



Staff Report

Parks and Community Events Commission

Item No. 3C

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

From: John A. Corella, Director of Public Works

Sponsors: Vice Chair Antonio Baciú and Chair Erin Hyland

Title: Partnership with Animal Samaritans to host a Spay and Neuter Sign-Up Booth at Esperanza Park Grand Opening Event.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Parks and Community Events Commission to approve a partnership with Animal Samaritans of Thousand Palms to host a Spay and Neuter sign-up booth at the Esperanza Park grand opening event.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Community Events Commission (PACE) continues to provide opportunities to engage the community and provide awareness of the park resources available here in the city. As part of PACE's charge, PACE is active in initiating, volunteering and supporting community events and related functions.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Community Events Commission (PACE) Chair Hyland and Vice-Chair Baciú are proposing to partner with Tom Snyder from Animal Samaritans to participate in the park opening event at the new Esperanza Park in Cathedral City.

Animal Samaritans, a non-profit located in Thousand Palms, has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to provide animal services for low-income families. The services would cover the cost to spay and neuter dogs or cats.

Commissioner Hyland and Baciú are proposing to set up a booth at the Esperanza Park opening to register and make reservations for 50 animals to be spayed or neutered. The surgeries will take place at the Animal Samaritans clinic facility located in Thousand Palms. There is no cost associated with this Esperanza Park opening day additional event. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

FUNDING SOURCE:

No funding is requested for this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.