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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

**DATE:** July 1, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the 2008 Manhattan Beach Recreation and Youth Services Award to Tammy Choy and Johnnie Morgan

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends presenting the Parks and Recreation Commission selection of Tammy Choy and Johnnie Morgan as recipients of the 2008 Recreation and Youth Services Award.

**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 April 28, 2008, the Commission reviewed nominations for the award. After a discussion, the Commission recommended that Tammy Choy and Johnnie Morgan were both very deserving of the Youth Services Award.

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

**Tammy Choy**

Ms. Choy has volunteered for the Manhattan Beach Dolphins Swim Team, Manhattan Beach Middle School Robotics Team and the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Wine Auction. For the past five years, she has assisted the Manhattan Beach Pool Manager Jesus Sandoval with the Dolphins Swim Team. She helps organize the results of the team's meets, creating the most well-run swim meets in the team's league.

**Johnnie Morgan**

While serving as president of the Mira Costa High School Football Boosters Club president, Mr. Morgan proposed the subject of installing synthetic turf on the Mira Costa's football field. An alliance was formed with the Manhattan Beach Athletic Foundation to establish a projected cost and to raise funds for the project.

Mr. Morgan was personally responsible for receiving commitments of over \$100,000 for the project. He organized a committee to visit various existing turf installations to make cost and quality comparisons and worked with soccer and lacrosse interest groups to mediate each issue and obtain a result that was acceptable to each competing interest.

Because of Mr. Morgan's leadership and personal efforts, over \$900,000 was raised, competent contractors were engaged at approximately a \$300,000 savings, construction was begun and completed on time and on budget. He continues making additional improvements to the high school campus, including the synthetic turf field, retaining of the mound behind the gym, placing synthetic turf in the area just outside the varsity locker room, painting of a mural on the locker room and plumbing of the showers in the varsity locker room.

The new athletic field will benefit all of the sports, band and cheer squads and the community at large, as the field will be available 24/7.

**Conclusion:**

Due to the outstanding services that Tammy Choy and Johnnie Morgan have provided for the youth in our community, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended both Tammy Choy and Johnnie Morgan for the Manhattan Beach Youth Services Award.