



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Approving Request from the Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity for the Co-Sponsored Rental Rate for the Merced Senior Community Center for Club 67 Monthly Dances

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request for the co-sponsored rate for the rental of the Merced Senior Community Center by the Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity to host Club 67 monthly dances on one Friday per month.

RECOMMENDATION

Recreation and Parks Commission - Adopt a motion approving the request for monthly rentals of the Merced Senior Community Center for Club 67 dances at the co-sponsored rental rate.

DISCUSSION

The Parks and Recreation Department received a request from Elisabete Dobbins, CEO and Owner of the Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity organization and Club 67, a special needs community activity. Ms. Dobbins requested use of the Merced Senior Community Center at the co-sponsored rate for one Friday per month to host the Club 67 social night and dance from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The request includes one hour before the event and one hour after the event for set up and clean up. Six total hours have been requested for co-sponsorship each month for the activity.

The Charity and Club are requesting either the first or second Friday of the month, however, there are already rentals of the Senior Center on some Fridays this year. Additionally, renters who have booked the facility on a Saturday have the option to pay to come in on a Friday evening to set up, which may interfere with the dance's first or second Friday request. In these instances, the Club 67 event will be moved to a Thursday.

The Merced Senior Community Center is available on some of the requested Fridays, and there will be no interference with regularly scheduled senior programs. There is an established co-sponsorship rate for use of the Senior Center, which will recoup all City expenses for hosting the event at our facility. The Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity will be required to provide liability insurance regardless of which fees are approved.

The regular and co-sponsored rates for this type of event are as follows:

Regular Rate:

\$300 refundable deposit
\$900 hourly rate (\$150 per hour)
\$125 set up fee
\$366 cleaning fee

Total = \$1,691

Co-Sponsored Rate:

\$150 (deposit on file)
\$450 hourly rate (\$75 per hour)
\$62.50 set-up fee
\$183 cleaning fee

Total = \$845.50

Staff has reviewed the application and sees the event as a worthy cause and recommends approving the request with the understanding that not all events can be held on a Friday, and the co-sponsorship approval is made on a yearly basis. The Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity and Club 67 will need to apply annually for the co-sponsorship rate.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

No appropriation of funds is needed

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity/Club 67 Co-Sponsorship Request Letter
2. Senior Center Standard Rental Application
3. Club 67 Co-sponsorship Application