



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: April 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Presentation of Commendation to Parks and Recreation Services Manager Idris Al-Oboudi for Receiving the 2004 California Parks and Recreation Society Presidential Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council present a commendation to Parks and Recreation Services Manager Idris Al-Oboudi for receiving the 2004 California Parks and Recreation Society's Presidential Award.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this commendation.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the President of the California Parks and Recreation Society's Board of Directors selects one individual in the profession who most exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedicated service in the profession to receive the President's award. This year, Mr. Idris Al-Oboudi, Recreation Services Manager for the City of Manhattan Beach, was chosen for the award.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Al-Oboudi has worked for the City of Manhattan Beach for over 19 years. He joined the City after the passage of the State Proposition 13 which reduced property taxes and negatively impacted recreational and community services. At that time, Idris was credited with designing and implementing a wide variety of events and classes that became cost covering for the City and he was one of the first in the profession who realized the importance of thinking like an entrepreneur for certain recreation classes and programs. During the past 19 years, Idris' responsibilities included almost all aspects of recreation, including aquatics, teen and playground programming, senior activities, tennis, cultural arts and a variety of special events.

In 2004, Idris worked with the C.P.R.S. Youth Sports and Fitness Task Force to develop a model youth sports program for the state, utilizing values, vision and the mission of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (N.A.Y.S.). N.A.Y.S. is a national organization working with state/municipal recreation agencies across the country to develop standards for youth sports, including coaching,

officiating, parental involvement and sportsmanship.

Additionally, Idris was the program chair for the 2004 C.P.R.S. conference. His main responsibility was to program over 200 workshops/classes for all the members of the profession. Idris received the highest survey marks ever from his peers in the profession for the excellent job he did developing and implementing the conference program.

Idris is also credited with being one of the leading ambassadors in the state, implementing the C.P.R.S. V.I.P Action Plan, which includes the vision to “Create Community and Quality of Life through People, Parks and Programs.”

Idris is known here in Manhattan Beach, as well as C.P.R.S., as a professional who truly believes in the benefits of Parks and Recreation and is committed to providing the leadership and dedicated service to improving the profession as well as the services provided the community.



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Idris,

Congratulations on receiving the 2004 California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Presidential Award. This award recognizes your outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the parks and recreation profession in California.

As Chair of the CPRS Youth Sports and Fitness Task Force you diligently worked to develop a model youth sports program utilizing the values, vision, and mission of parks and recreation as articulated in the VIP Action Plan with the vision and mission of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), one of the most prestigious youth sports organizations in the country. You and your team flew to Florida and met with NAYS staff to ensure that task force objectives were in alignment with those of NAYS. You are to be congratulated on creating a model that agencies in the state will soon be able to use.

You are also one of the leading ambassadors for the implementing the VIP Action plan throughout California. You have made multiple education session presentations at state and local trainings. Tools that all professionals can use to better position their agencies have been developed through your efforts. Manhattan Beach is a model agency and you are a model professional.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Barry E. Weiss

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President
California Park and Recreation Society

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Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Idris Al-Oboudi

President's Award

*The California Park & Recreation Society recognizes
your outstanding and dedicated service on behalf of
the park & recreation profession in California*

Bary E. Weiss
President

March 12, 2005

Date