



Cathedral City

Legislation Text

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City Council

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TITLE:

American Society of Civil Engineers Parks and Recreation Project of the Year Award for Ocotillo Park.

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Report and Presentation of Award.

BACKGROUND:

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 150,000 members of the civil engineering profession in 177 countries. Founded in 1852, ASCE is the nation's oldest engineering society.

ASCE stands at the forefront of a profession that plans, designs, constructs, and operates society's economic and social engine - the built environment - while protecting and restoring the natural environment.

Every year ASCE local branches place a request for projects that are extraordinary enough to compete for prized ASCE awards. Projects are placed within defined categories, such as, Large Projects, Transportation Projects, Roadway and Highway Projects, Community Improvement Projects and Parks and Recreation Projects. These are competitive submittals. The projects are then evaluated by the local branch awards committee.

DISCUSSION:

Ocotillo Park's (formerly Whitewater Park) design engineers, David Evans and Associates and City Staff, incorporated several unique design and construction features into this Park Project. Features were incorporated that provided sustainability and functionality. For a small example, solar power and LED lighting systems were incorporated in the Park Project, as well as low impact environmentally friendly and sustainable pervious surfaces. There are numerous innovative features to the Park Project, that alone do not stand out, but when combined add up to a well thought out completed Park Project that was well received by the community.

As a result, on June 23, 2016 at the Riverside Convention Center, the San Bernardino Riverside

Branch of ASCE presented the City of Cathedral City and David Evans and Associates with the Parks and Recreation Project of the Year Award for the Ocotillo Park Project.

As a result of the Park Project receiving this award from the local ASCE Branch, the Park Project will automatically move forward into a larger regional award contest to compete with other projects from other local ASCE Branches within the same category.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None