



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2014

Approved

Madison Nguyen

Date

5/21/2014

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Add 3 FTE Park Rangers

Amount of City Funding Required: \$270,079.50 for 3.0 FTE park rangers for FY 2014-2015. After 2015, the amount would reduce to \$250,251.00 each year thereafter.

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Park Rangers provide patrol and enforcement at all parks and trails in our city. Our Park Rangers are highly trained individuals who have effective skills and knowledge of park laws, rules and regulations, visitor services and protection, resource management, interpretation and basic park maintenance. They serve the residents of San Jose by ensuring our urban park system is safe and enjoyable.

In the past year, safety concerns have been raised from residents regarding lack of supervision for youth at the skate and bike parks. There are currently six skate and bike parks in San Jose (Great Oaks, Mayfair, Roosevelt, Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park, Plata Arroyo, and Stonegate), which currently lack supervision. Residents have stated that they feel unsafe with youth loitering around the parks as well as illegal activity and graffiti. Having additional Park Rangers patrol these specialized parks would deter crime.

This proposal would provide enough park rangers to rotate and patrol the skate and bike parks throughout the city. There is an estimated \$73,000 one time personnel cost in hiring and background checks for the first year of employment, which would reduce the total cost of the park rangers after the initial year.

By utilizing park rangers versus additional police patrols to respond to non-life threatening calls, the city will save time and money.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS)

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services