

Agenda Report

September 12, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Parks Recreation and Community Service Department
SUBJECT: **NAMING OF THE NEW POCKET PARK LOCATED AT 140 SOUTH ALTADENA DRIVE**

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action of naming a City park not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, is not subject to environmental review; and
2. Name the new pocket park located at 140 South Altadena Drive as Lamanda Park Library Pocket Park.

BACKGROUND:

On August 9, 2022, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) presented a report to the Recreation and Parks Commission requesting a name for the new park located at 140 South Altadena Drive. The report also detailed the public outreach process and public input received for naming of the park. Following discussion, the Commission recommended that the new park be named Lamanda Park Library Pocket Park.

When complete, the pocket park being built on the grounds of the Lamanda Park Branch Library at 140 S. Altadena Dr., will contain playground equipment with a rubberized play surface and shade structure, picnic area, drinking fountains and perimeter fencing improvements along the south property line. The construction is estimated to be completed in mid-October.

Consistent with the City's *Public Park and Recreational Facility Naming Policy* (see Attachment A), PRCS initiated a public outreach effort to solicit public input for the park's official name. All 761 property owners within a 1,000 foot radius of the new park site received a postcard with a link to a park name survey. The postcard also provided a telephone number if the property owner did not wish to respond electronically. Public input for a preferred name was limited to one submission per IP address.

On July 11, 2022, an online survey was posted on the City's website asking residents to propose names for the new park based on the Policy's naming criteria outlined below:

- Geographical location of the park or facility;
- Natural or geological features proximate to the park or facility;
- Cultural or historical significance to the City or surrounding neighborhood; or,
- Name of an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community, country, state or the field of parks and recreation.

At the close of the two-week period, ten submissions were received. The submitted names were vetted for adherence to the City's naming policy.

The suggested names are as follows:

Suggested Name	# of Votes
Lamanda Park Library Pocket Park	4
Lamanda Park Library Citrus Park	1
Lamanda Comunidad Park	1
Octavia Butler Pocket Park	1
Glen Dawson Park	1
Our Park My Park	1
<i>Parque Vagabundo*</i>	1
Total	10

** Suggestion not consistent with naming policy criteria*

Upon approval of a name by the City Council, City staff will have the construction contractor fabricate and install the park's monument signs.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The naming process presented is consistent with the City's Public Park and Recreational Facility Naming Policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

CEQA excludes from environmental analysis those actions that are not "projects" as defined by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. That section excludes from the definition of "project" the creation of government funding mechanisms and fiscal activities which do not yet commit the lead agency to any specific project, and also excludes organizational or administrative governmental activities that do not result in physical changes to the environment. The action proposed for the naming of a park facility is part of the City's normal administrative process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

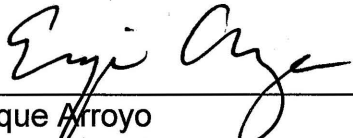
There is no fiscal impact for this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A – Public Park and Recreational Facility Naming Policy
Attachment B – Park Site Plan