



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Issue Certificates of Appreciation to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Fund-raisers

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2013

PREPARED BY: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Issue Certificates of Appreciation to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Fund-raisers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The hard work and generosity of the Lodi community has allowed the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to provide new, improved and repaired amenities in parks and various facilities, as well as offer additional services to residents.

In the past year, a handful of organizations and individuals have delivered projects and funds worth approximately \$317,000. These efforts deserve public recognition for their impact not only on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's budget, but for improving the quality of life for the community's residents. We in the Department are truly humbled by their dedication and generosity.

Today's certificates go to:

- Mark Armstrong, for spearheading a fund-raising effort that generated more than \$25,000 to replace the outfield fence at Zupo Field.
- The Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports, who provided labor for demolition of the Zupo Field fence, installed new concrete dugouts at the Blakely Park west diamond, renovated bullpens at Salas Park, and is outfitting the Grape Bowl concession stand with approximately \$30,000 worth of equipment.
- Bridgetowne Homeowners Association, which donated \$5,000 toward repairing the burned restroom at Katakian Park.
- Jack Fiori, who has headed the Save the Grape Bowl campaign, which recently provided a check to the City for \$176,500 to help pay for recently completed renovations.
- The Hutchins Street Square Foundation, which contributed \$53,726 in repairs, improvements and program sponsorships, including \$42,432.61 for a new theater speaker system.
- The Lodi Arts Foundation, which provides scholarships for low-income residents to take arts classes through Hutchins Street Square, sponsored events and assisted with other expenses for a net benefit of \$15,984 in FY 2012/13.
- Pauline Meyer, who along with others has raised more than \$15,000 to offset repair costs at the Hutchins Street Square Pool by way of spaghetti dinners, Applebee's breakfasts and continues her fund-raising efforts.

APPROVED:

Konrad Bartlam, City Manager

FISCAL IMPACT:

While this recognition does not have a fiscal impact, the efforts of these seven groups and individuals have had a financial impact of approximately \$320,000 on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

Not applicable.



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