

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation for Hip Hop Week in Shoreline
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY: Lynn M. Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Members of the Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department Teen program will be present to accept the proclamation. They will also provide Council with a demonstration of Hip Hop.

The City has offered a Hip-Hop program through the Teen Program for over 10 years. This has included DJ classes, breakdance and hip-hop dance lessons, graffiti art workshops, mc'ing mentoring, hip-hop camp and much more. In addition, the Teen Program hosts five competitions (battles) throughout the year which draw upwards of 350 teens at both The REC and The CENTER late night programs.

The 'gangster rap' of the 1990's unfortunately brought hip-hop to the mainstream in a very negative light. True hip-hop is based on support, creativity and freedom of expression. Early hip-hop has often been credited with helping to reduce inner-city gang violence by replacing physical violence with hip-hop battles. This is the culture which The City's program fosters, with many of the breakdancers who attended the program as teens coming back to work as staff later because they believe so strongly in the positive atmosphere the program cultivates. Positive and healthy activities such as these help support Council Goal No. 10 which includes providing opportunities for youth involvement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This program is part of the annual budget for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By:  City Manager ____ City Attorney ____



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline provides a variety of activities for teens in our community; and
- WHEREAS, the City has offered a Hip Hop Program for over 10 years; and
- WHEREAS, Hip Hop is based on support, creativity and freedom of expression; and
- WHEREAS, Hip Hop encourages social diversity; and
- WHEREAS, the Recreation Department offers classes quarterly for teens and youth; and
- WHEREAS, the Teen Program hosts five completions through out the year with over 350 teens at both the REC and the CENTER; and
- WHEREAS, Hip Hop is a recognized program in the Shoreline Public Schools with teams at Shorewood and Shorecrest; and
- WHEREAS, the Shorecrest Hip Hop team placed 2nd in the state 3A competition;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Ransom, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7, 2007 as

HIP HOP WEEK

in the City of Shoreline and recognize and encourage participation in this worthwhile program.

Robert L. Ransom
Mayor of Shoreline