



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

DATE: March 7, 2013
TO: Recreation and Park Commission
FROM: Daliah Khoury, Assistant Director of Development
RE: Potrero Hill Recreation Center Grant

Agenda Item Wording:

Discussion and possible action to accept and expend a grant of \$37,500 from the San Francisco Department of Public Health to provide free active living programs for all ages at Potrero Hill Recreation Center.

Background:

In 2009, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved a settlement against Mirant Potrero Power Plant which had been considered one of the dirtiest power plants in the state. The plant was outdated and toxic, with turbines that ran on diesel fuel and an old-fashioned cooling system that polluted the bay. Residents living in San Francisco's District 10 bore the brunt of Mirant Potrero's toxic emissions and blamed its pollution for higher rates of respiratory disease, cancer and other health problems.

In addition to ensuring Mirant Potrero's closure by 2010, the settlement agreement provided an allocation of funds for mitigation measures and neighborhood improvement in District 10. A portion of the funds were appropriated for the promotion of physical activity in Potrero Hill through an existing program called the D10 Wellness Collaborative, which awards funds to agencies offering healthy living activities.

The D10 Wellness Collaborative is a partnership of community-based organizations overseen programmatically by Community Health Prevention and Promotion, a division of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), and fiscally by the Bayview Hunters Point Foundation.

To help mitigate harm associated with the Mirant Potrero Power Plant, DPH released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October of 2012 seeking projects to provide free active living programs to Potrero Hill residents of all ages. The Recreation and Parks Department responded to the RFP and was awarded funds totaling \$37,500 to plan, implement, and oversee active living programs at Potrero Hill Recreation Center. These active living programs will target audiences of all ages and will include free yoga and Pilates classes for



adults; family Zumba for all ages; and low-impact aerobics for seniors ages 55 and over. These free programs will be offered March 2013 through May during the following six sessions:

- March 25 – May 18, 2013
- June 3 – July 27, 2013
- August 12 – October 5, 2013
- October 21 – December 14, 2013
- January 6 – March 1, 2014
- March 17 – May 10, 2014

As an awardee of these funds, RPD will become a proud member of the D10 Wellness Collaborative.

Recommendation:

Department management and staff recommends that the Recreation and Park Commission accept and expend a grant of \$37,500 from the San Francisco Department of Public Health to provide free active living programs for all ages at Potrero Hill Recreation Center.

Financial Impact:

\$37,500

Supported by:

Department management and staff

Opposed by:

None known at this time

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