

ITEM 10.N.

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: August 26, 2007 (Meeting of September 2, 2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Conejo Valley YMCA Request to Use the Apricot Room for Youth and Government Event

DISCUSSION

The City received a written request from the Conejo Valley YMCA for the use of the Apricot Room to host their Youth and Government Bill Hearing Event on September 17, 2009, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. In addition to using the room, the YMCA is asking that the Council waive the City's facility rental fees.

The Youth and Government delegation participating in the Event will be comprised of 60 to 70 high school students among them Moorpark residents. This event will serve as preparation for a similar event and activities in Sacramento.

Historically, the City has only waived facility fees for Moorpark non-profit groups. Since the Conejo YMCA does not meet this criteria, but is providing an educational experience involving Moorpark students, staff proposes that the City co-sponsor the event. With the City's involvement, no facility rental fees would be charged.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the co-sponsorship of the Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government Event on September 17, 2009.

Attachment: E-mail request of August 21, 2009

Hugh Riley

From: Debbie Traffenstedt
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 5:39 PM
To: Patty Anderson
Cc: Hugh Riley
Subject: FW: Question re Room Rental

On Wednesday, can you call me to discuss the following email and any recollection you have regarding our allowing use of a City meeting room for the Conejo YMCA Youth and Government Program. Looks like they need the room for their September meeting, not on a regular basis. Maybe Hugh might want to respond to the following emails or I can. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Roseann Mikos
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 11:57 AM
To: Lauren Bianchi; Debbie Traffenstedt; Steve Kueny
Cc: rmikos@bigplanet.com
Subject: RE: Question

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for your email. Sounds like a terrific program. I am cc'ing both our city manager (Steve Kueny) and our City Clerk (Debbie Traffenstedt) on your email. If you have used the Apricot Room (City Council Chambers) before or perhaps the Citrus Room (next to the Apricot Room) at City Hall, facilitated through former Mayor Hunter, they probably remember and can very likely help you.

That particular week, I will personally be at the League of CA Cities annual convention in San Jose, as will at least two other council members (From Sept. 16- 18) or I would love to come to the Sept 17th Thursday meeting to see it in action. I am a life long educator, as you may or may not know, so involving students in learning about government is near and dear to my heart.

I trust that Debbie, or Steve, or someone they designate will get in touch with you to see if it is possible to arrange something. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Thanks for contacting me and let me know how it goes.

Roseann

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Bianchi [mailto:Lauren.Bianchi@ventura.org]
Sent: Fri 8/21/2009 3:08 PM
To: Roseann Mikos
Subject: Question

Roseann,

Good afternoon! My name is Lauren Bianchi, I am a Representative of Supervisor Kathy Long and met you at a variety of NWPC meetings. I wanted to email you regarding personal volunteer work that I do in Moorpark (that you might be familiar with) and ask your advise/support.

I volunteer with the Conejo YMCA's Youth and Government Program. It is a statewide Model

Court and Legislature Program for high school aged students. Our local delegation is comprised mostly (99%) of Moorpark High School students and regularly meet at Chaparral Middle School near your council. There is a variety of different local events we participate in throughout the year and in February we go to Sacramento for a statewide conference. In Sacramento, the California YMCA "takes over the capital". YMCA is the only organization permitted to allow students to actually use the Senate/House Chambers, court rooms and even the Supreme Court building to run our program. It is a remarkable experience and I would love to chat with you more about it in the future. Here is the CalYMCA weblink: <http://www.calymca.org/> that will give you a broader understanding of the program on a statewide level.

I have been made aware that we might not have a meeting space for our Sept 17th, 2009 meeting. I know that we have used City Hall for previous events-thinking it might have been the Apricot room (or some fruit??)? I wanted to ask who you would recommend speaking to for us to initiate the process to use a room on the 17th from about 5:00pm to 9:00pm? We generally have about 60-70 high school students participating but I will not have our actual numbers for this year until early September. The former Mayor Hunter was helpful in the past (as his son was involved in the program); therefore I am not sure who to work with now.

Thank you for your time. Please call me if you have any questions at 805-427-6034 (personal cell) or email me at this address.

~Lauren

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