

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # *B-3

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE November 2, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Foster and Adoption Care Team to have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, November 5, 2010, during National Adoption Month for their Celebration of Adoption Event

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the request from the Foster and Adoption Care Team to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, November 5, 2010, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. during National Adoption Month for their Celebration of Adoption Event.
2. Direct the Foster and Adoption Care Team to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. Approve the waiver of fees for exclusive use, reservation fee, and the Courthouse Lawn fee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fees for this event are \$135. If approved, the \$90 exclusive use fee, the \$10 reservation fee, and the \$35 Courthouse Lawn fee will not be assessed to the Foster and Adoption Care Team.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-683

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
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.

Approval for the Foster and Adoption Care Team to have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, November 5, 2010, during National Adoption Month for their Celebration of Adoption Event

DISCUSSION:

A request has been received from the Foster and Adoption Care Team to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, November 5, 2010, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. for their Celebration of Adoption Event. 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 a community event location.

All children deserve a safe, loving family to protect and care for them. National Adoption Month is a time to celebrate family and increase awareness of the hundreds of thousands of children in foster homes awaiting adoption. National Adoption Month began in 1976, when the Governor of Massachusetts, Michael Dukakis, announced an Adoption Week for his state. That same year, President Gerald Ford proclaimed that Adoption Week would be celebrated nationally. As more and more states started to participate, more time was needed to hold events. In 1990, National Adoption Week became National Adoption Month. National Adoption Month is celebrated during the month of November and includes National Adoption Day with courthouses throughout the nation participating and hundreds of adoptions being finalized.

The Foster and Adoption Care Team is a committee providing opportunities for Stanislaus County and adoption agencies such as Family Connections, Koinonia, Families First, Sierra Vista, and AspireNet to partner on events such as National Adoption Month and the Celebration of Adoption Event.

The Department of Parks and Recreation supports this request for exclusive use providing that the Foster and Adoption Care Team adhere to the following requirements:

- The Foster and Adoption Care Team will 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 the State of California, Sheriff's Office, or City of Modesto Police Department.
- The Foster and Adoption Care Team 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 are no utility connections available for use at this facility.
- 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., Saturday, November 6, 2010.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served, or consumed during this exclusive use.
- The event is open to the public and the expected number of people attending is 150.

Approval for the Foster and Adoption Care Team to have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, November 5, 2010, during National Adoption Month for their Celebration of Adoption Event

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this agenda item supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of A Healthy Community by providing access to services that support health, self-sufficiency, accountability, protection and independence and Effective Partnerships by recognizing and promoting the value of partnerships in the community that strengthen community image and a sense of place for foster and adoptive parents.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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