



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2007

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Assisted Listening System at the Louise Lowry Davis Center

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission hear a presentation on the implementation of an Assisted Listening System (ALS) at the Louise Lowry Davis Center.

DISCUSSION:

The Louise Lowry Davis Center hosts many ongoing activities for senior citizens including a support group for the hard of hearing. The hard of hearing support group has been providing their own ALS, but their equipment is limited in the number of receivers and does not provide newer listening accessory technology. Because of the limited number of receivers and their aging equipment, the hard of hearing support group requested that the City provide a new ALS.

The City purchased a new narrow-band ALS for the Louise Lowry Davis Center and installed it in the Larry Crandell (large) room. The system is composed of a transmitter hardwired to the public address system, ten receivers, and a variety of listening accessories that accommodate mild to severe hearing loss and a variety of hearing aids. Our ALS is expandable by either purchasing additional receivers or by connecting it to other ALS systems.

Staff and volunteers working at the Louise Lowry Davis Center have been trained to operate the ALS. Signs have been posted in both the main lobby and the Larry Crandell room informing the public of the ALS availability.

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Bryan, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director

Agenda Item: _____