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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: July 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2007 Manhattan Beach Recreation and Youth Services Award to Lisa Popovich and Monica Wood

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends presenting the Parks and Recreation Commission selection of Lisa Popovich and Monica Wood as recipients of the 2007 Recreation and Youth Services Awards.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal implication associated with this recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, in keeping with "July is Parks and Recreation Month," the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends a member or members of the community for the "Recreation and Youth Services Award." This award is given to worthy individuals who have dedicated their time for the betterment of the youth in Manhattan Beach. Historically, the recipients have either volunteered their time (Lay Citizen) or engaged in an occupation (Professional) for various youth agencies and the school district.

DISCUSSION:

During the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 25, 2007, the Commission reviewed nominations for the award. After a discussion, the Commission recommended that Lisa Popovich and Monica Wood were both very deserving of the Youth Services Award.

Following is the background criteria the Commission used in their selection process.

Lisa Popovich

Lisa has been the Regional Commissioner in soccer for the Manhattan Beach area for the past two years and the President of the Auxiliary Board on the Manhattan Beach Little League Board. Lisa has made numerous changes in soccer for the benefit of Manhattan Beach children ranging in age from 5-18. Manhattan Beach AYSO is the third largest in the nation with over 3,700 Manhattan Beach/Hermosa Beach children playing soccer in AYSO. As an Auxiliary President in baseball, Lisa runs the largest staff as far as snack stands and roster books for the 1,800 children in Little

League.

Monica Wood

Monica Wood has an amazing impact on hundreds of children who attend school at Grand View Elementary School as a physical education teacher since 1996. She helps them grow in their athleticism, as well as her impact on their character. She teaches not only sports skills, but life lessons and works with special needs students in a way that makes them shine. Monica watches over the school and makes the office aware of safety or security issues. She has a great relationship with the parents and has been helpful in communicating ways to have parents help their students get 'back on track' when their attitude needs altering

Conclusion:

Due to the outstanding services that Lisa Popovich and Monica Wood have provided for the youth in our community, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended Lisa Popovich in the "Lay Citizen" category and Monica Wood in the "Professional" category for the Manhattan Beach Youth Services Award.