



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 20, 2014
Item Number: D-11
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject: RECOMMENDATION BY THE BEVERLY HILLS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BEVERLY HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PURCHASE PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR THE UPCOMING ONE BOOK, ONE CITY PROGRAM

Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

The Beverly Hills Charitable Foundation recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate donated funds to the Beverly Hills Public Library to purchase paperback books for the upcoming One Book, One City program, which will be held on October 12, 2014. Staff further recommends that once the books are purchased that they be donated to the Beverly Hills Unified School District Foundation to be distributed to high school juniors and seniors and to select teachers.

INTRODUCTION

The Human Relations Commission, led by Chair Rochelle Ginsberg, is collaborating with the Beverly Hills Public Library, the Friends of the Library and the Beverly Hills Unified School District in developing a One Book, One City program. The program will be based around The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. A number of programs will be developed around this book, including a culminating event the afternoon of October 12, where the author will speak. The high school has added the book to the summer reading list for high school juniors and seniors.

DISCUSSION

Local resident Jean Rosenblatt has donated \$5,000 to the Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation for the purpose of purchasing paperback copies of the book for these students and their teachers. The Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation recommends that this funding be appropriated to the Beverly Hills Public Library so that the books can be purchased at a substantial discount. Staff further recommends that

the books be donated to the Beverly Hills Unified School District Foundation which will handle the proper distribution of the books to the students and teachers.

FISCAL IMPACT

As these funds were donated, there is no fiscal impact to the City.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the recommendation by the Beverly Hills Charitable Foundation to appropriate this donation money to purchase discounted paperback books to support the collaborative One Book, One City program. Staff further recommends that these books be donated to the BHUSD Foundation for distribution to select high school students and teachers.



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