues. For many of the teams this was their first time back on the softball diamond since the onset of the pandemic back in March of 2020. Players were embracing each other on opposite teams and discussing how they hadn't seen one another since the pandemic. Our Men's League played on Thursday evenings and began with 1 division of 8 teams. Our Co-ed League played on Friday evenings, and they started with 2 divisions of 6 teams. Winners in their respective division won a team trophy along with each player receiving a Dri-Fit performance t-shirt donning the South Gate Champion title. Second place winners received an aluminum water bottle with City of South Gate Adult Softball artwork.

Summer 2022 is currently hosting both the Men's and Co-ed Softball Leagues. We did see an increase in both leagues and continue to receive daily inquiries about the next season. Currently, our Thursday Men's league has 2 divisions, with a total of 13 teams, while our Friday Co-ed League has 2 divisions of 8 teams for a total of 16 teams. Winners of the current season are set to receive Softball Champion tank tops; second place will receive a different style of aluminum water bottle with updated artwork. In addition to the Adult Softball Leagues, our Friday Night Men's Basketball League has also returned. Currently we have 6 teams competing for the Summer 2022 Championship title and to have their team's name hung in the rafters of the Sports Center gymnasium.

## **Fitness**

The Sports Center redesigned the membership program in July 2021, which introduced more convenient options for our members. Members now have the option to include access to the Swim Stadium by purchasing the Splash Add-on to an individual monthly membership. Splash add-ons can be cancelled by members as they please without having to cancel their Sports or Fitness memberships.

Memberships steadily increased every quarter and continued to get closer to pre-pandemic levels as the year progressed. Although the Personal Training program did not restart until 2022, it was greeted with excitement from current/new members and saw the same steady success as memberships throughout the year.

We conducted an Open House event in January 2022. The event was free to attend and highlighted the Sports Center facility and its programming. We offered condensed versions of Group Exercise Classes, Personal Training assessments, and fun sports activities. Attendees also had the opportunity to receive a Subway lunch by participating in activities throughout the day.

The Fitness division increased its Youth programming by adding the first Youth group exercise class, Young & Fit, to the classes offered in the membership program. The class runs concurrently with our Boot Camp to allow parents and children the option to workout in the same vicinity, while having individualized workouts and instructors.

Our inaugural Fun Run recently took place on July 16, 2022. The event was \$10 and included a t-shirt, tote bag, and vouchers from local vendors. The Fun Run consisted of a one mile run within the park, filled with inflatable obstacles and water slides, sprinklers, slime, and mud zones. There were approximately 600 registered runners, we also had vendors, a DJ, and many spectators. The event culminated in a raffle of various prizes donated from our generous supporters and donors.

## **Aquatics**

In the summer of 2021, all COVID restrictions for Aquatics were lifted as it was deemed a low-risk activity. The Aquatics division became fully operational, offering several organized programs as well as recreational activities for everyone. The Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium was open 7 days a week for Lap, Adult, and Family Swim with approximately 14,000 paid daily admissions. We also launched our Splash membership program to great success, with about 1,000 reoccurring memberships. Group, Private and Semi-Private swim lessons for all ages, runs spring-fall and was at capacity every month. We registered 4,600 total youth and 400 adult lesson participants throughout the year.

The Swim Stadium also offered several therapy and fitness classes for adults/seniors, such as: SeniorCise, Aqua Aerobics, Masters Swim, and Open Play Water Polo. We featured specialized and aquatic sports programs like Gators Swim Academy, Junior Water Polo, Pre-Comp, Surfing 101, as well as hosting competitive swim team/partner

organization South Gate Aquatics Club year-round. The Swim Stadium is also host to several other local swim teams throughout the year. March 2022, in partnership with SGAC and in celebration of the Azalea Festival, we hosted our first swim meet since the pandemic began. This event served as a fundraiser for the swim team and brought in 5 local teams with over 100 local swimmers.

May is designated as National Water Safety Month, so the Swim Stadium in partnership with the Parks & Rec Social Media Team campaigned all month long to bring water safety awareness to the community. We celebrated International Water Safety Day on May 15 with our 3 annual Water Safety Bash which brought in over 100 participants. We had our first ever Community Swim Day on June 19 celebrating Summer Kick-Off. The event featured music, lawn games, first aid and water safety demo booths, plus Family Swim. On June 24 we joined thousands of aquatics facilities all over the world for the World's Largest Swim Lesson with almost 100 participants. All events were free to the community and sponsored by our partner organization South Gate Aquatics Club.

The Swim Stadium is available for rentals year-round and was pretty much booked spring through fall. Once again, the Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium hosted the South Central Swim League, which puts on about 6 meets throughout the year. These meets usually bring in over 500 local competitive swimmers with over 1,000 spectators and are a major highlight of the year. Another major highlight is the LA84 program, which through their generous grant of almost \$18K, allowed us to provide almost 700 youth ages 7-17 with free swimming lessons.

As first responders, Aquatics Staff is consistently training, and in June 2022 held our annual recertification course certifying about 50 Lifeguards in American Red Cross Lifeguarding with CPR/AED For Professional Rescuers, First Aid, Administering Emergency Oxygen and Bloodborne Pathogens Training. We also offered a Lifeguard Class with 10 participants, from which we plan to hire additional Aquatics Staff.



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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Steve Costley, Director of Parks & Recreation  
**Date:** August 15, 2022

**Subject:** Update on Parks & Recreation Department Major Projects

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

**Report Summary:** The Parks & Recreation Department maintains over 185 acres of landscape and numerous community centers and support facilities throughout the City. These parks and facilities require continual maintenance and at times major capital improvement projects must be scheduled to keep areas safe for the public. Below is a list of current projects slated for the Department and where they are in the process:

### **Auditorium Roof Project**

The auditorium roof has had issues with leaking for several years and our Public Works Department has worked diligently to provide patching. This process is no longer viable and there is a need for a total replacement of the roof. We have secured some funding for the project, but with costs escalating we will need additional resources. Also, if we replace the roof, we should replace the A/C units on the roof to meet code.

Estimated cost: \$900,000  
Current funding: \$400,000 (Approx.)

### **Boy Scout Huts**

There are 8 buildings in the Boy Scout Hut area. Many have not had any renovations since the 70's. There are several areas of concern, the most pressing of which is the roofs of several of the buildings. Funding was originally secured through CDBG but our HUD representative determined that the huts were not eligible.

Estimated cost: \$1,000,000  
Current funding: None

### **Cesar Chavez Playground**

Located near Santa Fe and Southern Avenues this playground needs total renovation. Staff contacted the original vendor and obtained estimates for replacements. Plans are in process and completion should be in September.



Estimated cost: \$150,000  
Current funding: \$150,000

### **Circle Park**

Concepts are for a total renovation of the site to include new basketball courts, a playground, and parking. Plans have been completed and are under review by SCE. Construction may start as early as December 2022.

Estimated cost: \$5.8 million  
Current funding: \$5.8 million

### **Hollydale Community Park**

Plans are complete, RFP for contractors has been released and plans are to start the project in October 2022. This will be a total renovation of the park and will include a new community center, as well as a playground, and basketball courts.

Estimated cost: \$4.15 million  
Current funding: \$4.15 million

### **New Community Center (GCH)**

Planning process started in 2019 but Covid cut short the process. Replacement of the Girls Clubhouse with a new three-story building will need to wait until financing is available.

Estimated cost: \$21 million  
Current funding: None

### **Park Yard Roof Project**

This project included replacement of the roof at the Park Maintenance Yard and over the parking bays for equipment. Project was completed in May 2022.

Estimated cost: \$100,000  
Current funding: \$100,000

### **South Gate Park Fence Project**

This project to replace the different fences throughout South Gate Park started in 2016 and has been funded and lost its funding on two different occasions. Currently we have updated the plans and will be going out to bid in October or November.

Estimated cost: \$850,000  
Current funding: \$850,000

### **Sports Center PA System**

A new system that will allow staff to provide announcements and information to the public on a regular basis.

Estimated cost: \$82,000  
Current funding: \$72,000

### **Urban Orchard**

New 7-acre park located between the 710 freeway and the LA River. Currently under construction with an estimated completion date of January 2023.

Estimated cost: \$30+ million  
Current funding: \$30+ million



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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Steve Costley, Director of Parks & Recreation  
**Date:** August 16, 2022  
**Subject:** Recreation 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021/22 Review

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Receive and File

**Report Summary:** The following report will cover recreation programming that took place between April-June. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year the department increased programming opportunities based on the reduction of COVID-19 guidelines. Although, we are not near our normal operation, the results over the past three months are very encouraging.

**Partner Organizations (Sports):**

Two of our partner organizations have started back up. AYSO has not started back up, we are in communication with them and hoping to start soon.

South Gate Aztecs (Youth Football & Cheer): Monday – Friday (5:00pm-8:00pm) & Saturday's (9:00am-12:00pm) at Hollydale Regional Park

SGJAA: Conducted 2022 Spring Baseball and Softball Seasons. Basketball registrations and preparation for season currently taking place.

**Fitness Center**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw a small increase in memberships. We had about 18,000 membership check-ins and sold 1,943 memberships for the quarter. However, with the rise in memberships, we conversely see a decrease in daily admissions sold at approximately 6,500 for this quarter.

Personal Training hours have been steady at 172 and there seems to be an increase in Private trainings over the Semi-private options.

We concluded our Winter Biggest Loser, which is always very successful and began preparing for our Youth Biggest Loser which was set to debut in the summer.

Registration for all Youth Classes was slightly better than expected and there seems to be a growing demand for youth fitness.

**Youth Sports:**

- Baseball Fundamentals (3 classes – total of 60 participants)
- Basketball Fundamentals (3 classes – total of 55 participants)
- Traditionnel Multisport (3 classes – total of 61 participants)
- NEW Multi-Sport (2 classes – total of 30 kids)

- Soccer Fundamentals (6 classes – total of 100 participants)
- Tennis (3 classes – total of 20 participants)
- Volleyball (1 class – total of 20 participants)
- Karate has resumed with regular classes

### **Special Events**

- Our Jr. NBA Skills Challenge provided boys and girls, ages 13 and younger, the opportunity to showcase their basketball talents through a dribbling, shooting, and rebounding skills competition. Each of our participants completed the challenge, had their photo taken, and were provided a certificate of completion.

### **Adult Sports:**

#### **Men's Softball**

- Summer Season begun with 2 divisions on Thursday evenings and a total of 13 teams.

#### **Co-ed Softball**

- Summer Season begun with 2 divisions on Friday evenings and a total of 16 teams.

#### **Men's Basketball League**

- This is the first season back since the pandemic, the summer season has 1 division of 6 teams.

#### **Open Play Volleyball**

- There were 650 daily passes sold

### **Special Events**

- Over the Line Baseball Tourney is currently taking registration

### **Aquatics**

- The Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium was in full bloom during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. It was open 7 days a week with various sessions throughout the day. We offered Adult/Lap/Family Swim Sessions, totaling over 7,997 paid daily admissions. Our Splash membership program saw an uptick in numbers, with almost 2,000 new enrollees. The Learn-to-Swim program, 6 months & over, was full every month, with about 1,580 registrations. All Youth & Adult Swim Lessons, including private and semiprivate, had 500 registrations. Aquatic Fitness programs, (SeniorCise, Aqua Aerobics, Masters Swim, and Water Polo Open Play) saw an increase in participation.
- The Swim Stadium hosted a number of special events, including a Water Safety Bash on May 1, celebrating International Water Safety Day with almost 100 participants
- Joined thousands of aquatics facilities all over the world for the World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 24 with almost 100 participants
- Had our first Community Swim Day on June 19 celebrating Summer Kick-Off and featuring music, lawn games, first aid, and water safety demo booths, plus Family Swim. All events were free to the community and sponsored by our partner organization South Gate Aquatics Club.
- In June we also introduced new programs, Junior Water Polo, Gators Swim Academy, and Surfing 101.
- We've been consistently booked for weekend rentals for private events since early spring.
- Once again, we are hosting the South-Central Swim League with 2 meets during this season and 2 more in the late summer. These meets usually bring in over 500 local competitive swimmers and over 1,000 spectators
- A major highlight of the year is the LA84 program, which through their generous grant of almost \$18K, allowed us to provide almost 700 youth, ages 7-17, with free swimming lessons.

- In June we held our annual recertification course certifying about 50 Lifeguards in American Red Cross Lifeguarding with CPR/AED For Professional Rescuers, First Aid, Administering Emergency Oxygen and Bloodborne Pathogens Training. We also offered a Lifeguard Class with 10 participants

### **Social Media:**

Our total followers are now up to 3,020. In the last quarter we had 14 posts, 251 stories, 3 reels and 1 video. Community engagement has been positive, and patrons are utilizing direct messages to ask questions and seek information

### **Contract Classes**

All classes have returned to full schedule. Dance, Tumbling, Music (piano/guitar), & Art Classes were full to capacity. We added a few extra Baby Boogie, Tiny Tumblers, and Baby Ballet Classes since they are the most popular. There were also Cultural Arts workshops offered on Saturdays. Unfortunately, some of those had to be canceled due to low enrollment but staff is reevaluating on how to entice the community to attend, such as making craft projects at Concerts in Park.

The Tot Time and Tiny 2s started in Spring and Tiny 2's filled the registration fast. Staff will add another class in Fall.

### **Special Events**

Easter Festival was conducted for the first time, since the pandemic, on site and at the Golf Course. All participants were greeted by the Bunny and were able to play carnival games and do crafts. The Egg Hunts are the most popular and finding the golden egg is very competitive. There were 130 in attendance and the kids really enjoyed themselves.



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# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Glenn Massey, Parks Superintendent  
**Date:** August 15, 2022

**Subject:** Grounds and Facility Maintenance 4th Quarter Report

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Receive and File

**Report Summary:**

**Grounds Maintenance**

- During the fourth quarter we maintained 10 baseball fields – prepared, dragged, packed, and watered five days a week. Light grading was performed on the large quad, diamonds 1-4.
- Staff has pressure washed picnic tables, benches, playground areas, handball courts, small quad, bandstand, outside restrooms, Golf Course, Senior Center, City Hall and other areas as needed, and in preparation for rentals.
- Grounds staff have replaced over 350 sprinklers throughout Hollydale Regional, South Gate, and Cesar Chavez Parks during this quarter.
- Continuing to pressure wash and disinfecting playgrounds and Dog and Skate parks, including other open areas. Grounds staff continues servicing and beautifying over 180 acres of Park land.

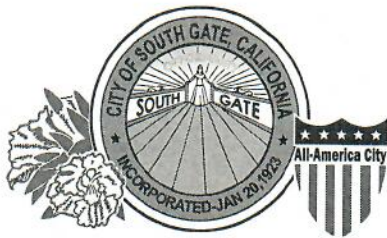
**Park Facility Maintenance**

- Addressing the ongoing challenges of restroom cleanliness staff continues using a weekly restroom disinfecting program to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other germs using a C3 Disinfecting Machine to apply disinfectants and cleaners. Once the product is sprayed, staff scrubs floors, walls, and fixtures to insure thoroughness.
- With the anticipated high use of our parks during spring and summer we have

implemented a third daily restroom service to our outdoor restrooms.

- We have continued the implemented use of “Electrostatic Disinfecting Equipment” for more coverage in our cleaning and disinfecting efforts for both indoor and outdoor restroom facilities, along with a pressure washing program. These disinfecting and cleaning tools will allow us to use them simultaneously, giving us more overall coverage. Set ups for all events require us to disinfect all tables, chairs, door handles, and a/v equipment.
- We purchased a new pressure washer for more efficiency in our disinfecting efforts.
- The installation of ADA doors in all our South Gate Park public buildings has been completed
- Due to current COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed we have been in full operation with Department classes returning, as well as private rentals, picnics, sports, and clubs returning. We continued to host several COVID-19 vaccine clinics, testing, blood drives and food giveaways for the community during this period.
- The Community Service Worker program is also back to full operation going back to are original limited intake of (15) people maximum per day staff for safety.

Staff continues to work hard to keep our parks clean and safe. As we move forward this year and facility programming reopens, staff will create a plan to service indoor and outdoor facilities accordingly.



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## **STAFF REPORT**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Steve Costley, Parks & Recreation Director  
**Date:** August 9, 2022

**Subject:** Annual Review of Fee Waivers FY 2021/22

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive & file and forward the attached report to the City Council

**Report Summary:** The department's Fee Waiver policy requires that staff report quarterly to the Commission on all fee waivers that are approved as well as providing an annual summary report that will be forwarded to the City Council. The purpose of this report is to ensure that staff is implementing and interpreting the policy as intended, to provide feedback or clarify policy if needed and to allow the Commission and Council to monitor the impacts that these uses and the associated fees that are waived have on the overall budget and operation of the department.

Attached is a complete listing of the fee waivers that were approved during the past fiscal year. Please be aware that this list does not include non-fee use of city facilities by partner organizations such as the Junior Athletic Association or the Art Association as these uses are now covered under a separate policy. As requested by the Commission, staff has also included a summary of all facility use permits issued and the fees that were collected this past year for comparison.

The intent of our Park facilities is to benefit the community through the offering of programs and significant and beneficial events. The accommodation of paid, private events is a secondary function and should not interfere with the primary purpose. On this basis, staff believes that the figures provided show a healthy and appropriate use of our facilities and believes that the fee waivers being provided are within the intent of the policy provided.

**Attachment:** 1



South Gate Parks and Recreation  
Facility Rentals and Facility Fee Waiver Report

FISCAL YEAR 2021/22

Rentals	Paid Permits	City Mtgs & Events	SG Schools	Clubs & Partner Orgs	Misc Orgs	Totals	Attendees
Banquet Room	33	151	1	62	9	200	
Aud - Main Hall	23	21	4	21	10	67	17,781
Azalea Room	0	21	0	0	26	47	610
Civic Ctr Conf Rm	0	36	5	0	1	42	
Civic Ctr Main Hall	0	73	14	1	9	97	1,392
GCH Main Hall	47	4	2	1	11	65	0
GCH Room A	0	3	0	0	0	3	
GCH Room B	0	0	0	0	36	36	6,386
Hollydale Reg Pk	42	0	0	0	3	45	3,586
Sr Ctr Conf Rm	0	1	0	0	2	3	
Sr Ctr Main Hall	1	3	0	0	4	8	480
SG Pk - BSA Huts	0	0	0	0	4	4	105
Cook House	3	0	2	1	1	7	
Bandstand	4	0	0	1	10	15	259
Picnic Areas	198	1	5	8	10	222	15,868
Sp Center Gym	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sp Ctr Bicent	0	0	0	0	16	16	
Pool Rentals	9	0	0	0	0	9	598
Show Mobile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Lots	1	7	0	2	376	386	359,029*
Equestrian Ctr	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Ball Diamonds	69	0	178	42	219	508	50,792
Totals:	430	321	211	139	749	1,850	
Grand Total:							456,886

\*The high numbers in the Parking Lots attendance is due to the people coming for the Health Department's Covid testing

JULY - Facility Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$12,635.00
Vet Care Vaccinations	Vet Care Pet Vaccines	Parking lots 5 & 6	\$1,330.00
SG Art Association	SG Art Assoc. Meeting	Civic - MH	\$346.00
SELA Collaborative	SELA Retreat Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$605.50
SG Youth Football, Inc.	SGYF - Physical /Uniform Fitting Day	Senior Ctr-All Bldg	\$2,149.00
SG Administration Dept.	Admin. Manager/Supvr Mtg	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Aquatics Club	SG Aquatics Welcome Back Picnic	Picnic Area C/Cookhouse	\$590.00
SG Police Department	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	Aud - MH	\$1,392.00
SG Youth Football, Inc.	Kick off breakfast/Orientation	Picnic Areas B-D /Cookhouse	\$301.00
SG Public Works Dept.	HR Interviews	Civic - CR	\$87.00
Treepeople, Inc.	Treepeople Fruit Tree Distribution	Parking lots 4 & 5	\$1,330.00
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	GCH - MH	\$1,670.00

August Facility Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$14,630.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Event	Parking lot 5	\$8,645.00
Human Services Association (HSA)	Pasitos Earkly Head Start Social	Picnic Areas B-C/Cook house	\$438.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Adnin Services - Weekly Staff Meeting	Civic - CR	\$87.00



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Public Works / Parks & Rec. Dept.	MEA - Union Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$346.00
SG Police Department	Police Oral Interviews	Civic - MH	\$2,595.00
Southeast Rio Vista YMCA	YMCA Food Distribution	Parking lot 6	\$2,660.00
SG High School Softball Team	SG High School Banquet	Picnic Areas B-C/Cook house	\$1,009.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR - Hourly Orientation	Civic - MH	\$346.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Kiwanis Club Meetings	Bq Rm	\$1,187.00
SG Police Department	PD Background Orientation	GCH - MH	\$835.00
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	GCH - MH	\$1,670.00
SG Police Department	Police Dispatcher Oral Interviews	Civic - MH	\$821.75
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Management Meeting	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Hiring Interviews for Rec. Specialist	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Police Department	Southeast Collaborative Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$346.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Interviews	Civic - MH	\$951.50
Public Works Dept.	Personnel Interviews	Civic - CR	\$174.00
SG Police Department	Written Exams	Aud - MH	\$2,436.00

**September Facility Fee Waivers**

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$14,630.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Event	Parking lot 5	\$5,985.00
SG Administration Office	Chief of Police Interviews	Civic - MH	\$865.00
Churches in Action	Prayer breakfast	Sr Ctr - MH	\$855.00
Azalea Regional Shopping Center	Azalea Community Event/Fiestas Patrias	Azalea Rm	\$491.00
SELA Coalition	LA River End of Summer Festival	Hollydale Park	\$1,446.00
SG Police Department	SGPD Training	Azalea Rm	\$432.50
SG Administration Office	School Safety Collaborative Meeting	Aud - MH	\$1,392.00
SG Police Department	SGPD Training	GCH - MH	\$1,878.75
SG Administrative Services	Investigation	Civic - MH	\$346.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Personnel Interviews	Civic - CR	\$87.00
CA Department of Justice	Attorney General Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$489.00
SG Administrative Services	Hiring interviews - Recreation Coordinator	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Personnel Interviews	Civic - CR	\$87.00
LA Regional Food Bank	Monthly Food Disrrtribution	Circle Park	\$2,660.00
SG Police Department	Police officer written exam	Aud - MH	\$1,740.00

**October Facility Fee Waivers**

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$1,044.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,784.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	SCB - CR	\$1,392.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,392.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$696.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$13,965.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Event	Parking lot 5	\$5,320.00
SG Administrative Services	Personnel Matter	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Police Department	Family Day in the Park	Parking Lots 4-6	\$5,320.00
SG Police Department	Family Day in the Park	Senior Ctr - All	\$2,832.00
Girl Scouts of America	Troop# 10905 "Welcome Back" reception	GCH - MH	\$1,320.75
SG Administrative Services	Manager/Supervisors Weekly Meeting	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Police Department	Community Service Officer Written Exam	Aud - MH	\$1,740.00
SG Administrative Services	Recreation Specialist Hiring Interviews	Civic - CR	\$87.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Park Yard Roofing Meeting	Aud - MH	\$1,392.00



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SG Administrative Services	Interviews - HR Tech	Civic - CR	\$87.00
Boy Scouts of America	Boy & Cub Scout Camp out	Boy Scout Area	\$152.00
SG Police Department	Police Captain Interviews	Civic - CR	\$87.00

**November Facility Fee Waivers**

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$348.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,784.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	SCB - CR	\$1,392.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,392.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$696.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	SCB - MH	\$348.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$16,044.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$6,876.00
SG Police Department	SGPD/LASD Homeless/Mental Outreach	Aud - MH	\$2,000.00
SG Administration Dept.	Department Head Staff Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Administrative Dept.	HR Interviews	Civic - MH/CR	\$1,878.25
SG Police Department	Officer Background Orientation	Civic - MH	\$524.00
SG Administrative Dept.	Personnel Matters	Civic - CR	\$159.00
SG Administrative Dept.	Personnel Matters	Civic - CR	\$159.00
SG Aquatics Club	SG Aquatics Anniversary	Aud - MH/Kit	\$2,348.00
SG Administrative Dept.	Captain Interviews	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
SG Administrative Dept.	SGPOA Negotiations	Civic - MH	\$524.00
SG Police Department	Chief Arakawa's Swearing in Ceremony	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
Human Services Association	H.S.A. Drop Training for EHS/HS Teachers	Bq Rm	\$882.50
SG High School Key Club	Region 8 Combined November DCM	Outdoor permit	\$482.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Parks Lighting Improvement Project	Aud - MH	\$8,000.00

**December Facility Fee Waivers**

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$348.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,784.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	SCB - CR	\$1,392.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,392.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$696.00
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	\$764.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	SCB - MH	\$348.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$16,044.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$6,876.00
SEIU	MEA Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
Congresswoman Barragan	End of Year Legislative Briefing	Rose Arbor	\$359.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Fair Housing Training	Sr. Ctr - CR	\$230.00
SEIU	MEA Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Scoping Meeting/Street Project	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Northgate Markets	25th Annual Toy Giveaway	Parking lots 1, 2, 10	\$2,292.00
Human Services Association	Pasitos Preschool Teacher Training	Aud - MH	\$2,170.00
LAUSD - Simon Rodia HS	Mr. Victorio Gutierrez Retirement	Aud - MH/BQ Rm/Kit	\$5,154.00
American Red Cross	Blood drive	GCH - MH	\$1,759.00

**January Facility Fee Waivers**



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Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG Parks & Recreation Dept.	Weekly Staff Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$19,100.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$6,112.00
Watershed Conservation Authority	River Ranger Pilot Program Kick-off	Hollydale Reg. Pk	\$831.00
SG High School Key Club	Region 8 Key Clubs Conclave	Aud/Bq Rm/Kit	\$2,822.00
SG Police Department	Trauma Support Response Training	Azalea Rm	\$786.00
Primestor	Primestor Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$847.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Exam	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Police Department	PD Written Exam	Aud - MH	\$2,600.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Community Development Homeless Count	GCH - MH	\$1,680.00

**February Facility Fee Waivers**

Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	\$764.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$18,336.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$6,112.00
SG Youth Football Inc,	Head Coach Interviews	GCH - MH	\$1,279.00
SG Youth Football Inc,	2021 Awards Banquet	Aud - MH	\$2,302.00

**March Facility Fee Waivers**

Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$18,336.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$7,640.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Oral Interviews	Civic - MH	\$1,965.00
SG Police Department	Civilian Custody Officer Exam	Aud - MH	\$2,000.00
SG Kiwanis Club	SG Key Club 75th Anniversary	Bq Rm	\$565.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Football Coaches Meeting	GCH - MH	\$1,279.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Background Orientation	Civic - MH	\$524.00
Altamend Health Services Corp.	COVID-19 Vaccinations Event (1st, 2nd, booster)	Aud - MH	\$2,760.00
SG Police Department	Business Watch Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Cheer Coaches Meeting	GCH - MH	\$1,279.00



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Local SEIU Union	SEIU Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
Assemblyman Rendon's Office	Neighborhood Coffee; South Gate	Azalea Rm	\$689.00
SG High School Key Club	Division 13 Banquet	Aud - MH/Kit	\$2,455.00
Boy Scouts Pack 18	Camp out	Boy Scout Area	\$525.00
SG Police Department	Police Written Exam	Aud - MH	\$2,000.00
SG Police Department	PMMA Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Public Works Dept.	MEA Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Police Department	POA Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00

**April Facility Fee Waivers**

Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$19,864.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Parking lot 5	\$6,112.00
SG Police Department	School Collaborative Meeting	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
LAUSD - SG High School	Football Banquet	Aud - MH/Kit	\$1,640.00
SG Administrative Services	Admin Assistant Interviews	Civic - CR	\$318.00
LAUSD - San Gabriel Elem. School	Field Trip to SG Museum	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Kiwanis Club/Legacy HS/King Drew Club	Bq Rm	\$865.00
SEIU - MEA	Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SELA Collaborative	SELA - RFP Project Meeting	Bq Rm	\$565.00
LAUSD - Montara Elem. School	Field Trip to SG Museum	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
LAUSD - Montara Elem. School	Field Trip to SG Museum	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
SELA Collaborative	SELA - USC METRANS Advisory Committee	Azalea Rm	\$689.00
SEIU - PMMA	PMMA Meeting w/ Council	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SEUI - PMMA	PMMA Meeting w/ Council	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Administration Dept.	Mayor's State of the City	Aud - MH/Kit	\$4,030.00
SEUI - MEA	MEA Union Board Mtg	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
LAUSD - Montara Elem. School	Field Trip to SG Museum	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
LAUSD - Montara Elem. School	Field Trip to SG Museum	Civic - MH/CR	\$683.00
Latina Art Foundation	Latinas Art Foundation Bike Safety Event	Hollydale Reg. Pk	\$175.00
LA County Sanitation Dist.	Hazardous/Electronic waste roundup	SG Pk Lot 5/6	\$1,528.00
LAUSD/Local Dist./SG Schools	"The Healing Power of Art" Gallery	Civic - MH	\$5,679.00
LAUSD/Local Dist./SG Schools	Deinstallation of gallery	Civic - MH	\$5,333.00
SG Administrative Services	HR - Rec. Supervisor Interviews	Civic - CR	\$159.00
SEUI - PMMA	PMMA General Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Police Department	Officer Interviews	Civic - CR	\$357.75
LA Food Bank	Monthly Food Distributions	Circle Park	\$4,584.00
Xinaltecatl Dance Group	Rehearsals	Bandstand	\$870.00
SG Administrative Services	HDL Business License Software Demo.	Civic - MH	\$524.00
Girl Scouts of Greater LA	Girl Scouts International Event	Aud - MH/Kit	\$2,503.00
Watershed Conservation Authority	River Ranger Pilot Prog. Kick-off	Hollydale Reg. Pk	\$831.00

**May Facility Fee Waivers**

Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00



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SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$19,864.00
SG Public Works Dept.	SEIU - PMMA Membership Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Public Works Dept.	SEIU - PMMA Meetings w/City Council	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SELA Collaborative	SELA Collab - Focus Group# 1	Sr. Ctr - MH/CR	\$1,328.00
JAA	JAA Opening Day	Bandstand/ Picnics B-F	\$554.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Oreintation	Bq Rm	\$400.00
SG Police Dept.	Detective Gonzalez Memorial	Aud - MH/Kit	\$3,218.00
LAUSD - SG High School	Cheer Team Banquet	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,463.00
SG Kiwanis Club	SG Kiwanis Club Open House	Bq Rm/Rose Arbor	\$924.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Open Registration	Outdoor permit	\$175.00
SG Police Dept.	Etch & Catch Event	Parking lots 4 &5	\$1,528.00
SG Public Works Dept.	SEIU - MEA Union Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Women's Club	President Installation Dinner	Aud - MH/Kit	\$1,455.00
Padres Unidos	Padres Unidos Meeting	Bq Rm	\$365.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Fair Housing Training	Bq Rm	\$400.00
SG Police Dept.	SGPD - PMMA Meetings	Azalea Rm	\$1,048.00
SG Kiwanis Club	SG Key Club Movie Night	Bq Rm/Kit	\$665.00
LAUSD - Legacy High School	Legacy HS - Girls Soccer Banquet	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,527.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Written Exam	Aud - MH	\$1,000.00
SG Administrative Services	Labor Negotiations with MEA/PMMA	Azalea Rm	\$786.00
SG Administrative Services	HR - Labor Negotiations with POA/PMA	Azalea Rm	\$786.00
LAUSD - SG High School	SG High School Baseball Banquet	GCH - MH/Kit	\$1,647.00

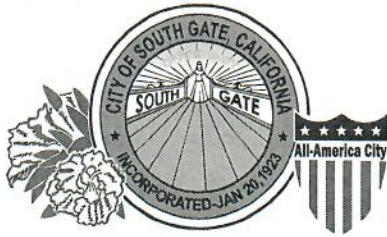
### June Facility Fee Waivers

Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	\$400.00
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	\$2,800.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	\$348.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$800.00
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	\$400.00
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	\$1,280.00
LA County -Dept. of Public Health	COVID-19 Testing Site	Parking lot 2	\$19,864.00
LAUSD - Montara Ave. Elementary	School Culmination Picnic	Picnic Area C/Cookhouse	\$883.00
L.A. Regional Food Bank	Monthly Food Distribution	Hollydale Lot	\$4,584.00
SEIU - PMMA Bargining Unit	PMMA Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
Rotary Interact Club	Interact Awards & Fiesta	Bq Rm	\$614.00
SG Police Department	Police Dispatcher Written Exam	Aud - MH	\$2,600.00
Human Services Association	H.S.A. Picnic	Picnic Areas 1-4	\$554.00
SEIU - MEA Bargining Unit	MEA Union Board Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
LA County Registrar- Recorder	LA County RR Office - Check in Center	Parking Lot 5	\$4,584.00
LAUSD - Bryson Elementary School	Bryson Elementary 5th Grade Picnic	Picnic Areas B-D	\$359.00
SG Administrative Services	Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$851.50
L.A. Regional Food Bank	County of L.A. - Food Distribution	Picnic - Hollydale	\$665.00
LAUSD - San Miguel Elementary	San Miguel Ave. 5th Grade Culmination	Aud - MH	\$2,054.00
LAUSD - Montara Ave. Elementary	Montara Elementary School Culminations	Portable stage	\$1,200.00
SG Administrative Services	Audits	Civic - MH	\$1,179.00
LAUSD - Bryson Elementary School	Bryson Elementary School Culmination	Aud - MH	\$2,621.00
KIPP Corazon Academy	Culmination Ceremony	Aud - MH	\$3,087.00
SG Police Department	SGPD - Police officer Interviews	Civic - MH	\$2,358.00



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SG Administrative Services	HR Audits	Civic - CR	\$357.75
SG Youth Football	Team Manager's Training Meeting	GCH - MH	\$1,279.00
Aspire Public Schools	Aspire Gateway Academy - 5th Grade Field Day	Picnic Area 1-4	\$346.00
SG Police Department	Business Watch Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Youth Football	SGYF - Spirit Pack & Uniform Fitting Day	Sr Ctr - MH	\$1,483.00
SG Administrative Services	HR Audits	Civic - CR	\$159.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Background Orientation	Bq Rm	\$400.00
SG Administrative Services	MEA, PMMA, POA Negotiations Meetings	Civic - MH	\$917.00
SELA Collaborative	Steering Committee Retreat	Azalea Rm	\$2,392.00
SG Administrative Services	Finance A/P P/O Training	Civic - MH	\$524.00
SG Police Department	PMMA Union Meeting	Azalea Rm	\$524.00
SG Police Department	South Gate PD Training	Aud - MH	\$1,600.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$568,987.50</b>



*City of South Gate  
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# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Steve Costley, Parks & Recreation Director  
**Date:** August 25, 2022

**Subject:** Annual Reports from Partner Organization SG Youth Football

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Receive and File

**Report Summary:** Park Policy No. 9 provides for the use of qualifying non-profit organizations to provide programs which the department would normally provide for the community. This arrangement has many benefits including lower costs for the participants through the use of volunteer leadership. These organizations are designated as "Partner Organizations" and receive use of designated City facilities at no cost.

Attached is the past due report from SGYF, which, because of the pandemic and LAC Health Department restrictions their programming was limited as was their staff; owing to the late submittal of the report.

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## SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC. 2021 HIGHLIGHTS THE RETURN

- **2021 WAS A DIFFICULT YEAR COMING FROM A SUSPENDED OPERATION, A QUARANTINE AND COVID WAS STILL AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES.** One of our biggest challenges was getting supplies, uniforms, equipment. Everything was a challenge; materials to make uniforms by our providers were difficult to find and we had to settle for less quality, not the right color, etc.; the purchase of new helmets took an extra 2-months to get to us, we scrambled for "any" available helmet through local high schools, other youth programs and families who had their own.
- **WE OPENED THE NEW SEASON WITH THE START OF OUR FOOTBALL AND CHEER ACADEMIES...**What we found was an **overwhelming response from parents** who wanted their kids just to get out and do some physical stuff. But first we had to comply with the rules of drafting a RETURN TO PLAY plan for the city, copy is attached. We started our football and cheer academy on April 6<sup>th</sup>, twice a week through the end of June. All together we conducted a football conditioning academy for 155 potential players and 143 potential cheerleaders. It is through this academy in which we recruit and register for our teams. We conducted a temperature check and hand sanitation prior to the start of every practice, we purchased a supply of equipment sanitizers, hand sanitation and face masks for all participants, including staff. We kept our spectator groups in small groups outside of the gated field. We posted all the regulatory COVID signage per the county of department and health. We protected the bubble in which our participants conducted physical conditioning. We also kept a daily attendance sheet and recorded their temperatures.
- **PERMITS WERE DECLINED FOR USE AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS.** Understandably due to Covid. We were grateful and depended upon the shared use of the park at diamonds #9-#10, although inadequate space at most; we did everything we could to make it happen for us. We were thankful to be able to call diamonds #9-#10 our home base of operations through the remainder of our season (end of November 2021). Although we were unable to secure an indoor facility for our cheer program which was denied by Parks & Recreation, our cheerleaders continued to practice at the outdoor tennis courts and surrounding area at South Gate Park in 40-degree weather from November 2020 through January 2021. Out of 70-cheerleaders who were getting ready for regional and national competition, we lost about 3-cheerleaders due to inclement weather issues causing flairs ups of their asthma.
- **LEAVING POP WARNER AND RETURN TO OCJAAF.** In early March 2021, we learned Pop Warner was not going to go "unweighted in their football matrix. This prompted a special meeting held on March 29, 2021 of the Board of Directors in which a decision was made to unanimously leave Pop Warner and return to OCJAAF; even though this conference had minimal participation, our return would hopefully prompt others to return and we could be at the forefront of its rebuilding years. OCJAAF was our home



from the beginning of our program for 27 years. We had to leave OCJAAF due to a reduction of chapter-members and the influence of unweighted football outside of OCJAAF, many programs left for other conferences, they left for the "all-star-ish" football that seemed to take over the youth football environment. (See our posted notice to parents and the public about our return to OCJAAF).

- **REGISTRATIONS.** We were able to fill 1-flag team (ages: 5-6) and 4-tackle teams (ages: 7-14), a total of 118 football players. Likewise we were able to secure 5-cheer teams at a total of 70-cheerleaders.
- Every Day I had to make a point of getting to the practice field at 5pm to set-up an office area and we had to drag boxes and boxes of uniforms and equipment for weeks when we had to issue spirit packs and game uniforms and adjust helmets and shoulder pads. I drove our Aztec Van there every day packed with everything we needed at our temporary home.
- **WHILE AT OUR TEMPORARY PRACTICE LOCATION** we continued to operate with "business as usual" hosting our regularly monthly Scholastic Recognition ceremonies where we invited City Council Members; some were present, some were not (Davila & Avalos-Pilar), we hosted a visit from our local SGPD where football players were excited to meet and greet them while they visited them at their practice field, we hosted "Concha With A Cop" at the covered picnic tables (flyer attached), and conducted weekly before game Pep Rallies. We have many pictures and videos that recorded all of this activity. Most were posted on our social media pages; Facebook and Instagram.
- **GAMES.** Because we were, once again, homeless we were unable to secure a place to play home games. We were offered to share an open park field with our fellow chapter-member, the FULLERTON BEARS at Clark Park (see copy of map and instructions provided to our parents). This was a 20-mile distance and every Saturday for 9-weeks beginning September 25<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup> we packed our Aztec van with field equipment, tarps, tables, chairs, everything we would normally have at a game field to set-up the game field and a game day check-in station for teams and head out at 6am for game day. Together we hosted 6-games at two separate field locations. Parking was inadequate and many vehicles were ticketed throughout the day for illegal parking. Physically it was laborious and exhausting for the adult leaders to ensure we at least maintained our operations with the best intentions of keeping our experiences positive and the opportunities to allow our players and cheerleaders to shine through their accomplishments while on the field of play and through cheer competitions on the stage. We also held our annual HOMECOMING with the crowning of our Aztec Team King, Queen, Prince and Princesses. (We invited local council members, but none were present, understandably, it must have been the long distance?). Although it was not our usual festive environment, we tried our best to make it fun and exciting for our players and cheerleaders. Many pictures of this event were also posted on our social media pages.
- **OUR SEASON OUTCOME.** Overall, although we struggled to obtain our games from week to week, as we had to go outside of our conference to fill our games; we maintained a regular 8-game season and a Super Bowl/Commissioner's Cup Playoff Game. Here are the results of our 2021 season:

#### **SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS**

Future League-6U (Flag Football, Ages: 5-6): Undefeated 9-0-0  
Junior Clinic-8U (Tackle Football, Ages: 7-8): Undefeated 9-0-0  
Clinic-10U (Tackle Football, Ages: 9-10): 7-2-0



### **RUNNER UP**

Pee Wee-12U

Midget-13U

### **CHEER NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Future League-6U (Ages: 5-6): 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pom Performance

Jr. Clinic-8U (Ages: 7-8): 5<sup>th</sup> Place Pom Performance

Clinic-10U (Ages: 9-10): 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Show Cheer (Stunt-Level 1)

Pee Wee-12U: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Show Cheer (Stunt-Level 1) NATIONAL CHAMPS!

Jr. Midget-14U: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Show Cheer (Stunt-Level 1)

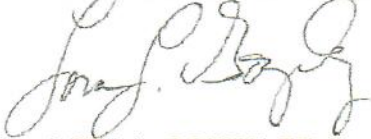
- **AWARDS BANQUET**: Was held on Saturday-February 26, 2022 at South Gate Park Auditorium, 7pm. With over 300-players, cheerleaders and parents. We celebrated the accomplishments of all teams providing them with a dinner, partially sponsored by the South Gate Kiwanis Club---where they also served the food! We also presented trophies, picture packages and scholastic awards. It was a great turnout! Pictures were posted to our social media sites.

### **IN CLOSING...**

"IT IS WHAT IS." Was our motto throughout the entire year. Dealing with Covid and the outside affects of Covid; lack of supplies, materials, equipment. And particularly not having a home and the many difficulties we had to endure along the way because of it. IT WAS A CHALLENGING BUT REWARDING YEAR much to my surprise mostly because of our "extraordinary" volunteers of board, coaches and staff! When you believe in our purpose and our goals, when you can see the results of what this sport activity can do for players, cheerleaders and parents, it is a great feeling to part of something extremely rewarding on so many levels. Our family of AZTECS remain intact in spite of all the challenges that continue to plague us today. This program was founded for the love of football and the South Gate Community, it is not going away, WE ARE SOUTH GATE, WE ARE AZTEC PRIDE!

Respectfully submitted,

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**SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC.**  
**2020 HIGHLIGHTS**  
**THE YEAR OF COVID-19**

- Our year began with a lot of "HOPE FOR RECOVERY" from a very bad season filled with financial carryover debt and a loss of a home base of operations in 2019. It was a difficult year because of our homelessness and inability to secure a real home of operations. Please see our 2019 HIGHLIGHTS REPORT for a review of these challenges.
- SO 2020 PLANNING BEGINS (see copy of 2020 Calendar). We also began our search for coaches in February 2020. We held 2-Open Registration events at the corner of Hildreth and Tweedy at South Gate Park, where we were able to register a total of 47 player and cheerleader participants. THEN EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN AND WE WERE IN A FULL BLOWN QUARANTINE. See our letters to our parents dated 3/19/2020 and our final letter of announcing a suspended season/year dated: 04/20/2020.
- We continued with plans to operate our fireworks stand due to the carryover debt from 2019. We were able to complete this project with very few board members and took care of our financial debts.
- The Executive Board continued to stay connected via email and zoom. But for the most part we were all busy trying to adjust to a new way of life. We entered 2021 being HOPEFUL once again.

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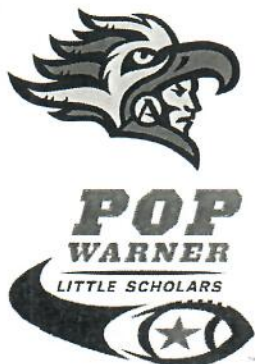
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## SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC. – 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- **PLANS BEGIN FOR A NEW YEAR!...** Late December 2018 through the month of January 2019 the organization executive board, a total of 5-members at the time, met regularly to plan and prepare for a New Year of youth football & cheer. Plans which would highlight the fact that we would be celebrating 30-years in service to children here in the city of South Gate. A new registration packet, fees and online registration capability was configured and we began early registration on February 23, 2019.
- **BOARD MEMBER RE-ALIGNMENT WAS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED.** We would no longer include the Football and Cheer Head Coach, Team Manager and other "Director" positions as General Board Members. In its place all were assigned as Auxiliary Members, with non-voting capabilities. The reason behind such a move was the fact that in prior years a majority of the aforementioned "Board Members" would not attend, pay attention nor comply with the directives of the organization. In its place the Executive Board would be the only governing body. Regular, once a month, special meetings would be held for Head Coach and Team Managers to keep communications open and training current to the needs of OEC/Pop Warner.
- **PRE-SEASON ACTIVITY.** Our organization is conducted during an approximate 10-month program: Pre-Season (Mar-Jun), In-Season (Jul-Dec) and ending in Cheer Competition Season (Nov-Feb of the New Year). We conducted Open Registrations beginning Feb-23-2019; and every other Saturday thereafter through May utilizing the South Gate Park Senior Recreation Center. Year's prior we set-up outside at the park on the grassy knoll on the corner Tweedy & Hildreth. But because registration required online access, we needed availability of electricity. Beginning MARCH through JUNE it is our usual custom to hold an open football training camp about 2-3 evenings each week (6pm-8pm); some teams will decide to participate in an outside 7-ON-7 football program. The football training camp is designed to help to condition existing athletes and mostly to help recruit players to our teams. There is NO COST for our conditioning camps, and we send out flyers to local schools and post information at our website and Facebook. Our Cheer Program will also conduct similar training, technical and conditioning camps during the same time frame.
- **THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE.** We began to have issues with our permit through LAUSD. There is a long trail of communications to the LAUSD Civic Permit Office, Real Estate, etc. that was been ignored and kept us going in circles to obtain our permit per their required "new" guidelines. From the South Gate Park's Administration, Mr. Paul Adams as well as Steve Costly and Ian Kokot all were involved in representing the interests of our program and to help secure adequate pre-season and in-season practice facilities. Here are the highlights of the problems that occurred and directly affected our programs ability to operate:
  - 1) We are a "partnered" non-profit youth organization with the City of South Gate and we are the "only" youth group in this city that requires the use of



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high school facilities (football field, stadium, gymnasiums, and lighted athletic fields) to conduct appropriate pre-season, in-season and post-season practices and games.

- 2) LAUSD failed to provide us a permit (our inquiries went ignored) for our cheerleaders during the coldest months of the year; Nov 2018 thru Feb-2019, so all together it took us eleven (11) months before we acquired a permit for our operations, practices and games.
  - 3) In the interim, during the eleven (1) months the South Gate Park staff tried to find us any available practice space which came 2<sup>nd</sup> to the park programs. We ended up trying to cram 5-football teams into a gopher-hole ridden, low-lighted, corner park in Hollydale that was about the size of ¾'s of a football field. There was NO PARKING. Our cheerleaders remained at the tennis courts at South Gate Park on Hildreth Avenue for the remainder of their 2018-2019 competition season and again during the months of March-June 2019. It was most difficult for our young cheerleaders to perform in "freezing" weather as they tried to prepare for their National Competitions both in Florida and in Las Vegas (Dec-Jan).
  - 4) Our season officially began on August 1<sup>st</sup> and still we had no adequate facility to practice. Football requires a 6-day per week, 2.5 hour practice that is dividing into the following requirements: 10-hours of conditioning before we can suit up a player in their equipment, 10-hours dummy practice before we can start physical contact. Then one (1) week of scrimmage games and then we start our first games on the Saturday of the next week.
  - 5) When our season began, our cheerleaders remained practicing at South Gate Park Tennis Courts; our football teams were allowed space courtesy of AYSO at Hollydale Park. (It is difficult to have parents with a player and cheerleader to go from one point to another taking their children to 2-different locations for practice, in fact it rather upset them and we got a lot of negative criticism as a program, no matter how much we tried to communicate that issues concerning our permit was out of our control). Hollydale Park has NO LIGHTS and the fields are littered with gopher holes...a major concern of our coaches and parents! We cannot get our teams out to a field for practice earlier than 6:30pm...coaches work; coaches have to bring training equipment, etc. We could only practice starting at 6:30pm until about 7:30pm-7:45pm before it became too dark and a safety issue. This only left us with about 1-1/4 hours out of a required 2.5 hours of practice time---not enough to prepare our young student-athletes for a very tough sport! Negative criticism continued, some players left the program in those early weeks.
  - 6) Because of our failure to provide a central base of operations in the pre-season months (Mar-Jul), or adequate and safe practice fields we had to close 2-teams, which cost us almost \$3,000 in refunds (money that had already been spent to pay for our conference fees), and we were extremely low in the number of players required to make our budget. We loss a potential of 29-players or about \$10,150 to our budget. We had to practically provide "free" football to players on one team whom we needed to ensure we could certify with the minimum of eighteen (18) players, we only had a solid 13; and if we closed the team it would have cost us over \$4,000 in refunds....money we simply did not have.
  - 7) We finally acquired a practice permit in September at a substantial cost to the city...WHY? The question we simply cannot get answered is this...**if we are the only youth group utilizing LAUSD facilities as our base of operations, practices and games; while the city provides "free" cost of park facilities to all local schools...athletic field (softball, baseball), graduations, conference meetings, etc.** For the past 29 years we have been able to utilize LAUSD property at no cost because of this arrangement and an approved "User Agreement."
- **LEADERSHIP:** By reducing the board to just 6-Executive Board Members, it was necessary that each of us perform more responsibility, more physical work while performing 2-3 roles in this organization. With less teams; we planned for six (6) and ended up with four (4), we had an approximate total of 58-Adult Volunteers, and maintained about 88% South Gate residents. Background checks were processed and paid for all who volunteer in our program. As we continued to be a member of the OEC Pop Warner Program, administrative tasks were still substantial. We tried recruiting for additional Board positions but to no avail, as we were seen as a "lacking" program with all the issues surrounding the deficiency of adequate practice facilities and the loss of 2-teams...some of which had brothers and/or sisters on other teams in our program.





- **PARTICIPANTS:** Players & Cheerleaders ages 5-13, a total of 135 participants, and a deficit of 81 participants from last year, 2018.
- **TEAMS:** 4-Tackle Teams (Ages: 7-13), 5-Cheer Squads (Ages: 7-13)
- **FOOTBALL:** With all of the difficulties experienced this year with permits, inadequate practice facilities and practice times, a budget deficient; we still managed to put 4-tackle teams into the football system. A total of 10-games were played every Saturday beginning Aug-24<sup>th</sup> through Oct-26<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) of our teams entered the playoff system and we're very proud of this accomplishment. Another contributing factor to our recruitment of players is the limited weight maximums in the football age and weight matrix, too light for our community. Most of those interested in playing football ages 7-13 were too heavy to meet the maximum weights.
- **CHEER:** As this is being written (12/22) our cheer teams are currently in their competition season and continue to place in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at all events thus far. Although they do qualify to participate in the Pop Warner Nationals in Florida/ESPN at Disney World, there is not enough financial commitment from our parents to make this happen this year. Our Cheer teams continue to practice at the South Gate Park Tennis Courts in the evening, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the frigid weather conditions because we have once again, been ignored on our permit request which continues to this day as the city is struggling with an issue about insurance, not us, but LAUSD.
- **SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION:** Continued to be maintained as in previous years with scholastic awards and other gifts of academic development and achievement. A player or cheerleader participant cannot enroll into our program without a full C-average at minimum. Report data is collected and recorded throughout the season. We provided 88- scholastic awards at year's end; trophies, medallions and certificates were given.

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#### CLOSING REMARKS...

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Throughout the past 30-years as a youth program here in the city of South Gate; we have always maintained an environment that appreciated the work of our volunteers and creating a complete "family environment" for the families that participate in our football and cheer programs. We provide recognition and support of our participants as well-rounded individuals not only what they can do athletically on the field but their ability to maintain and achieve scholastic standards. Our challenges have been substantially increased as follows...

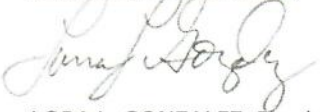
- a) We are no different than each of the other non-profit youth sport programs in this city...WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS! Yet we are being asked to produce and maintain a policy that is meant for someone being on a payroll?!!! Our hoops are becoming much larger to jump through, time-consuming and totally unappreciative of the kind of dedication it takes to be a VOLUNTEER in a youth program and who dedicate hundreds to thousands of hours outside of their own families to help maintain the goals and objectives of our program.
- b) It appears our LAUSD permit issues will continue into 2020, at least this is what has been reported to me as of last Thursday-December 19<sup>th</sup> when I met with Steve Costly and Ian Kokot.
- c) Since April through July last year I tried to reach out to the Council Members and the City Manager for their help and assistance and to try and explain how it is that one youth group in this city could no longer hold leverage as being the only youth group in South Gate using LAUSD property while the city provided free use of park facilities? We were ignored.
- d) The only help we received was from Gil Hurtado; a community advocator and President of another youth sport program, JAA. His personal contacts with LAUSD Board Members allowed us to finally receive a permit for our games and practices for at least 2-months. Remember, we are a program consisting of a 10-month involvement.
- e) Again, we are HOMELESS! And most of all, we are disappointed that we have not been able to be given the recognition of 30-years of volunteer work in this city of which many student-athletes continued at local high schools once they aged-out of our program.
- f) Currently, the outlook for our program looks to be more of the same as far as not being provided a permit for a central base of operations; whereas the park simply cannot provide for us...without a central home of operations, a place to re-grow our roots, develop relationships between young student-athletes and high



school athletes; as these are essential factors in the development of creating and maintaining our youth program and a bridge in providing our high schools with well training athletes.

- **WHAT WILL 2020 BRING US?** Hope, Security, Growth and Development of young student-athletes, of South Gate Families as we reach out to them to become Head Coaches, and other leaders in our team of Aztec Leadership; there is a strong and spirited community of football and cheer families in this city. I have dedicated 25 years to being its main leader, to point the way, and follow a vision of being excellent in all that we do for our young student-athletes. We are seeing generations of families coming back into our program who were once children participating as a player or cheerleader back in the day. We continue to work against the negative and try our best to turn it into a positive so that we can move our program forward.

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*City of South Gate  
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# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission  
**From:** Steve Costley, Parks & Recreation Director  
**Date:** August 25, 2022

**Subject:** Report on Activities for Halloween

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Receive and File

**Report Summary:** Per Commissioner Cypert's request staff is listing the activities being offered this year at the Halloween Haunt. Because Hollydale Community Park is closed due to upgrades, staff anticipates a higher volume of people this year. Keeping that in mind, staff will not have jumpers. But there will still be something for everyone to enjoy!

The Halloween Haunt will take place at the large quad (behind the Senior Center) and from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We will have a variety of carnival games, approximately 25, where each participant, win or lose, will receive candy. We also have the Halloween costume contests for all age groups in different categories and each winner will receive a goodie bag filled with candy and other treats!

For anyone looking for a good fright there will be a haunted maze, for the younger children there's a mini train ride, and of course the ever-popular picture booth. Also, staff is looking to secure a hay ride, which has been enjoyed by all in the past.