

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: June 27, 2024

From: City Manager Department; Recreation Division

Subject: Afterschool Scholarship & Equity Swim Donation

Recommended Action: Accept a donation of \$20,000 for Afterschool Rec Club participant scholarships and \$16,000 for the Equity Swim Program from the Soquel Union Elementary School District and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Capitola and the Soquel Union Elementary School District.

Background: In Fall 2020, the City's Recreation Division expanded its pilot Afterschool Program to include elementary students in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Distance Learning. As a result, the City developed the Out-of-School Time (OST) Program. The Soquel Union Elementary School District (SUESD) supported the Program by contributing \$16,000 in funding. As schools returned to in-person learning, the City and SUESD recognized a lack of after-school programming. As a result, the OST Program was modified to provide an after-school program in each of SEUSD's elementary schools. SUESD provided a funding contribution in FY 2022-23 to ensure continued support for families that suffered hardships due to the Pandemic.

Discussion: The Afterschool Rec Club provides enrichment and homework support to elementary and middle school students at the New Brighton Middle School campus. As an affordable public program, the SUESD Board of Trustees is proud to support this collaboration with the City to jointly support Capitola residents and provide equitable access to families.

The City's Equity Swim Program was designed to provide equity and community for students that live in a community dominated by beach culture. The Equity Swim Program provides high quality swimming lessons to SUESD students who would otherwise not have access to such resources. The Program teaches students techniques and keeps them engaged with aquatics activities, allowing students to participate in beach community events.

SUESD will contribute \$20,000 to support a scholarship fund for students meeting income criteria as evaluated by the Capitola Public Safety and Community Service Foundation and an additional \$16,000 (approximately half of the City's expense) to the Equity Swim Program for the 2024-25 school year.

Fiscal Impact: This donation of \$20,000 will provide a restricted fund for Afterschool Rec Club scholarship applicants and \$16,000 will offset budgeted contract expenses for the Equity Swim program. Both of these donations have been incorporated into the FY 2024-25 Budget.

Attachments:

1. MOU SUESD and the City of Capitola

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