



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution Commending the Mormons
Helping Hands 2010 – Renewing California
Parks Program

Report in Brief

The Woodland stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints approached the City to provide volunteer labor to spruce up local parks and recreation facilities as part of their Mormon Helping Hands 2010 program. Approximately 300 church volunteers from throughout the region will converge in Woodland on Saturday May 8, 2010 and provide much assistance to beautify our City parks.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution to commend the Mormon Helping Hands 2010 – Renewing California Parks Program and to recognize the programs contributions to the City of Woodland.

Background

Since 1998 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has encouraged community involvement through their Mormon Helping Hands Program. The program is a world wide effort by church members and in past years has focused on disaster relief but has spread to include community clean up and beautification. The Woodland stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has selected the City of Woodland to be the location for their 2010 Mormon Helping Hands program. On Saturday May 8, 2010 some 300 church members, including Woodland residents and those from neighboring communities, will come to Woodland to work in our City parks and play areas.

Discussion

Working with Parks & Recreation staff volunteers will be repairing and painting park buildings, freshening up planters and other landscape areas, spreading wood chips in play areas, and other miscellaneous tasks to spruce up our City parks. The volunteers will include adults and children, and skilled and unskilled labor. Program leaders will work with P&R staff to deploy workers where their talents can be best used. This program will be a tremendous benefit to the City of Woodland with the reduced staffing for parks maintenance.

Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact. Any supplies and materials provided for this program were budgeted for parks maintenance in the FY 09-10 budget.

Public Contact

This action has been included on the posting of the City Council agenda.

Alternative Actions

1. Adopt a resolution commending the Mormon Helping Hands 2010 – Renewing California Parks Program.
2. Take no action.

Recommended Actions

1. Staff recommends Alternative Action # 1.

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Acting City Manager

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND
COMMENDING THE MORMON HELPING HANDS 2010 –
RENEWING CALIFORNIA PARKS PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, parks are an essential component to the individual health, well-being, happiness and quality of life for all human beings, making our communities more attractive places to live and work; and,

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WHEREAS, parks assist us to become more connected with nature and our families, contributing to youth development, social and cultural exchange, public health, recreation, environmental health, and community building; and,

WHEREAS, the current economic crisis has caused severe cutbacks in funding to clean, beautify, and maintain city, county and state parks so that they can fulfill their valued functions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland encourages and supports efforts by its citizens, service clubs, faith-based organizations, and others to promote volunteerism; and,

WHEREAS, "Mormon Helping Hands" is a significant international volunteer program sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which provides community assistance and disaster relief throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, "Mormon Helping Hands" has designated May 8, 2010 as a day of community service throughout the State of California in which over 50,000 Californians will assist in renewing City, County and State parks, including citizens of Woodland, [Davis, Dixon and Winters](#) who will participate in the ~~various~~ local projects at the following parks:-

- [Woodland Opera House State Park](#)
- [John Ferns Park](#)
- [Woodside Park](#)
- [Crawford Park](#)
- [Everman Park](#)
- [Freeman Park; and](#)
- [Campbell Park](#)

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the City Council of the City of Woodland hereby declares May 8, 2010 as Mormon Helping Hands Day; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Woodland acknowledges and thanks the volunteers who will assist our community on Mormon Helping Hands Day.

Dated: April 13, 2010

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Susan L. Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services

Andrew J. Morris, City Attorney