

ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER & COMMUNITY ROOM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Isla Vista Community Services District

Over the past few months we have encountered significant repair needs with the Community Center and Community Room which have significantly delayed the operations of both spaces and the ability to provide programming to the community. We are cautiously hopeful that the repairs and the agreement between the IVCS and the County will be finalized soon and both spaces will become operable in January. In the meantime, IVCC staff continue to move forward on developing our internal operational capacity, building relationships and collaborations, and developing pilot programming, all of which are addressed in the draft 6 Month Operations Plan attached.

As we have moved forward with our work, there have been a number of questions that have come up regarding the larger scope of our work and the need to clarify the roles, responsibilities, and relationships between different entities (agencies, boards and staff) around major areas of work.

There are areas that are outside the scope of the work identified in the agreement between the IVCS and IVYP which are necessary to clarify in order for us to be successful with this work moving forward and have clear accountability and communication. These areas include:

- Strategic Planning
- Fund development
- Programming
- Facilities Management
- Operations
- Budget and Finance
- Governance
- Role of Advisory Board and relationship to staff

Spencer Brandt (IVCS Board Chair), Jonathan Abboud (IVCS GM), Lori Goodman (IVYP ED), and Diana Collins Puente (IVCC Director) have been meeting to discuss and address these areas to clarify our thinking, and have created initial consensus around the following:

- The use of the IV Community Center will be experimental for its first year. This means that the staff will be pulling in programming, with only limited slots left for open for general programming, as we develop internal capacity, and see how the space is being used.

- The strategic plan and fund development plans will not be developed until 2021 and these efforts will be undertaken by the IVCS D with input from IVCC staff and the IVCC Advisory Board.

Many key issues need to be resolved and might require us considering structuring things differently in the relationship between the IVCS D and IVYP. In the next few months we will propose some ways to move forward. At the end of this process, we expect to have a written MOU between the IVCS D and IVYP that will be shared with stakeholders and endorsed by the IVCC Advisory Board and IVCS D Board.

Welcome your feedback on any of these questions or input on a way forward.