



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: July 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2005 Manhattan Beach Recreation and Youth Services Award to Bonnie Harkenrider

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends presenting the Parks and Recreation Commission selection of Bonnie Harkenrider as recipient of the 2005 Recreation and Youth Services Awards.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal implication associated with this recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, in keeping with "July is Parks and Recreation Month," the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends a member or members of the community for the "Recreation and Youth Services Award." This award is given to worthy individuals who have dedicated their time for the betterment of the youth in Manhattan Beach. Historically, the recipients have volunteered their time to various youth agencies and the school district.

DISCUSSION:

During the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of May 23, 2005, the Commission reviewed nominations for the award. After a discussion, the Commission recommended that Bonnie Harkenrider was very deserving of the Youth Services Award.

Following is the background criteria the Commission used in their selection process.

Bonnie Harkenrider has devoted herself for many years to youth programs in Manhattan Beach. Bonnie has selflessly volunteered thousands of hours to Manhattan Little League, AYSO Soccer and extra curricular activities at Mira Costa High School. Bonnie has consistently taken on the thankless jobs that no one else wants for the good of the program.

Bonnie's tireless technical skills as Registrar and Treasurer for Manhattan Little League and AYSO greatly contributed to the success of these programs and organizations over the past seven years. But these contributions actually pale to the leadership she demonstrated serving on the Board of

Directors during this time. Bonnie was the one board member who could always be counted on to remind the group to keep things fun, safe and fair for all.

Conclusion:

Due to the outstanding services that Bonnie Harkenrider has provided for the youth in our community, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended her for the Manhattan Beach Youth Services Award.