



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Naming Memorial Bench after Bob McKissick

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requesting approval of MaryAnn McKissick's application to install a Memorial Plaque on a bench in Rahilly Park along the bike path.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the request from MaryAnn McKissick to install a memorial plaque on a bench in Rahilly Park.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for consideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Chapter 200

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

MaryAnn McKissick approached the Parks and Recreation Department about installing a memorial bench and plaque to honor her late husband, Bob McKissick, in Rahilly Park along a part of the Bike Path he used to frequent. After learning from Public Works that they already planned to install surplus benches along the Bike Path, she then asked to install a plaque by one of these benches with his name. Public Works was agreeable to this proposal. Mrs. McKissick will supply the plaque.

Mr. Bob McKissick was an active donor and volunteer in the community, coached youth sports and frequently walked along the bike path. Specifically, he supported and volunteered with: Merced City Sports, Merced County Arts Council, Playhouse Merced, Courthouse Museum, Chamber of Commerce, Merced Sesquicentennial Celebration, Salvation Army, and American Legion to name a few.

A public hearing was held on October 23, 2017 during the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. Mrs. McKissick told staff ahead of time that she would be unable to attend due to not being able to drive after dark. There were no members of the public who spoke during the public hearing. A committee member expressed concerns that while Mr. McKissick was a worthy resident, it did not appear he met all the criteria. The committee approved the application on a 5 - 1 vote.

Staff is working on a formal memorial bench/plaque policy that will address future naming requests.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

No appropriation of funds is needed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Recreation and Parks Administrative Report