



## AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

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<p><b>ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p><b>AMOUNT:</b> Not Applicable</p> <p><b>BUDGETED:</b> Not Applicable</p> <p><b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b> Not Applicable</p> <p>Finance Director:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Russell J. Morreale</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATTACHMENTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recreation Director Tucker Agenda Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not Applicable</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not Applicable</p>
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Beverly Tucker, Recreation Director

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James Walgren, Assistant City Manager

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Redwood Grove Task Force was created in February 2008 to support the Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission in its goal to assess and implement the Redwood Grove Vision Plan adopted in 1980.

### **DISCUSSION**

After being acquired by the City, a series of caretakers has lived onsite at Redwood Grove providing general park maintenance and security oversight. Since the departure of the last caretaker in spring 2008, the caretaker's cottage has served as a program office for the summer camps, but has not had a tenant. The Task Force recommends exploring the benefits, costs and necessity of an onsite caretaker.

A former residence built in the 1920's, The Halsey House in Redwood Grove has served as a Nature Center for summer camps, school tours, and interpretive programs. Due to its current state of disrepair, it was closed for public use in spring 2008. Prior to making substantial repairs or ADA improvements, the Task Force recommends the House be assessed by the Historical Commission.

Following the departure of the contract naturalist, the Recreation Department successfully implemented the summer camp program at Redwood Grove. However, the elementary school education tour program has been suspended. The Task Force recommends exploring partnership options with local non-profit agencies for reinstating the programs.

If authorized, the Task Force will return to Council with reports and recommendations for each topic.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Authorize a selection of items only.