Resolution 2011-130

Resolution to Approve the Transition of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board Youth Are Here Bus to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Youthline Program

Whereas, The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board has operated the Youth Are Here Bus since June, 2007, transporting approximately 200 youth daily to parks and agencies in north Minneapolis that provide positive activities; and

Whereas, The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff has determined that the duties involved in the daily operations of the Youth Are Here Bus align well with resources that exist within the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Youthline staff; and

Whereas, The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board will provide funding through December, 2011, and will continue to pursue funding in their role as an ongoing partner to ensure continuation of the Youth Are Here Bus; and

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be responsible for operating the Youth Are Here Bus, including hiring and supervising staff, obtaining a bus, creating the bus schedule, and supervising youth riders effective July 11, 2011;

RESOLVED, that the Board Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the operation of the Youth Are Here bus effective July 11, 2011

RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted by the Park & Recreation Board
In formal meeting assembled on July 7, 2011

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John Erwin, President

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Karen Robinson, Secretary

Approved:

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R.T. Rybak, Mayor

TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners

FROM: Cordell Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent for Recreation

DATE: July 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution to Approve the Transition of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board Youth Are Here Bus to the Youthline Program

Background

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board staff began discussions to transfer the Youth Are Here Bus to the Park Board Youthline Program in March, 2011. It was determined that the Youthline Program's staff training on outreach, behavior management, program development, safety, and youth development would provide professional development and increased youthwork skills for the Bus staff, and further, the Youthline Program had existing Youthline Mentors and staff supervisors who already were involved with the Bus, and who could smoothly integrate the Bus into the existing staffing structure. Secondly, the majority of the stops were Minneapolis Parks, and the Bus would provide an increased opportunity to provide safe transportation for youth to positive activities while connecting them to positive mentors. It also would be available for special events and activities at parks, and for a fee for other youth-serving agencies.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the transition of the Youth Are Here Bus from the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Youthline Program, with the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board providing the operating budget through December 31, 2011 with existing funds; and with ongoing funding sought by the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board for the school-year with support from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Attachments

Budget
Memorandum of Agreement

Prepared by: Cordell Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent for Recreation
Approved by: Jayne Miller, Superintendent