



Memorandum

TO: Making Government Work Better
Committee

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 10, 2006

Approved

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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO TO ITEM #1, FILIPINO AMERICAN SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (Fil-Am SODC) UPDATE

Council approved a memorandum, as amended, from Vice Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Yeager and Councilmember Cortese dated December 13, 2005, recommending approval of actions in relation to the Fil-Am SODC and to ensure that there was a continuance of quality programming that reflects the diversity of the constituents in the neighborhood.

As an update to the Committee, listed are the actions and subsequent efforts undertaken by PRNS to address each item.

1. Allow existing agreement with Fil-Am SODC to expire on December 31, 2005.
Action: PRNS allowed agreement to expire. There is no longer an agreement for Fil-Am to operate and occupy the building.
2. Request that Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services assume operational responsibility for JTS Northside Community Center affective January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.
Action: PRNS assumed operation of JTS Northside Community Center on January 3, 2006. Art Catbagan and Aurelia Bailey are staffing the facility.
3. Direct PRNS staff to complete an expedited process to identify an alternative operator for the facility by June 30, 2006. The process shall include a comprehensive needs assessment and competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify the most qualified provider that can meet the service demands identified through the community process.
Action: The RFP document has been reviewed by the City Manager's Office, and the City Attorney's Office. It was released on March 6, 2006.
4. Ensure that the JTS Northside Community Center be made available to culturally-sensitive community organizations.
Action: PRNS staff has gone out to the surrounding communities as well as the new housing complexes to provide information about the center and to encourage use of the facility. They are working with the existing groups such as the Indo-American Youth Dance Group, World War II Filipino Veterans and seniors from the Mabuhay apartments so there is a continued outreach effort.

5. Make JTS Northside Community Center available for additional community uses, ensuring the priority of the services needed by the Northside Community.
Action: PRNS staff have already offered several new activities and programs for the Northside Community such as a Valentines Day Dance, an Easter egg hunt in April (this was in collaboration with the San Jose State University Filipino Student Organization), a Japantown Community Congress Town Hall meeting, a Senior Commission meeting, a retreat for the Redevelopment Agency Project Advisory Committee, and income tax services for seniors.
6. Reallocate the \$58,354 general fund money to PRNS to pay for expenses associated with operating JTS Northside Community Center.
Action: Staff costs have already exceeded the \$58,354 that was reallocated.
7. PRNS staff is requested to develop recommendations for the formation of a Programming Advisory Committee. Committee membership would include diverse community representation with an emphasis on Filipino American community services.
Action: PRNS staff member Aurelia Bailey is working with a variety of diverse community members, including the Mabuhay Seniors to form a Programming Advisory Committee.
8. Clarification was requested by Councilmember Reed regarding the repayment of the \$219,000 by the Fil-Am SODC. Fil-Am is to provide the City with a repayment plan before further funding is given to Fil-Am; except that the City may pay Fil-Am on a month to month – cost reimbursement basis for services provided at the center. In response to this, PRNS is working with the City Attorney’s Office to draft two separate contracts that will allow payment to Fil-Am SODC staff that provided programming from June 2005 to December 30 2005 and from January 2006 to June 30, 2006. Reimbursement is subject to receipt of supporting documentation.

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