



Legislation Text

File #: 20-0948, Version: 1

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 20, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER

DOCKET TITLE:

Public Hearing and Final Consideration of a Three (3) Year License Agreement with Fight for Children for the Alexandria Boxing Club Use of the Charles Houston Recreation Center Located at 901 Wythe Street.

ISSUE: Consideration of a three (3) year license agreement renewal with Fight for Children for the Alexandria Boxing Club at Charles Houston Recreation Center located at 901 Wythe Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Receive this report recommending a three (3) year License Agreement between Fight for Children and the City of Alexandria for the Alexandria Boxing Club's use of the boxing facility at the Charles Houston Recreation Center; and
2. After the public hearing is concluded, authorize the City Manager to execute the license agreement upon reopening of the Charles Houston Recreation Center (Attachment).

BACKGROUND: In 2018 the City entered into a two-year license agreement with Fight for Children, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. for the Alexandria Boxing Club's use of the boxing facility at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. The license agreement provided the Alexandria Boxing Club use of the 1,800 square foot boxing facility for an afternoon elementary after school program and for a boxing training program evenings and Saturdays. City of Alexandria youth ages 5 to 17 participate in the programs for free.

DISCUSSION: The terms of the draft license agreement are similar to the previous agreement and include a term of three years unless terminated by either party. The terms provide the Alexandria Boxing Club exclusive use of the facility Monday to Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The City's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has use of the facility during the remaining operating hours for the recreation center. This license agreement supports the ongoing commitment of the Alexandria Boxing Club to provide positive youth

development and fitness through the sport of boxing. The club's programs are available to Alexandria youth at no cost, and nonresident fees support the City's adopted Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Policy for recreation facilities/programs.

Due to temporary closure of the facility related to COVID-19, staff recommends postponing full execution of the agreement until Charles Houston Recreation Center, including the Alexandria Boxing Club, is reopened and available for use.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City will receive \$7,500 (\$2,500 per year) from Fight for Children for the three-year term. The \$7,500 payment is specifically for the boxing training program, with no payment assigned for the youth after school program use. Non-resident youth participants, as well as both resident and non-resident adults pay the daily admission for the recreation center use or can purchase monthly or 12-month passes for use of the center. These fees vary based on the number of participants in the programs, and support cost recovery at Charles Houston.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft license agreement between Fight for Children and the City of Alexandria

STAFF:

Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager

James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

Laura Durham, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities