



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: September 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Donation of Surplus Dial-A-Ride Bus and Ambulance to Our Sister City, Santa Rosalia, Mexico

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the donation of a surplus Dial-A-Ride bus and ambulance to the City of Santa Rosalia, Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

This used bus has a market value of approximately \$8,000, which would be returned to the Proposition "A" Fund if sold at auction. The ambulance has a fair market value of \$2,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Dial-A-Ride bus, vehicle #1002 (1998 El Dorado with 86,360 miles), reached the end of its useful life and was replaced with a new bus in 2006. If the bus were traded-in to a dealer, it has an estimated value of \$8,000. Santa Rosalia is in need of vehicles such as this bus which would be used as transportation for the municipal rural boarding school children.

Similarly, the Fire Department's back-up ambulance, vehicle #704 (1995 Chevrolet G30 with 81,308 miles), has exhausted its useful service and is in the process of being replaced. Its value was determined based upon past sales and used car information. Santa Rosalia's Fire Department has only one ambulance that is in dire need of replacement. The donated ambulance would be used for emergency medical response for the community.

Over the past thirteen years, we have donated other surplus vehicles to our sister city such as a fire engine and a bus. Staff recommends that the City Council donate these vehicles to Santa Rosalia, Mexico. If approved, officials from Santa Rosalia would pick up the vehicles from our City. Formal letters requesting the donation of these vehicles have been received from the Sister City Committee, and are attached for your reference.

Attachments



September 13, 2007

Manhattan Beach City Council
Manhattan Beach, California

Re: Retired shuttle buses

Dear Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Manhattan Beach City Council:

This letter is to respectfully ask you to consider donating the surplus shuttle buses that are going to be retired soon. Our friends in our sister city Santa Rosalia, Baja California Sur, have expressed a need for this kind of bus to be used as school buses in the Municipal rural boarding schools of San Jose and Santa Agueda.

These schools teach and house approximately 250 children ages 5 to 15 from the rural communities of this region of Baja California. They belong to a network of rural boarding schools in the state and often the students need to travel to the other schools for academic and sports activities.

Your kind consideration would be much appreciated, especially now that student exchanges between our two cities have been active for the last 4 years.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim O'Brien".

Tim O'Brien, Director of Fire and Rescue for MBSCC

Tel: 310-802-5203



September 13, 2007

Manhattan Beach City Council
Manhattan Beach, California

Re: Retired Fire Department Ambulance

Dear Honorable Mayor Jim Aldinger and Manhattan Beach City Council:

This letter is to request on behalf of the Manhattan Beach Sister City Committee the donation of a retired Fire Department ambulance to our Sister City Santa Rosalia, Baja California.

The one ambulance the Santa Rosalia Fire Department has is worn out beyond repair. Our donated ambulance would be used by the Santa Rosalia Fire Department to fulfill the Fire Department's mission of transporting sick and injured people in the community to the hospital, free of charge.

You can imagine the value of this service to the community of Santa Rosalia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Tim O'Brien, Director of Fire and Rescue for MBSCC

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