



# Agenda Report

July 12, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION TO NAME THE LANDSCAPED MEDIAN ON LAKEWOOD PLACE AS "SIDNEY F. TYLER PARK"

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the activity described herein is exempt from environmental review per Section 15061 (b) (3) the General Rule. The naming of an existing landscaped median will not result in any significant effects to the environment; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving the naming of the landscaped median on Lakewood Place as "Sidney F. Tyler Park".

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

On June 1, 2010, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted seven to zero with one abstention to endorse the proposal that the City Council name the landscaped median on Lakewood Place "Sidney F. Tyler Park."

## **BACKGROUND**

At the May 4, 2004, meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission, the Commission endorsed the Public Park and Recreational Facility Naming Policy. This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the process of naming City parks, park/recreational facilities and areas of parkland. Item II (d) of the Public Park and Recreation Facility Naming Policy provides for use of an individual's name, if such person "...has made a significant contribution to the community, country, state, or the field of parks and recreation".

The attached letter, dated March 15, 2010, requests that a landscaped median on Lakewood Place, located in District 7, be named after former City Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler. Former Councilmember Tyler is an advocate for the protection of trees, open space and parks and made significant contributions in these areas. One of Mr.

allowed the area to be more widely used and enjoyed by the community. In addition to his work on the City Council, Mr. Tyler, currently serves as a Director on the Eastern Sierra Land Trust.

As required by the policy, the following actions were taken: staff mailed 639 notification postcards regarding the proposed naming of the median to property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject site. Two of the emails were in favor of the name change and one opposed the name change. No residents attended the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting regarding the name change.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION**

This request is consistent with the Mission Statement of the City of Pasadena to provide exemplary service responsive to the entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The project is exempt from CEQA per Section 15061 (b)(3) (the General Rule) as the activity proposed herein would rename an existing landscape median. There are no changes to the existing use or physical changes to the existing median proposed as a part of this activity. Therefore, there is no possibility that the renaming of an existing median will cause significant environmental effects.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost to process the application and conduct the public outreach has been incurred by the City. If approved, per the Park Naming Policy, the petitioner would be responsible for any desired signage or monuments. The naming will not make the area eligible for any new funding source or affect funding priorities.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARTIN PASTUCHA  
Director  
Department of Public Works

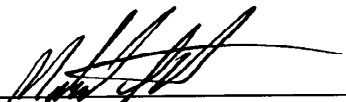
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Approved by:



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MICHAEL J. BECK  
City Manager

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tornek  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thyret

March 15, 2010

Mr. Michael Beck  
City Manager  
Pasadena City Hall  
100 North Garfield Avenue, Rm. 233  
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Dear Michael,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that the Lakewood Place pocket park, located in District 7, be named for our former City Councilman Sidney F. Tyler. During his 12 years in office, Councilman Tyler devoted much of his energy to the protection of trees, open space, and parks in Pasadena. The dedication of this park, in his name, is well deserved.

While in office, Councilman Tyler was a staunch advocate for tree protection on both private and public property, and initiated and brought to fruition the City's first tree protection ordinance. He later asked for consideration of more stringent regulations in the ordinance, which staff is currently implementing.


Councilman Tyler was a strong proponent for an update to the City's Open Space and Conservation Element, and was instrumental in appointing a committee to work with staff on this important document. He also currently serves as a Director on the Eastern Sierra Land Trust, working to protect over 6000 acres through conservation agreements.

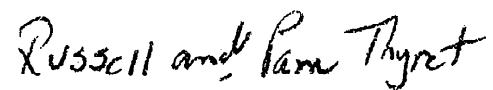
In addition, Councilman Tyler worked diligently to ensure that parks, both in District 7 and throughout the City, were given adequate funding and attention. He oversaw several renovations to District 7 Parks, taking a personal interest in the planning details.

And last, but not least, Councilman Tyler identified the Lakewood Place median as a potential pocket park several years ago, and worked with staff to transform it in to the beautiful park space that the community enjoys today. Naming this space for Councilman Tyler would be an appropriate gesture in recognizing his numerous contributions to the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Terry and Maria Tornek

  
Russell and Pam Thyret

✓ cc: Martir ~~Pastucha~~, Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
NAMING THE LANDSCAPED MEDIAN ON LAKEWOOD PLACE AS "SIDNEY F.  
TYLER PARK"

WHEREAS, former Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler provided service to the community as a member of the Pasadena City Council for 12 years, spending much of his time advocating the protection of trees, open space and parks in Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Tyler fought for the protection of public and private trees and was a driving force in the development of Pasadena's first tree protection ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Tyler was an advocate for updating the City's Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan and played a vital role in developing a committee to work with staff to create this document; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Tyler was tireless in his efforts to promote funding and resources for parks within District 7 and throughout the City and identified the Lakewood Place median as a site for an improvement project that would create a beautifully landscaped space to be used by the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena as follows:

The landscaped median, as depicted on the map attached hereto as Appendix A, shall be named the "Sidney F. Tyler Park"

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

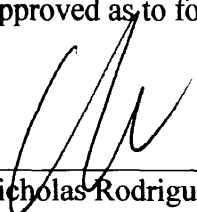
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 7/6/10  
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Nicholas Rodriguez, Assistant City Attorney

