



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 18, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: William Rogers, Acting Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Department

Subject: Nature Center/Adventure Playground Rate Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 63,777-N.S., establishing the rate schedule for the FY2008 Nature Center/Adventure Playground at the Berkeley Marina adopted on July 10, 2007 (to correct clerical oversight).

FISCAL IMPACTS:

As a subset of the Marina's total operating budget of \$5,386,747, the Nature Center/Adventure Playground operating budget is \$264,033 and generates approximately \$53,000 in revenues from fees. The proposed 5% fee increases will generate an additional \$2,515 in revenue and will help offset Marina funds allocated to these programs.

CURRENT SITUATION

On July 10, 2007, after conducting a duly-noticed public hearing (published in the Berkeley Voice on June 29 and July 6, 2007), and after receiving the recommendation of the Waterfront Commission, Council adopted the new FY2008 fee schedule for the Berkeley Marina (Resolution No. 63,777-N.S.). The proposed 5% fee increase for the Nature Center/Adventure Playground was recommended by the Waterfront Commission at a regular meeting on April 11, 2007, and received proper notice prior to the public hearing, however, due to a technical problem, it was inadvertently omitted from the resolution that Council adopted. The present resolution will correct this problem.

BACKGROUND

The Nature Center at the Berkeley Marina provides many educational programs to the community, such as teacher in-service trainings; low tide programs (explorations on the rocky shoreline, dock and Berkeley pier); as well as numerous fish, bird, marine mammals and bay scientist programs. Additionally, the programs offer research sailing and boating trips for students and teachers, and summer programs dedicated to marine biology, canoeing, safe boating skills, and water skiing.

Adjacent to the Nature Center, Adventure Playground provides a unique outdoor facility where parents and staff encourage children to play and build creatively with hammers, nails and saws. The Adventure Playground is open 7 days a week in the summer.

Waterfront Commission

At it's meeting of April 11, 2007 the Waterfront Commission M/S/C (Smith/McGrath) to approve the FY2008 Marina budget and to recommend a 5% berthing fee increase, selected service fee increases, and a 5% Nature Center fee increase. Yes: Smith, McGrath, Barry, Mackhouse; No: 0; Absent: Beier Abstain: Leary, Kamen (both Commissioners are berthers and cannot vote on this issue).

CONTACT PERSON:

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

Ex. A: Nature Center / Adventure Playground Fee Schedule FY2008 (to be inserted in Resolution No. 63,777-N.S.)

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63,777-N.S.TO CORRECT OMISSION FROM FEE
SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2007, after conducting a duly-noticed public hearing (published in the Berkeley Voice on June 29 and July 6, 2007), and after receiving the recommendation of the Waterfront Commission, Council adopted the new FY2008 Fee Schedule for the Berkeley Marina (Resolution No. 63,777-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase for the Nature Center/Adventure Playground was recommended by the Waterfront Commission at a regular meeting on April 11, 2007, and received proper notice prior to the public hearing, but due to a technical problem, it was inadvertently omitted from the resolution that Council adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Resolution No. 63,777-N.S. is hereby amended to add the FY2008 Fee Schedule for Nature Center/Adventure Playground.

EXHIBIT A

**PROPOSED FY2008 FEE SCHEDULE
NATURE CENTER/ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

MARINA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	STUDENTS PER CLASS/ NUMBER OF CLASSES	PROPOSED FEES FY 2007-08
Animal Programs	20-30 / 24 classes	\$154.00
Low Tide Programs	20-30/ 17 classes	\$154.00
Research Boat Trip	35 / 6 classes	\$634.00
Sail Boat Trip	30/ 4 classes	\$194.00
Docent Training	Each	\$49.00
Individual Programs	10-60 / 8 classes	\$49.00
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (2 hour minimum)		
Groups of 5-10 kids		\$55 for 2hrs
Groups of 11-20 kids		\$78 for 2 hs
Groups of 21-30 kids		\$111 for 2 hrs
Groups of 31-40 kids		\$132 for 2 hrs
Drop-Ins (individual)		\$7 (for 3 hrs
SUMMER MARINE BIOLOGY/BOATING (per person)		
Marine Biology		\$56
Marine Biology		\$110
Boating		\$110
Canoeing		\$39
Waterskiing		\$25- two days