



Council Agenda Report

From: Freda Berman, Public Works Director

Subject: Approval of New City Park Event—SafetyFest

CEQA Determination: The City find that this action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, 15304(e)

Date: February 21, 2023

Facts

1. The City of Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Department in conjunction with PASOSafe, a volunteer-based community safety initiative, proposes to stage SafetyFest: An Emergency, Disaster & Safety Preparedness Event in City Park on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with first responders and safety professionals. Activities focusing on staying safe in the event of a fire, earthquake or flood will be featured along with safety-related vendors to help promote bike safety, health and wellness, and cyber-safety among others.
3. SafetyFest proceeds will support the North San Luis Obispo County Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), a program sponsored by Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services that educates and trains volunteers to respond in case of a disaster.
4. C.E.R.T. and PasoSafe volunteers, under the direction of Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services, will provide logistical support for the event.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Approve the request of the City of Paso Roble Fire and Emergency Services Department to present SafetyFest on June 3, 2023, in City Park, or;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

SafetyFest aims to bring attention to and increase awareness of the existing safety, emergency response and disaster preparedness programs in the community by providing safety education, training and volunteer opportunities. It is an appropriate addition to the standing schedule of community events in City Park and does not conflict with any other planned activities.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal, with costs being absorb by existing appropriations from the Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Department.

CEQA Determination

The event is exempt from CEQA under Section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines, as a minor temporary use having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment. If Council approves the recommended action, Recreation Services would process the City's standard Facility Use Permit, that includes standard waivers and procedures.

Recommendation

Approve the request of the City of Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Department to stage SafetyFest in City Park on June 3, 2023.