



CITY OF LONG BEACH

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the use of up to 600 linear feet of dock space and 400 square feet of office space in the Long Beach Marinas by Access to Sailing, at no charge. (Districts 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION

Access to Sailing (ATS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic rehabilitation to disabled and disadvantaged children and adults through interactive sailing outings (see attachment). For the past 14 years, ATS has used the Long Beach marinas for its home base, and the City has provided ATS slips, as available, to berth vessels for its programs.

ATS recently expanded its programming and is averaging approximately 100 participants per month. During the past eight months, ATS hosted large events with the Aquarium of the Pacific as part of the Festival of Human Abilities. ATS also hosted an event with Disabled Sports USA, as part of its Summerfest. This event was highlighted by an outing with 25 United States soldiers injured in Iraq, which received coverage from both television channels ABC and CBS. In addition, ATS has recently worked with the Veterans Administration, the Autism Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Center for Learning Unlimited, and the Special Education Program at Cabrillo High School. Attached is a summary of ATS, its mission, and 2004 programming.

ATS receives funding from private donations of cash and vessels, as well as grants from a variety of agencies, including the California Department of Boating and Waterways. To assist in the further growth of its programs, ATS is requesting use of City-owned dock space and office space, at no cost, as identified below.

- Up to 600 linear feet of dock space in the Long Beach Marinas, as identified by the Manager of the Marine Bureau.
- Office space controlled by the City, totaling 400 square feet, if available.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on April 26, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 25, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

This item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual value of the slip space and the office space is approximately \$72,000. This revenue will not be realized by the City's Tideland Fund (TF), but is balanced by the value of the program to the community, as well as the positive publicity many of the ATS programs bring to the City.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:


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CITY MANAGER

Attachment