

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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WORK SESSION
June 16, 2008
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROGERS

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 USE OLD TOWN LIBRARY

Staff will review a proposed use of the Old Town Library building as a housing and resource center to benefit the community and complement revitalization efforts.

3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #65 FOR COOPERATION/FACILITY USE AGREEMENT.

Staff will present the City Council with information regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with Littleton Elementary School District #65 for the purpose of cooperative programming and the use of school facilities. For information and discussion only.

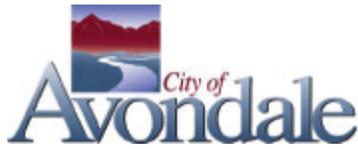
4 ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen Martinez".

Carmen Martinez, CMC
Acting City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:
Use Old Town Library

MEETING DATE:
June 16, 2008

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Gina Montes, Neighborhood and Family Services Director (623)333-2727
THROUGH: Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to review a proposal to retain the use of the Old Town Library building on Western Avenue for the purpose of establishing a housing and resource center.

BACKGROUND:

With the completion of the new Old Town Library on Western Avenue expected to open in August or September 2008, there is a need to determine the disposition of the old library building. Although there has been interest in using the building by other agencies and groups, staff proposes that the building be retained for municipal purposes to benefit the community. This proposal is cost-neutral to the City.

Staff recommends establishing a housing and resource center that would provide services to the public in partnership with private real estate professionals and other non-profit organizations. This potential use of the building would complement revitalization efforts in the area and has potential funding sources.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed housing and resource center would be a convenient place for locating housing and human service functions and providers not currently available in Avondale. There will be a special emphasis on foreclosure prevention, and housing rehab programs, and marketing vacant properties supported by input from the real estate and banking community. Other services that would benefit the community will also be sought through partnerships with non-profit organizations. It is anticipated that agencies would provide services for a few days per week at the center by bringing resources provided elsewhere in the Valley currently not available to Avondale residents. All services will be designed to complement the revitalization efforts in Old Town Avondale.

The center would be managed by the Neighborhood and Family Services Department. Grants and sponsorships are being sought, and the establishment of the center would be cost-neutral to the City. This resource center would be viewed as a two-year pilot and any partners would be made aware that the availability of the facility might not continue after the two-year pilot term.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No General Purpose Funds are being requested. Staff will seek grants and contributions to fund operating costs of the center.

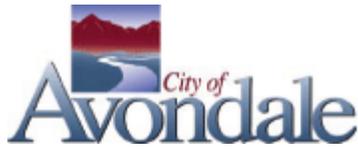
RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion and direction.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:

Intergovernmental Agreement with Littleton Elementary School District #65 for Cooperation/Facility Use Agreement.

MEETING DATE:

June 16, 2008

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Daniel Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Libraries (623) 333-2411

THROUGH: Charlie McClendon, City Manager

PURPOSE:

Staff is requesting that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Littleton Elementary School District #65 for the purpose of cooperative programming and the use of school facilities.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Avondale, in conjunction with Littleton Elementary School District, has offered a summer and after school recreation programs for the past several years. The programs have been very successful and the Littleton Elementary School District has been a strong supporter and partner with these activities.

Staff has had on-going discussions with representatives of the School District to seek additional ways to build upon our previous successes; strengthen each others goals and objectives and to create an environment that encourages a strong bond between the city and schools. Ultimately, the goal of this partnership is to build a successful, vibrant community by insuring that our local schools are strong.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) outlines opportunities to jointly develop youth services partnerships, lunches with police partners and other projects regarding issues such as school attendance, drop out prevention and parent involvement. The agreement would set out each agency's obligations and enable the City of Avondale to utilize school district facilities for summer, after-school and leisure service programs. The School district would permit the city to utilize school facilities at no cost, except for the direct staff cost associated with the facility operation during the time of use. The agreement would prioritize the city use of school facilities immediately behind the uses for school related activities.

The agreement also outlines each party's obligations regarding the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Youth Survey which is a collaborative project with Arizona State University's Rodel Community Scholars program. The survey would be administered in cooperation with the Neighborhood and Family Services Department.

The agreement stipulates that the City of Avondale would waive building permit and inspection fees for the district, and only charge the district development fees for streets, water and sewer utility functions. The district does not have any projects that have been submitted that would be impacted by this agreement. The district is in the planning stages of re-developing their Underdown Junior High School campus, but nothing has been submitted which would enable the city to determine the benefit that this agreement would offer the district.

The term of the agreement will be for a period of five (5) Years, and has the provision that either party may terminate the agreement with a sixty (60) day written notice.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no direct expenditure associated with the approval of the Agreement. Staff did perform a financial comparison for the recently completed Estrella Vista Elementary School. If the agreement were in place at the time that project was approved, under the terms of this agreement the city would have waived approximately \$146,000 in development, building permit and inspection fees. During the term of the agreement, staff believes that the school district may have 2-3 school construction projects, depending on the economy and residential growth projections. The estimated total fiscal impact would be between \$292,000 to \$438,000 depending of the size of the building projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and discussion only.

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