

Agenda Report

December 8, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO INSTALL MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN HONOR OF JOYCE KELLY AT ALLENDALE 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 proposed memorial will not result in any potentially significant effects to the environment; and
2. Approve the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association request to install a memorial plaque on a park bench in honor of Joyce Kelly at Allendale Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:

At the November 4, 2014 meeting, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously voted to support the proposed project to honor Joyce Kelly.

BACKGROUND:

The Madison Heights Neighborhood Association (MHNA) contacted the City of Pasadena and requested permission to install a memorial plaque on an existing park bench at Allendale Park in honor of Joyce Kelly.

Ms. Kelly devoted her life to actively supporting Allendale Library and Blair High School, while also leading the coordination efforts of the neighborhood's annual 4th of July Children's Parade and Picnic, and Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program. The plaque will memorialize Ms. Kelly's longstanding passion to community service and her dedication in providing Pasadena residents with wonderful neighborhood programs and events.

To celebrate Ms. Kelly's contributions to the Pasadena community, MHNA proposes one small plaque at Allendale Park. The donating organization wishes to install one 6-inch by 9-inch plaque into one standard park bench located on the northwest corner of the park, which faces Allendale Library. Since Allendale Park is the epicenter for these much celebrated community events, this park is ideal for this honor. Furthermore, per the attached letter, MHNA has agreed to be financially responsible for the purchase of the memorial plaque, and any necessary future maintenance of this item.

The City of Pasadena Public Park and Recreational Facility Park Monument Policy states that the intent of monuments and memorials should be to memorialize a person, place or event that is significant to Pasadena. The policy also stipulates that monuments be sited in spaces that bear a relevance to the subject of the piece. The Department of Public Works finds that this request is consistent with the Park Monument Policy and recommends that the City Council approve the MHNA request to install a memorial plaque on a park bench in honor of Joyce Kelly at Allendale Park.

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.

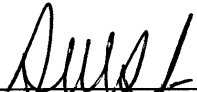
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The project is exempt from CEQA per Section 15061 (b)(3) (the General Rule) as the activity proposed herein would install a plaque on a bench in an area that has existing site furnishings. There are no changes to the existing use of this area and the physical change is minimal. Therefore, there is no possibility that the proposed monument will cause significant environmental effects.

FISCAL IMPACT:


There is no General Fund impact from this action. The MHNA has committed to fund costs associated with the purchase, installation, and perpetual maintenance of the plaque.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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Attachment A – Letter from Madison Heights Neighborhood Association dated
October 21, 2014



M A D I S O N H E I G H T S

Siobhan Foster

October 21, 2014

Public Works Director

City of Pasadena

Dear Siobhan Foster,

Re: Joyce Kelley

Madison Heights Neighborhood Association (MHNA) is requesting that the City of Pasadena place a plaque on a bench at the Allendale Library. The bench has been installed per our request last December 2013.

We wish to honor Joyce Kelley who as our neighbor inspired and taught us the meaning of being residents of a special City where respect for others and shared experiences build character.

The location of the bench is particularly appropriate as during her life, Joyce provided outstanding support/ and on-on-going contribution of the Allendale Public Park Library, Blair High School and the MHNA annual 4th of July Children's Parade and Picnic that all together at the Allendale Park.

Her major accomplishments for our community and City include:

1. Enthusiastic support of the Allendale Library over many years, representing the MHNA Board and neighborhood. She worked in conjunction with the Allendale Library to promote the Tree Lighting program. MHNA would sponsor the event and have participation from Blair High school's choir to set the holiday spirit and culinary group providing homemade cookies and refreshments.
2. She and a few other neighborhood members started our first MHNA picnic that honored America after the September 11, 2001 event. Subsequently, it has grown into our traditional July 4th Children's Parade and Picnic, which continues to get stronger each year. She initially was the force behind the event, working directly with Blair High School (The ROTC Color Guard) to lead the parade each year. Working directly with the City of Pasadena Permit Center for all the required permits, the Pasadena Police Department and the Fire Department as participants in the parade and police on duty at various crossing guards. She arranged the music over the years, the Pasadena Armory for the Arts (the craft

table for the children), and Mr. Valentine Petting Zoo, a high light each year for the children and of course arranging the rentals of tables, etc. The many multi functions she handled for us. Now we have a committee to handle the many aspects for the event each year.

3. She was extremely active in the year to year activities to ensure the overall success of tree lighting and the children's parade and picnic. She was recognized in the parade as our Grand Marshall a few years ago. The ongoing success of these events would not have been possible without her hard work, constant follow through, and her prescient efforts and constant leadership.

A little bit about Joyce Kelley taken from her memoriam: MHNA is proud to dedicate a bench near the Allendale Park Christmas Tree in memory of former MHNA Board member and longtime Allendale Branch Library patron and supporter. Joyce had a distinguished and influential career as a nurse anesthesia educator, was founding director of the Kaiser Permanente School Anesthesia in Pasadena, and was a passionate advocate for the profession of nurse anesthesia.

At the 2012 American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Fall Assembly Leadership Academy in Colorado Springs, the AANA recognized Joyce as a "Living Legend". Upon receiving the award, she said, "Being recognized as a legend in the profession of nurse anesthesia is really quite an honor. I have worked with many nurse anesthetists over the years, which has confirmed my belief that as long as we keep the standards high and continue to provide quality anesthesia care, the spirit of this award will live forever".

And as a follow up, MHNA would like to continue with her spirit with a plaque in her honor.

Additional information that all costs associated for this request will be covered by the MHNA. The MHNA is aware of and accepts full responsibility for the costs associated with the bench and plaque.

Sincerely,



Chuck Livingstone

President

In recognition of supporting
Allendale Library

Joyce Kelly

Donated by
Madison Heights
Neighborhood Association