



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR ACTION

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2023

SUBMITTED TO: COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION

SUBMITTED BY: ASHLEY WYSOCKI,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES

SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE PARKLAND LOCATED AT 17281
EUCALYPTUS LANE

Statement of Issue:

There is a need to formally name the parkland located at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane.

Funding Source:

Not applicable

Recommended Action(s):

Approve and make a recommendation to City Council to formally name the parkland located at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane, "Vella Park", in honor of fallen Officer Nicholas Vella.

Alternative Action:

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The Park Naming and Memorials Committee (PNMC) was activated at the September 13, 2023, Community & Library Services Commission Meeting. Vice Chair Lolly McHardy and Commissioners Lisa-Lane Barnes, Laura Costelloe being appointed to serve on the PNMC.

The parkland at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane is a 1.7-acre neighborhood park, built in 2018 by Shea Homes with the development of the Parkside Estates Community. In 2019, the park was dedicated to the City, consisting of a playground, walking paths, passive areas, picnic shelter with tables, bench seating, public art and a restroom building. The park landscaping and restrooms is maintained by the HOA, while the hardscape, playground, picnic shelter and other equipment is maintained by the City. This park has not been formally named but is listed as "Parkside Estates Park" on the City's website.

In December 2023, the public was notified of the naming opportunity through a posting in the “HB Wave” newspaper and 2,031 letters delivered to all home within a 1500-foot radius of the park.

Per Resolution 2017-25, the naming of parks and park amenities is vetted through the Community & Library Services Commission. On January 9, 2024, the PNMC held a public meeting to deliberate the topic. Three public comments were received, providing naming suggestions for Mr. Frank Ciarelli, honoring the history of the Tongva Native American Tribe who once inhabited the area, and fallen Officer Nicholas Vella. The PNMC voted to unanimously recommend the park be named after Officer Vella.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Attachment(s):

1. Community Services Commission – September 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes
2. Park Naming & Memorials Committee – January 9, 2024, Meeting Summary