



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: May 18, 2017

REPORT NO: 102

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

SUBJECT: Renaming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to Waldo D. Waterman Park in memory of the infamous San Diego Aviator (deceased)

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the renaming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to Waldo D. Waterman Park?

Director's Recommendation – Staff recommends acceptance of the Uptown Planners and Area Committee's actions as noted below.

Other Recommendations

- On November 1, 2016, the Uptown Planners voted unanimously to recommend approval of the naming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to Waldo D. Waterman Park.
- On April 26, 2017, the Community Parks II Area Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the naming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to Waldo D. Waterman Park.

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

Born in San Diego 1894 Waldo D. Waterman had always been interested in flight. While in high school he built a glider and successfully flew across Maple Canyon. In college, Waldo pursued a degree in Mechanical Engineering and spent his entire life committed to the science of flight; building experimental aircraft, teaching, inventing, and being instrumental in advances in modern aircraft.

On July 1, 1909, at the age of 15, Waldo D. Waterman flew his glider plane from the (currently named) West Maple Canyon Mini-Park site over Maple Canyon, just six years after the Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk.

In 1959, a commemorative plaque was installed at the top of Maple Canyon where Waldo's first flight began. The plaque remains a focal point of the newly developed park scheduled to open in 2017.

DISCUSSION

The naming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to "Waldo D. Waterman Park" is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001, "Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities" (copy attached).

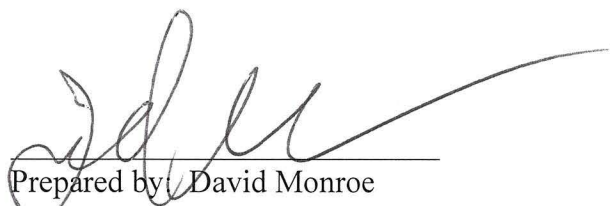
ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the naming of West Maple Canyon Mini Park to Waldo D. Waterman Park.

Respectfully submitted,



Herman Parker
Park and Recreation Director



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- Attachment:
1. Location Map – West Maple Canyon Mini Park
 2. Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 – Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities

cc: Councilmember Chris Ward, Council District 3