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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

REQUEST FOR ACTION

MEETING DATE: MARCH 15, 2023

SUBMITTED TO: HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

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SUBJECT: APPROVE THE LANGUAGE OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE
HONORING MICHAEL E. RODGERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER
IN CENTRAL PARK

Statement of Issue:

At the September 20, 2022 City Council meeting, City Council approved the dedication of the central hallway at the Senior Center in Central Park, in recognition of Michael E. Rodgers. There is a need for the Historic Resources Board to review language on a memorial plaque.

Funding Source:

HBCOA – confirm, or City funding.

Recommended Action(s):

Make a recommendation to City Council to approve the language on a memorial plaque, honoring Michael E. Rodgers and his impact on the Huntington Beach senior community.

Alternative Action:

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

At the June 7, 2022 City Council Meeting, City Council approved the renaming of the former Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center site as 17th Street Park (for the parkland) as recommended by the Community and Library Services Commission. During this discussion, Council requested staff return at a later date with additional information on recognition options for Michael E. Rodgers at the Senior Center in Central Park.

On June 22, 2022, the Park Naming & Memorials Committee (PNMC), comprised of Community & Library Commissioners Pat Burns, Laura Costelloe and James Pike, met at the Senior Center in Central Park. Commissioners toured the facility and were provided information regarding certain rooms a spaces to be considered for the memorial. On July 20, 2022, the PNMC provided their recommendation to recognize Michael E. Rodgers on the wall outside of the game room. This wall is visible from the grand entry of the Senior Center, and will naturally have a high volume of traffic as individuals attend programs, classes and events in the Parkview Room.

On August 24, 2022, the Community & Library Services Commission reviewed the placement of the rendering, and approved the recommendation to City Council to approve the dedication of the central hallway at the Senior Center in Central Park, to recognize Michael E. Rodgers.

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Resolution 2017-25(6) requires that if a park, park feature or other community facility is to be named based on a finding of historical significance, in addition to review by the Community Services Commission, the City of Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board will be consulted prior to a recommendation from the Community & Library Services Commission to City Council.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Attachment(s):

1. Rendering of Michael E. Rodgers memorial plaque