



Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 5/21/2019

REPORT TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Discussion of Potential Names and Recommendation to Council to Name the New Public Park located at 575 Benton Street (Prometheus Residential Project)

BACKGROUND

A new public site, located at the 575 Benton Street Prometheus residential Project, is a 0.1428-acre (6,219sf) mini park approved as part of a Development Agreement that will be dedicated to the City upon completion of the specified park improvements. The park will feature a grass area, trees, mounds, pathway, game tables, butterfly garden, seat walls, and an age-friendly exercise area. It will be constructed to the City's design criteria and specifications.

DISCUSSION

This item was first brought to the Commission for action on March 19, 2019 and the Commission took action to continue discussion on the item at the April 16, 2019 meeting. The Commission subsequently took action at the April 16, 2019 meeting to continue the item for action at the May 21, 2019 meeting.

Park names are generally geographic and associated with the street name from which there is park frontage and primary access. Under Council Policy No. 035 (Attachment 1), the Parks & Recreation Commission makes recommendations to Council to name park facilities. The most recent discussion by the Commission pertaining to park names and recommendations of persons who may be appropriate to honor was in 2018 (Attachment 2). While staff does not have a recommendation regarding names or features, it advises that if the Commission were to favor the name of a community member, living or deceased, that it first develop a biographical sketch for the individual being considered for nomination prior to Commission discussion and recommendation to Council. The information should provide an account of the life and activities of the individual to be considered including the person's name, place of residence, education, occupation, community service and activities, affiliations and other important details that support the recognition and name placement on a park facility. Any concerns should also be explored. The alternative would be to discuss particular park features, applicable historic points of interest, or other appropriate site names, including use of an adjacent street name.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for the current action. A park sign to the City standard will be provided by the developer as part of the project.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Parks & Recreation agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, e-mail clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend a name for Council consideration for the new mini park located at the 575 Benton Street Project Site.

Reviewed by: Dale Seale, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation

Approved by: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Policy No. 035
2. Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes February 20, 2018