

## Public Comments

Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745, suggested that the City Council support a city-wide effort for not only Juneteenth, but also other special events.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve the same type of support for the Juneteenth Committee as approved for Philippine Independence Day, and to waive the fees for Mills Park, provided that City Manager Groomes deems that no hard costs will be expended from the General Fund on motion of Dear and seconded by Santarina.

City Manager Groomes stated that he required additional information from the Juneteenth Celebration Committee and would meet with the Chairperson.

Mayor Dear clarified that his motion included that the Juneteenth Celebration Committee raise private funds, as did the Philippine Independence Day Foundation, which was accepted by Santarina.

Marvin Clayton, Chairperson, Juneteenth Celebration Committee, clarified that the request of the committee was for the use of the park and briefly discussed the concept of having a low key "backyard barbeque" community event with approximately 200-300 people in attendance with local, free entertainment. In addition, that the committee was entertaining the concept of having a donation basket to raise funds for next year's event.

City Manager Groomes hoped that the committee would be open to the suggestions by staff, with Mr. Clayton concurring.

Mayor Dear further clarified that the motion implied that the City Manager and staff would work with the committee on the details on an administrative level.

During discussion of the motion, event security and event insurance issues were discussed: Whereupon, City Manager Groomes briefly discussed the challenges involved in a hybrid approach to plan community events and informed the City Council that staff would work with the committee, however, there would be areas of disagreement.

Upon inquiry, Recreation Superintendent Hicks reported that, normally, security and Sheriff's Deputies would be required depending upon the age of the group, fifty ore more anticipated attendance, and the park patrol and a permit, on an as-needed basis.

Mayor Dear suggested that at its meeting tomorrow night, that the Juneteenth Celebration Committee plan, budget, and raise money for security, insurance, and to apply for a permit. He briefly discussed the upcoming Memorial Day event at the venue of the Lincoln Cemetery and