

STAFF REPORT

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Date: September 28, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert W. Greene, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department

Subject: **Joint Use Agreement with Antelope Valley Adventist School**

Recommendation:

Approve the agreement with Southern California Association of Seventh-Day Adventists for reciprocal use of gymnasium/classroom space by the City of Lancaster and American Heroes Park recreational daytime field usage by the school.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

Upon completion of the construction of American Heroes Park, Antelope Valley Adventist School (AVAS) expressed a desire to increase the available recreation time and space for their students during the school year beyond their property's footprint and amenities. Additionally, the City's youth sports leagues and special class offerings have seen a dramatic increase in participation and, as a result, have outgrown the number of available facilities that house these programs. The joint use agreement will provide a workable solution for the school's challenges as well as the City's. The proposed solution also assists the City of Lancaster as well as the schools in fighting the growing childhood obesity epidemic facing the local community by offering increased recreational opportunities for local kids.

The school will enjoy access to softball fields, basketball courts and some green space during the school day. The City will, in turn, be offered the opportunity to use gymnasiums and/or classrooms at AVAS for youth sports and special class programming. AVAS will have exclusive access to approximately one-third of the park during standard school hours; the remainder of the facility will be open for public use.

Attachment:

Agreement with Southern California Association of Seventh Day Adventists