

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Monday, November 6, 2017

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Item 5-13: Cycle of Change

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Please return to Eileen Harrington, Administration

Eileen Harrington

From: Caedmon Cebulski <ccebulski@ausdk12.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 8:16 AM
To: City General Mailbox Account
Subject: Cycles of Change Bicycle Safety Program

Dear City Council,

We are pleased to see the contract with Cycles of Change going for approval at the December 4 meeting and to have reassurance that this important aspect of the City Safe Routes to School Program will be continuing for the next school year. The bicycle program Cycles of Change provides at Ocean View School has been highly valuable to us. I have helped with organizing and bringing this program to Ocean View for seven years now and we have always had an overwhelming response to it from our student participants. Not only have our students thoroughly enjoyed it; they have learned important safety skills when cycling on the streets. Some of our students even learned to ride a bike for the first time from participating in this program and have since enjoyed this skill in their everyday life. Safety and the rules of the road are emphasized with this program in a fun and interactive way, making children more comfortable with bicycling. This on-going program also increases the likelihood of families choosing active transportation for the trip to and from school. We really commend the City on their efforts to advance active transportation and decrease congestion around schools and we look forward to continuing working together with this program. Thank you for providing the children of our community with this great program.

Sincerely,

Caddy Cebulski

5th Grade Teacher

Ocean View School

Eileen Harrington

From: Renee Theriault <rtheriault@ausdk12.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 2:07 PM
To: City General Mailbox Account
Subject: bike program

Dear City Council,

I am pleased to see the contract with Cycles of Change going for approval at the December 4 meeting and to have reassurance that this important aspect of the City Safe Routes to School Program will be continuing for the next school year. The bicycle program Cycles of Change provides at Ocean View School has been highly valuable to us at Ocean View. Our children have really enjoyed it and have learned important safety skills when cycling on the street.

Every year, there are a few students who have not yet learned to ride a bike. It is remarkable to me that through this one day program, all students leave Ocean View able to ride a bike. When parents hear the program is coming, they often take their kids out to practice before the program and find bike riding to be an enjoyable family outing. After the program, several students have asked their parents to procure them a bike and we've worked with them to find affordable ways to get one.

Safety and the rules of the road are emphasized with this program in a fun and interactive way, making children more comfortable with bicycling. This ongoing program increases the likelihood of families choosing active transportation for the trip to and from school. We really commend the City on their efforts to advance active transportation and decrease congestion around schools and we look forward to continuing working together with this program. Thank you for providing the children of our community with this great program.

Thanks for your consideration,

Renee

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Renee Theriault
PE Teacher
Ocean View Elementary
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