



City of Sierra Madre Agenda Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Rebecca Silva-Barrón, Community Services Manager

REVIEWED BY: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager *MEY*

DATE: October 9, 2018

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION UPDATE REGARDING
KERSTING COURT REMODEL PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction.

SUMMARY

At a previous Council meeting staff was directed to bring back an update presented by the Community Services Commission as it relates to the Kersting Court Remodel Project.

Over the course of this past year, the Community Services Department worked with the Commission and established a Steering Committee formed by current Commission Chair, David Ouch; and Vice Chair Tom Sullivan, as well as two Sierra Madre residents.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and established the following:

- Committee Member Roles
- Timelines and/or Project Goals
- Steering Committee Future Meeting Dates
- Additional Project Committees including Fundraising/ Outreach/ Design

The Steering Committee met consecutively on Friday, May 4th with City staff and further developed both their Core Goals and Guiding Principles as it applies to the vision for the Kersting Court Project:

Core Goals

1. Compliance of the ADA REPORT
2. Use of Public Art Funds
3. Community Gathering Place
4. Preservation of Existing Character and Elements
5. Sierra Madre Landmark Sign

Guiding Principles

- a. Preservation of the Pepper Tree
- b. Update Existing Kiosk
- c. Preservation of the Bell Tower including adding Historical Educational Component
- d. Maintain Flag Pole
- e. Native Drought Landscaping and Plentiful Seating

ANALYSIS

The Steering Committee has served as a project advisory group on behalf of the Community Services Commission for the said project goals and principles.

Steering Committee members will continue to advise and report to City staff and the Commission collectively while leading the efforts to pursue community outreach with the business district and implement fund raising strategies spearheaded by commissioners.

The Community Services Commission will continue providing project updates as needed before council as well as accomplished project milestones.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The City's Arts in Public Places Funds in the amount of \$57,714 are budgeted for FY 2018-2019 and will be used for the art components incorporated into the project design.

Additionally, subject to review and approval of this item under the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Agenda, which is expected to take place this October 2018, the Regional Parks and Open Space District anticipates that grant funds will consequently be awarded for the Kersting Court Remodel in the amount of \$300,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS

This item has been noticed through the regular agenda notification process.

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