

MEETING DATE: 4/12/2017

TITLE:

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Awards for Ocotillo Park

FROM:

Pat Milos - Community Development Director
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RECOMMENDATION:

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.

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 has been well received by the community.

DISCUSSION:

As a result of this process, Ocotillo Park has won the ASCE San Bernardino - Riverside Branch Award for Parks and Recreation Project of the Year, the ASCE Los Angeles Section Award for Parks and Recreation Project of the Year and now has won the ASCE Region 9 (State of California) Award for Parks and Recreation Project of the Year. This Award was presented to the City of Cathedral City and David Evans and Associates Staff at the ASCE Region 9 Awards Dinner at the California Science Center in Los Angeles on March 31, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None