

Mr. Prouty was interested in operating costs and felt they would be important in making a determination. He agreed that one central location would be ideal, however recognized that the lack of land availability in Burbank prohibited this option. As representatives on the Committee, Mr. Layfer and Mr. Talamantes shared their thought on the process. Mr. Layfer felt it was important to meet the needs of both competitive and recreational swimmers. He felt Verdugo could meet competitive needs and McCambridge could meet recreational needs while either offered opportunities for either group. Although it would be ideal to have one central location to save on operational costs, the land needed for that sort of facility is not available. He reiterated that the pool at McCambridge would consist of an activity pool, a swim /lap pool, and a slide pool which could be used for aquatics exercise and instructional swimming as well. The input gathered from the community suggested the desire for an indoor component as well. Mr. Talamantes pointed out that, since the high schools have their own pools, the focus should be more on the residents and recreational usage, as well as developing youth at young ages. He favored both "B" options and an indoor component. Mr. Yegparian voiced disappointment that the option of one central location was not looked at more in depth, which would have freed up one of the current pool locations for use as a soccer facility.

Mr. Madhavan reported that operating costs would depend on various factors including the size of the pool, staffing, and programs offered. As a rule, costs for a year-round pool would be approximately \$500,000 and for a seasonal pool approximately \$150,000 for utilities and chemicals. It was determined that Verdugo Pool was losing about 12,000 gallons of water a day possibly through floor joints or via broken pipes under the pool floor or deck. Further exploration was being done. Ms. Garcia reminded the Board that City Council's specific direction was to look at the feasibility of renovating the existing pools. The Discussion of creating an aquatics center was not explored in detail because it was not the direction given at the time. It was also not possible to identify a large parcel of property in the City. The Architect felt that a 5-acre site would be necessary to accommodate the desired pools, landscaping and parking.

Mr. Yegparian called upon the speaker in the audience interested in this discussion. The resident asked the Board to take into account the overwhelming demand for lower level instruction for youth, the fact that the pools are full during free swim, and keep in mind the community members throughout Burbank who rely heavily on these pools for family recreation during the summer.

ACTION Note and File

2. Review of Approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Mid-Year Appropriations and Overview of Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

Mr. Frank reported that mid-year requests were approved by Council on March 10. The Department requested an increase (revenue offset) of Special Departmental Supplies for \$1,000 to cover an unexpected expense that occurred during the 12 Days of Holiday Cheer event, and an increase of various recreation contract services totaling \$54,000. All Departments had to meet mandated 5% budget reductions (\$615,728 for Park, Recreation and Community Services) which had to be durable and affecting programs which had the least impact on the public. Budget reductions included: cutting Rose Parade Float expenditures by 5%; decreasing the City's cash donation to Burbank on Parade by 11%; eliminating one Starlight Bowl concert; eliminating the Roller Hockey Program which has declined in popularity and interest; eliminating the Run for the Hungry event, which last occurred in 1998; reducing the public information item in the Recreation Division by printing the Youth Resource Guide bi-annually; reducing the Parks Division's Private Contractual Services which funds custodial services in the parks; reducing equipment rentals; eliminating employee banquet awards; reducing office supplies and travel items; freezing a Tree trimmer position which would have a high impact; freezing a Utility Worker position associated with the Roller Hockey program; freezing an Senior Recreation Leader position and coordinating those duties through existing Sports staff; freezing a Groundskeeper Helper position; freezing a Recreation Leader position in Senior and Human Services; freezing a recreation leader associated with the Roller Hockey program. Proposed Revenue Increases totaling \$311,105 include revenue generated through the Castaways Restaurant, and additional monies received based on more accurate 5-year historical revenue predictions for daycamp recreational activities, afterschool programs, Nature Center programs, Nature Center camps. The Department exceeded the 5% mandated budget cuts by \$2,460. Some of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects included DeBell renovation of tee boxes, irrigation repairs, renovations at Carson Park, resurfacing of gym floors and Mountain View Restroom renovations. Fee schedule changes were presented to the Board at the January 8 meeting and included some increases to golf fees. There is a March 27 budget deadline for Work Program Highlights/Goals and an April 7 deadline for Performance Measures.

In response to a question, staff clarified that the former Roller hockey site is too small to turn into a regulation soccer field. Suggestions that staff is considering for the area include a Basketball Court, running track, multi- sport surface or water spray fountain amenity. Afterschool activities and Daycamp increases are based on 5-year historical revenues at 80% enrollment. Staff was not sure what specific effect Rose Float expenditures reductions would have on BTORA but was aware that they were quite successful in their fundraising efforts and it was noted that staff were diligent about comparing such contributions in other cities. Unfortunately, reductions were necessary across the Board to have the least impact. Operational costs associated with the Roller Hockey program included marketing, office supplies, and utilities. The reduction in custodial services was based on the fact that custodial services were able to be retained for less money than allocated by Council. A more passive approach to the distribution of guides was suggested and more emphasis would be placed on online access.

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3. Griffith Park Masterplan/L.A. River Revitalization Masterplan

Ms. Garcia reported that the Griffith Park Masterplan Working Group completed the Masterplan in October of last year. In February, L.A. City staff stated that there were several areas that required further clarification. There would also be a \$200-300,0000 cost associated with completing the CEQA analysis for which there was no secured funding. They were presented with two options: completing the Masterplan and putting the document on hold until funding was secured or proceeding with the document and calling it a "vision document" while having a park advisory group oversee the management. The Working Group decided on the second option and the document will be presented to L.A. Recreation and Parks staff who will look to develop the Masterplan in the future. The L.A. River Revitalization Masterplan was completed in 2007. The final document is a 20- year blueprint for the development and management of the L.A. River. There were five opportunity site areas discussed (one of which is close to Burbank). The total cost was approximately 2 billion in 2007 and the plan identifies some possible funding sources; however, significant funding has not been secured. Staff will continue to monitor the progress.

Boardmember Yegparian expressed concern about circumventing CEQA requirements, which determines the impacts of what is done.

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4. Shower to Flower Project

Ms. Bartolo reported that the Governor announced a statewide drought and the City has taken proactive measures to use recycled water when possible. Park, Recreation and Community Services and BWP have been working collaboratively to convert potable supplied irrigation systems in City parks to recycled water. This past year, the process was completed at the Starlight Bowl and Stough Park. Beginning in the next few weeks all water that is used for irrigation in Wildwood Canyon Park will be converted to recycled water as well. Consequently, potable water in Wildwood Canyon will be unavailable until spring of 2010. Park users are strongly encouraged to bring their own drinking water. BWP is moving forward to help implement recycled water in as many parks as possible. Staff anticipates the majority of park facilities will be using recycled water within the next five years. A video which highlights the efforts and water conservation methods was shown. Port-a-pottys will be available at the site and the main restrooms will be shut down. Informational signs will be placed onsite advising the public of what is going on. Once the project is completed, restrooms with potable water will be re-opened (necessary for sink use).

In response to a question, Matt Elsner from BWP reported that Burbank High School uses recycled water in their fields, although the high schools will be going with artificial turf. The AstroTurf will be cooled with recycled water and Burroughs High School should be converted within the next 2-3 years. Water at Muir is recycled as well, and Luther Burbank should be converted within 18 months. Jordan Middle School is part of the L.A. Equestrian Center tract, which has a special water agreement, but the City is in negotiations with L.A. City to make adjustments for recycled water (hopefully by 2012). There are several complications with allowing residents to tap into the recycled water supplies for their homes. Among these is the fact that the State of California will not allow dual plumbing , a ban on running recycled water pipes through the house, and a County permit which would cost residents \$1,348. The City is looking at alternative options.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Aquatics Steering Committee

Ms. Garcia reported that the Committee would be meeting within the next couple of weeks regarding the input obtained at this meeting. The Committee will then decide on their approach to City Council.

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2. City Council Agenda Items

Mr. Dasté reported that on March 3, the first step of the BMX Study was brought before Council and they asked staff to return with costs, specifics, and Board comments. At the same meeting, the Starlight Bowl Sponsorship revenue item was approved 5-0. On March 24, Council will revisit the idea of combining the Burbank/Glendale Armory. On April 7, the Youth Task Force recommendation for Challenge Day will be presented as well as a request to accept a donation from BUSD to build a scoreboard at McCambridge Park.

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REPORTS

1. Youth Board

Mr. Prouty reported that the Youth Board is currently taking nominations for the Austin Cook Award. On April 11 they will participate in the Spring Egg-stravaganza and will run the photo bunny booth. They are currently working on a bowling outing with the seniors at the Joslyn Center.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Talamantes asked about “expired” insurance on the contract compliance report. It was clarified that the insurance was not actually expired, rather, staff did not have the “current” certificates on file because they were being worked on through the Legal department. Mr. Dasté gave a brief update on the CPRS conference he attended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

CHAIR: _____ **Date:** _____

SECRETARY: _____ **Date:** _____