

Park Naming & Memorials Committee
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00 PM
MEETING SUMMARY



Civic Center-City Hall
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Room B-8, Lower Level

Community & Library Services Liaisons

ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Director
CHRIS COLE, Manager Facilities & Development
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Sr. Administrative Asst.

Committee Members

LISA-LANE BARNES, Commissioner
LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner
LOLLY MCHARDY, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Barnes, Costelloe, McHardy

ELECTION OF CHAIR – Commissioner Costelloe nominated Commissioner Barnes, with Commissioner McHardy Seconding the motion.

WRITTEN & SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS – Gomez reported that four (4) emails were received prior to the meeting and were included in the Committee's agenda packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Amory Hansen spoke in support of naming the parkland after Frank Ciarelli.

Scott Barger spoke in support of naming the parkland in honor of the Tongva Native American Tribe, who once inhabited the area.

Michelle Schuetz spoke in support of naming the parkland after fallen Officer Nicholas Vella.

COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Park Naming and Memorials Committee – Wysocki reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of the Park Naming and Memorials Committee saying that the purpose was to investigate and provide potential names to Commission for the naming of eligible parks based on guidelines in Resolution 2017-25.

The current need for the Committee's assembly was to review naming opportunities for the parkland located at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane, in the Parkside Estates Community. Wysocki reported that a public notice was provided to residents within a 1,500 ft. radius of the park.

RESOLUTION 2017-25 – Review of Park Naming Criteria

Wysocki provided an overview of the criteria. Names may be considered to honor past Mayors, deceased or prominent people, places, or things that have made a significant contribution to the community.

CURRENT PROJECT – Naming of the Parkland at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane

The Committee reviewed the names presented, along with those provided in their agenda packets, and while all were considered fine names, the Committee selected Officer

Nicholas Vella's name to be brought forth at the next Commission meeting for recommendation to City Council for final approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Costelloe moved to recommend to the Community & Library Services Commission the naming of the parkland located at 17281 Eucalyptus Lane in honor of fallen Officer Nicholas Vella. Commissioner McHardy seconding the motion. All in favor (3-0).

Cole noted for those in the attendance that the item would be going before the full Community & Library Services Commission in the near future, should they wish to attend.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, the Committee adjourned at 6:22 pm.