



DATE: March 12, 2013

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Beverly Tucker, Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

Civic Center Master Plan Update

The next step in community engagement for the new Community Center process is holding focus group meetings and a larger community workshop. The focus groups will gather feedback to identify facility needs, programming and priorities to be included in the new Los Altos Community Center from identified users and non-users of the current Hillview Community Center. These focus groups are targeted to include broad demographics and all geographical areas of the City.

Both a weekday evening and a weekend morning were selected to offer options for attendees. The Recreation Department will also be offering complimentary supervised activities and a play area to assist parents attending with young children.

Both meetings will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Hillview Community Center. The general public is also invited to observe the meetings and provide comment at the end of each meeting.

The two focus groups are:

- Saturday, March 15, 2014: 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Thursday, March 20, 2014: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

The Community Workshop has a broad format rather than a small group format which will gather different sorts of data and engage participants in different activities. The date for this meeting is in development. The Commission will receive advance notice of this meeting as soon as it's determined and commissioners are welcome to attend all public meetings.

Annual Egg Hunt & Egg Launch

This year's annual Egg Hunt for children aged walking to 10 years old is Saturday, April 19, 2014 on the Hillview Soccer Field, near the Bus Barn Theatre. Activities begin at 9:30 am and the hunt starts at 10:00 pm sharp! In addition to the actual egg hunt, there will be arts & crafts, visits and photos with "Fun E. Bunny", a children's concert with the fabulous Okin Bloodworth and a storytelling at the main library directly afterward. The entire event is free and no registration is required. This is a very popular event that attracts over 1,000 people each year.

For children and teens who've aged out of the Egg Hunt, the Egg Launch will be held at 10:45 am on the Hillview Soccer Field, on the Hillview Avenue side. This event is also free but does require advance registration with the Recreation Department. Students are encouraged to construct creative cases that enable an egg to survive being launched into the air. The eggs are supplied by the Recreation Department and the ingenuity is supplied by the students.

Los Altos Youth Theater

This quarter's production of the Los Altos Youth Theater is an adaptation of Charles Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby. Performances are in the Bus Barn Theatre opening March 7 and running weekends through March 23. Over 30 children are participating in the show and have been rehearsing since January 6. The actors are divided into two casts to allow more participation. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children and may be purchased in advance online: <http://losaltosstage.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=99496>

Photos from the production:

