

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT (RPD) SHOULD NOT PRIVATIZE THE JP MURPHY CLUBHOUSE

WHEREAS, JP Murphy Park, located at 1960 9th Avenue has been a public park supported by public funds for over thirty years and has employed a full-time Recreation and Park Director that offered community programs such as tiny-tots programs, after-school programs and clubhouse services; and

WHEREAS, The RPD just completed a \$3.9 million remodel of JP Murphy Park that was paid for out of funds from the 2000 Neighborhood Park Bond and these bond funds were supported by property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, The RPD fired the Recreation and Park Director at JP Murphy Park and other citywide recreation directors on August 15th 2010 and discontinued the traditional programs offered to the community; and

WHEREAS, Due to the lack of an onsite recreation director, the newly remodeled JP Murphy Park clubhouse is considered to be "underutilized" by the RPD. Individuals can rent the clubhouse by permit, but it is usually locked; and

WHEREAS, RPD representatives have offered the communities that surround JP Murphy Park the following three options to utilize the clubhouse.

-Option 1: The clubhouse will remain locked.

-Option 2: The RPD will lease the clubhouse either to a non-recreational, for-profit business for an annual fee of \$14,000 - \$20,000 or to the community in conjunction with a non-profit entity for an annual fee of \$14,000 - \$20,000.

-Option 3: The surrounding communities can keep JP Murphy Park open 50% of the time by donating/paying the \$40,000 annual cost for the half time salary of a recreation director and/or \$80,000 for a full time director.

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Proposed Budget 2010-2011 (on page 374) shows a decreased allocation for RPD services to children by \$1.5 million from \$11.2 to 9.7 million, a decrease of 15.5%, and an increase in the allocation for RPD's planning, development and privatization budget of \$1.9 million from \$300,000 annually, to \$2.2 million for an increase of 633%; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the West of Twin Peaks Central Council requests that the RPD adopt a fourth option to open the JP Murphy Clubhouse for public use by hiring a recreation and park director from funds previously reallocated to RPD's planning and development budget to the detriment of children's services, to fulfill the promise of the 2000 general obligation bond, and to comply with the Charter's requirement to "promote and foster a program providing for organized public recreation of the highest standard."