



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: 4/05/2022

Agenda Item Wording: Approve Co-Sponsorship Request from Helping Hands to display 2022 Empty Bowl's Project Banner

Agenda Item Requestor: June Baumel

Summary/Background: Empty Bowls is an event that helps supply Helping Hands which serves people in our community. Helping Hands reserves the Vendor Hall, Main Event Room, Concession Kitchen, and Concession Plaza. By using all those spaces, DSRP is unable to rent out the facility for weekend events. DSRP had to pay the custodial fees for the event because we had to turn the facility overnight for an incoming event. Rental Fees and Custodial Fees for those spaces is over \$4325.00. That does not include the labor needed to set up and break down the space (i.e. tables, chairs, panels).

Staff Recommendations: Staff recommends offering the small event room and concession stand to Empty Bowls with only rental rates waived. Empty Bowls would be responsible for custodial fees. This will allow us to book a prime fall weekend to rentals. September-November are prime months. We already host two free events in October (Buda Buckle Bash) and November (Fall Classic).

Recommended DSRP Board Actions: On December 1, 2021, the DSRP Board unanimously voted to deny the Fee Waiver request from Helping Hands for use of the DSRP Event Center primary event room for their 2022 Empty Bowls project. They did not deny their request to display the event banner at the Triangle.

Attachments: Co-Sponsorship Application

Next Steps/Schedule:

