



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: April 27, 2017

REPORT NO: 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of May 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Re-naming of Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park to "Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park on Del Mar Mesa"

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the re-naming of Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park to "Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park on Del Mar Mesa"?

Staff Recommendation – Staff recommends acceptance of the Recreation Council and Area Committee's actions as noted below.

Other Recommendations –

- On November 15, 2016, the Ocean Air Recreation Council voted unanimously (4-0-0), recommending approval to name Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park to "Elizabeth Rabbitt Park". Minutes are attached.
- On March 1, 2017, the Community Parks I Area Committee voted unanimously (6-0-0), recommending approval to name Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park to "Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park". Minutes are attached.

Fiscal Impact – None.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed action would not have an impact on any water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental – No Impact.

BACKGROUND

Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park (currently under construction) is located south of State Route 56 on Carmel Mountain Road at the corner of Del Vino Court and Little Mcgonigal Ranch Road. It is on top of the Del Mar Mesa and is adjacent to the Duck Pond Development and the Del Mar Mesa Reserve. This 3.76 acre passive use park will be maintained by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department's Community Parks I Division once it is complete. Park amenities include: a children's play area, picnic areas, open turf, a half-court basketball facility, a comfort station/restroom, a parking lot and accommodations for equestrians using the Del Mar Mesa trail system. The expected completion date of the park is Summer 2017.

If approved, a sign would be placed at the park site with the new name. Cost for signage and installation will be paid for by the residents.

The request to re-name the park was initiated by Dan O'Rourke, who is a neighbor and friend of Ms. Rabbitt and a Del Mar Mesa Resident. The naming is to recognize the numerous contributions made by Ms. Elizabeth Rabbitt to the Del Mar Mesa Community.

DISCUSSION

Elizabeth Rabbitt is the former CEO of Sharp Medical Group and is known as one of the early pioneers of the Del Mar Mesa Community. When she first moved to Del Mar Mesa, there were just six homes with dirt roads. Now that number exceeds 160 residents and all roads are paved. When development started in 2001, Elizabeth accepted her new neighbors with open arms; her farm, "Hooterville", became the central point of the Del Mar Mesa Community. Elizabeth epitomizes the meaning of living "on the Mesa". Her love of family, animals and preservation of this beautiful area many now call home is central to her way of life. Elizabeth is often seen by residents riding her horses and feeding her goats and chickens.

This name change request has significant support from the neighbors and friends in Del Mar Mesa.

The re-naming of Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001, "Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities" (copy attached).

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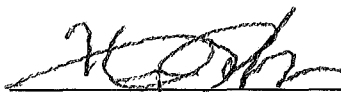
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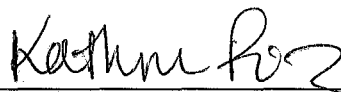
ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the re-naming of the park in honor of Ms. Elizabeth Rabbitt.

Respectfully submitted,



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Park and Recreation Director



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- Attachment:
1. Minutes for Ocean Air Recreation Council held November 15, 2016
 2. Minutes for Community Parks I Area Committee Meeting held on March 1, 2017
 3. Park and Recreation Board Policy #101 – Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities

cc: Council District 1 Office