

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # *B-6

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 6, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to Have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn Park and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 for the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Event

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve request from the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn Park and Victim's Garden of Healing for the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Event on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.
2. Direct the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. Approve the waiver of fees for exclusive use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fee for this event is \$100. If approved, the \$90 exclusive use fee and the \$10 reservation fee will not be assessed to the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-186

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini
and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION

A request has been received from the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn Park and Victim's Garden of Healing for the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Event beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

The Courthouse Lawn Park 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. The Victim's Garden of Healing, created in 2002 and located within the park, is dedicated to the victims of crime.

The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit was established to serve persons in the community that are victims of crime. Their mission is to ensure sensitive treatment of victims and to reduce the trauma that may be experienced in the aftermath of a crime by providing crisis interventions, emergency assistance, and follow-up counseling. The staff of the Victim Services unit also acts as liaison between the victim and the Deputy District Attorneys to keep victims informed of court procedures and dispositions.

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an annual event providing an opportunity for a community to increase awareness on crime victims' rights. This year's theme, "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.," encourages the awareness of crime victims who are still treated with a lack of fairness, dignity, and respect – and to recommit to honoring those values by ensuring all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime.

The Department does not have any objection to this request for exclusive use, as the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit shall adhere to the following requirements:

- The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit 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.
- The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit shall 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 identified.
- All portable restrooms are to be placed on concrete or paved surfaces of the facility, not on any grass area and shall be removed no later than 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 22, 2010.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served, or consumed during this exclusive use.

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- The exclusive use fee for this event is \$90. Upon approval, a fee waiver in the amount of \$90 will be applied.
- The reservation fee for this event is \$10. Upon approval, a fee waiver in the amount of \$10 will be applied.
- The expected number of person is 300 and is open to the public.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board should determine if approving the exclusive use request and waiver of fees is consistent with its priority of effective partnerships and its value of caring by showing concern for the well being of others.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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