



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: July 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Presentation of Commendation to Recreation Services Manager Idris J. Al-Oboudi for Receiving the California Parks and Recreation Society 2005 Citation Award and 2005 President's Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council present a commendation to Recreation Services Manager Idris J. Al-Oboudi for receiving the California Parks and Recreation Society 2005 Citation Award and 2005 President's Award.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this commendation.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the California Parks and Recreation Society's Board of Directors selects two individuals who most exemplify outstanding leadership and dedicated service in the profession to receive the Citation Award. Additionally each year, the President of the California Parks and Recreation Society selects an individual who has dedicated their service to further the goals and vision of the California Parks and Recreation Society. This year, the California Parks and Recreation Society membership selected Manhattan Beach Recreation Services Manager Idris J. Al-Oboudi for the Citation Award. The President of CPRS also selected Mr. Al-Oboudi for the President's Award.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Al-Oboudi has worked for the City of Manhattan Beach Recreation Department for almost 20 years. During that time, Idris' responsibilities have included almost all aspects of recreation, including teens, playground programming, senior activities, tennis, aquatics, cultural arts and a variety of special events.

During the last several years, Idris has worked with the California Parks and Recreation Society developing and implementing the Society's Vision and Mission statements which include "We Create Community and Quality of Life through People, Parks and Programs."

Last year, Idris received the 2004 California Parks and Recreation Society's "Presidents Award"

which is the highest award the President can give. This year, the Board of Directors, representing the entire membership, voted on the 2005 Citation Award for Mr. Al-Oboudi. The Citation Award recognizes outstanding contributions to CPRS and the parks, recreation and/or human services profession. The recipient's contributions must significantly affect the parks and recreation profession on a regional, sectional, state and national level.

For the Citation Award, Idris is being recognized for his leadership on the CPRS Youth Sports and Fitness Task Force, which is implementing the partnership with the National Alliance for Youth Sports. The committee, which Idris headed, created a roadmap for agencies to easily incorporate and implement positive youth coaching and parental support strategies and trainings into their own youth sports programs. Using strategies from the National Alliance for Youth Sports and the core mission statements from CPRS, Idris and his committee provided a modality for revamping and redirecting the youth sports experience in California municipalities.

Additionally, Idris was selected again for the 2005 President's Award for his continued work with the State Society furthering the goals and vision of the Society in coordination with all municipalities. It is highly unusual for any individual to receive both the Citation Award and President's Award in the same year.

Staff recommends that City Council and the community of Manhattan Beach join in the recognition of Recreation Services Manager Idris J. Al-Oboudi for his outstanding efforts in progressing the vision of the California Parks and Recreation Society by creating community and enhancing the quality of life through people, parks and programs.