

Legislation Text

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM RECOGNITION

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Address Quality of Place Issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED or N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Food for Thought was a free summer literacy, activity, and meal program conducted for 24 days during July and August at Archie Anderson Park. The Program was developed collaboratively with Longview Public Library Youth Services, WSU Cooperative Extension 4H Youth Services, and members of the Longview Early Edition Rotary Club to engage children in literacy and nutrition education, as well as movement and fitness activities. The program also partnered with Longview School District Nutrition Services who provided 1,316 lunches for an average of 56 per day, and 805 snacks for an average of 34 per day, for those individuals 18 years old and younger at the site.

With 48 registered children in the program, and an average of 30 children participating actively in the program each day, Food for Thought was brought to life by dedicated volunteers from numerous local organizations.

We would like to formally thank our partners in the program, Longview Public Library, Longview School District, and WSU Cooperative Extension for their support, and Valley View Christian Fellowship and Longview Early Edition Rotary who donated countless hours of their time and energy throughout the program.

And finally, the program would not have taken place without the generous financial support of Longview Early Edition Rotary, Peach Health Nutrition Services, and Millennium Bulk Terminals. Your investment of time, resources, and care in our community touched the lives of nearly 50 children this summer and is part of what makes this community great.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action is required. This report is for your information only.

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