

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks and Recreation *CTM*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-7

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE November 24, 2009

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Request from the City of Modesto for Use of the Courthouse Lawn on December 9, 2009 for their Annual Celebration of Lights Parade

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve the request from the City of Modesto to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 9:00 p.m. for their Annual Celebration of Lights Parade.
- 2) Direct the City of Modesto to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 3) Approve the waiver of fees for the exclusive use and reservation of the Courthouse Lawn Area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$100 in exclusive use and reservation fees will not be assessed to the City of Modesto.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-777

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

A request has been received from the City of Modesto to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. NOON to 9:00 p.m. for their Annual Celebration of Lights Parade.

The Courthouse Lawn serves as an essential community open-space area within the downtown corridor of the City of Modesto and is highly valued as making the community a better place to live.

Each year the City of Modesto draws thousands of spectators to the downtown area for its Annual Celebration of Lights Parade and Downtown Extravaganza. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Courthouse Lawn serves as the judge's viewing area, video and radio headquarters and the VIP area.

The Department of Parks and Recreation does not have any objection to this request for exclusive use and as such necessitates the City of Modesto to adhere to the following requirements:

- The City of Modesto shall work with all other necessary groups, organizations, or other governmental personnel as determined by applicable codes, laws, and regulations to ensure a safe event including but not limited to Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, or City of Modesto Police Department.
- By Wednesday, December 2, 2009, no later than 5:00 p.m. require the City of Modesto to provide the Department of Parks and Recreation a Certificate of Insurance with general liability of \$1 million and endorsement naming Stanislaus County as an additional insured.
- The City of Modesto will be responsible for all litter/debris removal from the event area. No litter or debris shall remain in the area upon completion of the event. The area is to be left in a clean condition.
- There is no guarantee of electricity at the facility. Should electricity be needed, all generators are to be placed on a concrete area of the facility and clearly marked.
- The expected number of spectators for this event is over 1,000 and is open to the public.
- All portable restrooms are to be placed on concrete or paved surfaces of the facility, not on any grass area and shall be removed on or by Monday, December 7, 2009, no later than 6:00 a.m.
- No motorized vehicles shall be driven on grass areas of the facility.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served or consumed during this exclusive use.

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POLICY ISSUE(S):

The Board should consider whether the approval of this exclusive use request supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of effective partnerships. The Department of Parks and Recreation partners with organizations that strengthen a community's image and its sense of place through fun and celebration.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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