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AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

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SUBJECT: Update on Grant Park Community Center Programming and Usage

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on programming and usage at the Grant Park Community Center

BACKGROUND

Grant Park was opened in 1988 after Grant School was secured from the Cupertino School District after the schools closure in the early 1980's. Three of the nine-acres on the site were secured by the City of Los Altos for its usage. Facilities on that site consist of four classrooms, a multi-purpose room with kitchen and stage, an athletic field, basketball courts and a playground. Since that acquisition, Grant Park and Community Center has been utilized for a variety of recreation programs, rentals and community meetings and events.

DISCUSSION

Grant Park and Community Center currently has several different community activities and programs taking place there. It is considered a City facility that serves all ages and abilities for the entire Los Altos Community.

Currently the Grant Park and Community Center sees the following outdoor usage.

- Youth sports
- Open use of the playground
- Open use if the basketball court
- Outdoor camp programs

The four-classroom and multi-purpose room buildings see the following usage.

- Long-term private rental of Room 4
- Private rentals of classrooms and multi-purpose room
- Meeting rentals
- Community usage
- City classes and camp usage
- Senior program usage

The outdoor facility is open to the public for their usage on a daily basis. Picnics, playground usage, basketball court play and various activities on the open field can be seen on any given day. The two buildings that are comprised of four classrooms and a larger multi-purpose room see uses by local Boy Scouts troops, city commissions for public meetings, summer contracted camps, and classes Jazzercise and martial arts. A program that has been very popular since its inception over the last year is the Grant Park Senior Program. The once a week program sees around 50+ participants each session where participants have the opportunity to play cards, participate in fitness and social instruction, listen to guest speakers or just socialize. This program continues to receive positive input from those involved.

This information is being provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their review and discussion of how the Grant Park and Community Center is currently being used by the City as one of the five recreation facilities serving Los Altos.

