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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: July 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2010 Manhattan Beach Recreation and Youth Services Award to Robert Scott

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends presenting the Parks and Recreation Commission selection of Robert Scott as recipient of the 2010 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 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 26, 2010, the Commission reviewed nominations for the award. After a discussion, the Commission recommended that Robert Scott is very deserving of the Youth Services Award.

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

Robert Scott

For more than 30 years, Dr. Robert Scott has worked with young people in Manhattan Beach to teach and mentor them through his involvement in Manhattan Beach swim, music and environmental programs. Evidence of his roles in these various activities includes the following:

- Taught chemistry at Lennox High School and Leuzinger High School starting in 1974 and Marymount College Summer Program in Chemistry since 1994

- Tutored Manhattan Beach students in chemistry, physics and higher mathematics since 1984
- 1976-1992 – Summer Swim Program at Begg Junior High School, Manhattan Beach
- 1992-Present – Private swim lessons and yearly (spring) intense “Junior Lifeguards Test” preparation workouts at Manhattan Beach Badminton Club
- Counselor/Judge for Boy Scout Merit Badges in Aquatics
- Helped former students and tutored students with college admission and scholarships
- Beach Cities Symphony Board Member

Throughout his adult life, Dr. Scott has worked tirelessly to teach and mentor young people in Manhattan Beach and the South Bay. In addition, he contributes his expertise and energies to improving the life in his city and its environs through his contributions to programs that benefit people of all ages, particularly young people. Manhattan Beach is most fortunate to have Dr. Robert Scott as one of its residents.

Conclusion:

Due to the outstanding services that Robert Scott has provided for the youth in our community, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended Robert Scott for the 2010 Manhattan Beach Youth Services Award.