



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: March 8, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jovan Grogan, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Tim Wallace, Community Svcs Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Appropriating \$2,600 from the Restricted Revenues Fund, City Art Fund Fees for Sponsorship of a Community Services Department Juneteenth Event

BACKGROUND: Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the emancipation of African-American slaves. It is also a day to celebrate African-American culture. Juneteenth is sometimes referred to as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day.

Juneteenth is traditionally celebrated on June 19th due to the fact that Union Army General Gordon Granger proclaimed on June 19, 1865, freedom for slaves in Texas, the last Confederate state with institutional slavery.

Celebrations of Juneteenth began in 1866 in Texas and slowly spread across the South. Today, Juneteenth is celebrated nationwide, and Juneteenth officially became a federal holiday in 2021.

Juneteenth activities can include, but are not limited to, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, and park parties.

DISCUSSION: Staff is proposing a San Bruno Juneteenth event. The Community Services Department staff have not previously organized a Juneteenth event. Not surprisingly, the event will be held in June, 2022. Specific activities for the event are in the early stages, but will include an outdoor celebratory event and an informational program.

Two local members of the African-American community have volunteered to provide advice to staff in the planning and execution of the Juneteenth event. This will ensure that a respectful and authentic event of which the San Bruno community can be proud is presented.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact for this item is \$2,600, which will be covered by the City Art Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: There is no environmental impact.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Appropriating \$2,600 from the Restricted Revenues Fund, City Art Fund Fees for Sponsorship of a Community Services Department Juneteenth Event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not approve the proposed event

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution