

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 17, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO# 9 : CHINQUAPIN RECREATION CENTER - SATURDAY YOUTH NIGHTS (MAYOR DONLEY'S REQUEST)

This memorandum is in response to Mayor Donley's request for information on continued funding for the Chinquapin Youth Nights program for middle and high school youth.

City Council wishes to expand the Chinquapin Youth Nights program to two nights per month during the school year for the middle school youth and eliminate the night for the high school youth. A funding source will need to be identified to cover the estimated \$9,000 in additional costs needed to fully fund the program.

At the request of City Council, beginning in January 2001 the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities has held two youth nights each month at the Chinquapin Recreation Center. The second Saturday night has been for high school youth and the fourth Saturday night of the month has been for middle school youth. The Department will continue to hold the youth nights through the end of the current school year (May 2001) and will begin the program again in September 2001.

The attendance and cost for each event is shown in the table below:

Date	January 13	January 27	February 10	February 24	March 10	March 24
Grades	Grades 9-12	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12	Grades 6-8
Attendance	150	240	40	140	8	167
Cost	\$1,851	\$1,475	\$1,297	\$1,249	\$1,167	\$1,152

The Mayor has requested that the Chinquapin Youth Nights program for middle school youth be continued in FY 2002 with an additional evening each month added for this age group. The low attendance figures for the high school youth justify the Mayor's recommendation for discontinuing this event. The middle school youth are continuing to attend the youth nights and should be provided with the opportunity to participate in a safe, fun and positive program.

The Proposed FY 2002 General Fund Budget includes a recommended supplemental in the amount of \$14,000 to support the Chinquapin Youth Nights program for middle school youth only. At an average cost of \$1,292 per event, this funding will cover one night each month for middle school youth. Per the Mayor's request, the required funding for two nights per month for middle school youth would be approximately \$23,000. Additional funding in the amount of \$9,000 would be required to fully fund the Chinquapin Youth Nights program.

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