



## Elgin City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

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**ITEM:** Recognition of City Parks & Recreation Department's receipt of the *2019 Lone Star Recreation Programming Achievement Award* by the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS)

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

No Council action is requested or anticipated at this time. This item is to acknowledge receipt of the statewide award as described herein

**BACKGROUND:**

Last November, the Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) designed, staffed and executed for the first time ever a program called "*S'mores in the Park.*" Seventy-one (71) people attend on a chilly 35-degree evening and everyone seemed to enjoy it with plenty of positive feedback. The event also had a lot of traction on Facebook with 363 People interested. This was a free event for the public, PARD staff acquired all of the decorations and supplies and the department only spent \$3.23 per person to put on the event.

Parks Director Michael Gonzalez: "What made this program unique is that we focused on community engagement and interaction in a local park highlighting some existing park features (the old brick fire pits int Elgin Memorial Park that we used to toast S'mores.) Elizabeth Marec had only been with the department about a month when she committed to this and this is only her fourth program that she has hosted as a parks professional."

The program was submitted to the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) and, even though it was compared to many great parks programs throughout the state, our team received the *2019 Lone Star Recreation Programming Achievement Award* for our "*S'mores in the Park*" event.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this item was { } included { } not included in the current-year budget {X} N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Council action is requested or anticipated at this time

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

- { } Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.
- {X} Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.
- { } This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

*Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.*