

## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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**DATE:** March 14, 2018

**TITLE:** UCR Master Gardener's Speaker Series

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approve reducing the 2017-2018 budget amount of \$350 to \$300 due to the cancelled February program (\$50 per session for 6 sessions).**

### **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The UCR Master Gardener's Speaker Series started before the summer of 2017 with only two sessions (May 29, 2017 and October 12, 2017). The sessions are scheduled to take place from 1:00 - 2:00 pm at the DHS Senior Center.

On November 9, 2017 representatives from the UCR Master Gardeners did not arrive as scheduled. The program for that date was cancelled. The UCR Master Gardeners wanted to schedule December 14, 2017 but another program was scheduled with another tenant.

At the December 13, 2017 meeting, the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission confirmed the following schedule with the UCR Master Gardeners:

January 11, 2018

February 8, 2018

March 8, 2018 - Caring for our Citrus by Susan Krings

April 12, 2018 - Plumeria and Succulents by Mernell Wong

May 10, 2018 - Composting for Home Gardens by Bob and Susanne Adamson

June 14, 2018 - Gardening for Your Health and Wellness by Mernell Wong

Programs for January and February were cancelled by the UCR Master Gardeners. Staff have spoken with the Mernell Wong of the organization and they would like to continue the program, confirming the dates for March through June of 2018.

Should they need to cancel any further dates, they have been asked to notify City Staff and the Director of the Senior Center, Melanie Lyons one week in advance of the program date.

Staff is recommending that the budget amount for this program be reduced due to the February program being cancelled.