


CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council Interoffice Communication

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Joe Carchio, City Council Member 
Date: August 27, 2007
Subject: **"H" ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2007, CITY COUNCIL MEETING –
ALLOCATION FOR FRIENDS OF SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER**

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Under Public Comments at the August 20, 2007, City Council Meeting, Connie Boardman represented the Friends of Shipley Nature Center and thanked the City Council for their continued support of the Friends' efforts at the Huntington Central Park Nature Center. The Friends, through their grassroots community effort, have made dramatic improvements to this facility. To assist them, two years ago the city funded \$30,000 for ongoing maintenance. Ms. Boardman indicated that the Friends need additional ongoing funding to maintain the Nature Center.

At the July 16 Study Session at City Council Member Green's request, Council approved by straw vote to allocate an additional \$10,000 as one-time funding for the Nature Center. With the additional work the Friends have done in continuing the renovation of the site over the last two years, I feel that the city should allocate the additional \$10,000 on an ongoing basis. The Friends will use the funds to maintain these improvements. The Nature Center is a great example of a public/private partnership, and I believe the city should continue to support the efforts these volunteers have made in creating and preserving this gem for our community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a continuous allocation of \$10,000 for the Friends of Shipley Nature Center to perform ongoing maintenance at the Huntington Central Park Shipley Nature Center.

I look forward to discussing this item with you at the City Council Meeting.

xc: Penny Culbreth-Graft, DPA, City Administrator
Paul Emery, Deputy City Administrator
Bob Hall, Deputy City Administrator
Joan Flynn, City Clerk
Jim B. Engle, Community Services Director

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