

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CHURCH FOR WHOSOEVER ANNUAL OUTREACH ON MAY 30, 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2011.

Summary Statement:

On 8-14-01, the Town Council adopted a policy stating fees can be administratively waived for a local public agency, a utility company or service district, or a similar entity providing an essential service to the general community, whereas, non-profit requests for fee waivers must go before the Town Council for consideration.

The Church for Whosoever is hosting its Annual Outreaches on Memorial Day at Cramer Family Park and Labor Day at the James Woody Community Center. These outreaches allow the church to reach out to families in low-income, high crime areas of the community by providing groceries, clothing, toy and school supply give-aways.

The fees come to \$605.54. The organization will still be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Recommended Action:

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the Facility Rental Fee of \$605.54.

Proposed by: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A



March 31, 2011

Dear Ralph Wright,

The Church for Whosoever is hosting its Annual Outreach on Labor Day, May 30, 2011 and Memorial Day, September 5, 2011 at the Community Parks and we need your help.

As a church we have focused much of our attention and resources on meeting the needs of families in low-income and high crime areas of our community. We do this by sharing what we have including groceries, clothing, toys and our time. As we have worked in these neighborhoods we have experienced many successes. The area that used to be known as Felony Flats is now Victory Flats or the Mountain Vista area.

The Church for Whosoever strives to meet the needs of the whole family. Our Park Outreaches each spring and fall provide a fun, family environment with food, bounce houses, face painting, toy and bike giveaways as well as backpacks and school supplies. These and other services are all free to the 2,000 participants who attend.

We offer regular transportation to the church and its activities along with breakfast and lunch for all the families who ride the church bus. These events include Hallelujah Night (a safe and free alternative Halloween carnival) Christmas Toy Giveaway, Angel Tree (Christmas gifts for children with parents in prison) and Sidewalk Sunday School.

This year, as you know, many of us are struggling financially to make ends meet including us as a church. I have again made arrangements to host our Outreach on the same two holidays and have paid the \$49 permit fee for both parks. I am asking if you would waive the \$83.90 on May 31 & also the fee of \$521.64 for September 5, 2011. It gets very costly to host this event and with our donations going down, it is very hard to pay for what is needed such as gas & rental fees. Your help will alleviate our expense obligations.

We appreciate your help in reaching the people in our community.

God bless you,

Pastor Royce Beserra