



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
August 16, 2022

TOPIC: Historic Cypress Fire Station

AGENDA TITLE:

Provide Direction Regarding the Future Use of the Vacant Cypress Fire Station at 625 S Cypress Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Manager to do one of the following:

1. Rehabilitate the vacant Cypress Fire Station at 625 S Cypress Avenue into a new Police Athletic and Activities League (PAAL) Center.
2. Seek proposals from local nonprofit organizations as tenants through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

DISCUSSION

The Cypress Fire Station, located at 625 S Cypress Avenue in the Pacific Park neighborhood, was designed by Frederick M. Eley and built in 1928. It has been vacant for many years and has historic protections for the exterior architecture. In July 2021, the City Council made the determination to retain ownership of the Cypress Fire Station instead of offering the property as surplus.

On December 21, 2021, the City Council allocated \$1,000,000 to rehabilitate and repurpose the Cypress Fire Station. There are also funds pending in the federal Budget. The rehabilitation will include preservation of the historic elements of the property. Prior to expending funds, it is important to determine the use of the facility to properly rehabilitate the facility for a specific use instead of an unspecified use or future tenant.

To that end, staff is seeking concurrence of the City Council to either rehabilitate the facility for a second City of Santa Ana PAAL Center, or, alternatively, seek proposals from local nonprofit organizations as tenants. The option that includes a nonprofit organization as a tenant would extend the timeline to allow for the selected organization to be included in the design process and layout determination to maximize utilization of the space.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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