



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Distribution of Wahneta Hall Trust Funds

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider approving the allocation of the 2017 Wahneta Hall Trust Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the recommendation by the Recreation and Parks Commission to allocate the 2017 Wahneta Hall Trust funds to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced; and authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by the Recreation and Parks Commission; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by the Recreation and Parks Commission; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to the Recreation and Parks Commission for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future City Council meeting.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2016-17 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Wahneta Hall Trust fund was established in 1995. The trust provisions require that the City of Merced use a specific portion of the trust for an endowment fund with income being used to establish and maintain a mini-train system and/or band concert program in Applegate Park. This year there is \$1,200 available.

On February 9, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department mailed letters of invitation to apply for the 2017 Wahneta Hall Trust funds to recipients from previous years, which included the Merced County Arts Council, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced, the Merced Symphony Association, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Merced College Concert Band, Merced Marching 100 and Golden Valley High School Band. The department also sent a news release to the local media notifying the public of the pending trust distribution.

This year, the sole applicant that submitted a proposal was the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced applied for the full \$1,200 to be used to operate and maintain the train at Kiddieland in Applegate Park.

At the March 27, 2017 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting, a representative from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced spoke on behalf of the Kiddieland train system and requested funds for the program to assist with operational costs of the popular park attraction. The Commission unanimously approved the distribution of the entire amount available of \$1,200 to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced because they met the provisions of the trust, submitted a complete application, and had a representative in attendance at the meeting.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Awarded funds will be paid out of account number 795-1903-592.29-00.

ATTACHMENTS

1. News Release
2. Kiwanis Club Request