Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date:

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Applicant:

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Request:

Discussion only regarding proposed recreational programs being considered to be held in the Pony Express Pavilion.

General Discussion:

Staff is concerned about the underutilization of the Pony Express Pavilion. This is especially the case now that the Farmer's Market is no longer held in the facility. The only programs held regularly in this facility include our Summer Kamp, the Sierra In-line Hockey (SILH) program, the Western Nevada Community College graduation, and the Boys & Girls Club annual "World's Greatest Barbeque" fund raiser. At the same time, staff is always looking for opportunities to expand or diversify our recreational programs. To this end, staff is considering leaving the hockey rink that is used by SILH in place after their season is over and program it for some type of roller skating program. This program would be similar in nature to our very successful ice skating program held annually at the Arlington Square parking lot in downtown Carson City. Staff will be conducting a pro-forma to determine the feasibility of such a program. Conceivably the program could include skate rentals and concessions. Staff feels that this program has the potential to be very popular with both youth and families.

Leaving the rink up will also open up possibilities for other programs such as the expansion of the SILH program, the development of an indoor soccer program (currently we offer very popular indoor futsal leagues for both adults and youth), and the expansion of our contracted women's roller derby program. The roller derby program held a one time "bout" in the Pony Express Pavilion this fall that drew over 500 people.

Staff's intention is to ensure that the cost of all proposed programs held in the Pavilion will be completely covered by their associated revenues and fees.

Staff will bring this item back to the Commission at a future date.

Recommended Action:

This a discussion only item; therefore no action can be

taken at this time.