



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 2/24/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to approve a Parks Memorial Request for installation of a bench and tree at Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 17, 2026, the Parks & Recreation Board considered a Parks Memorial Request for installation of a bench and tree at Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park.

The request seeks approval to recognize an individual with exceptional years of service and longstanding contributions to the community. Under the City's Parks Memorial Policy, memorial recognitions are generally limited to individuals who are deceased. However, the requestor sought an exception to this provision based on the individual's extraordinary length of service and community impact in veterinary services.

At the requestor's preference, the individual's name has not been publicly disclosed at this stage to preserve the surprise nature of the recognition. Full identifying information and supporting documentation were provided to staff and the Parks & Recreation Board for review.

The proposed memorial elements include a standard City bench and a 30-gallon tree selected from the approved list. All costs associated with the bench, tree, plaque, and installation will be privately funded. Final placement and installation will be coordinated by Parks & Recreation staff in accordance with City standards.

After discussion, the Parks & Recreation Board approved the request, including the policy exception, and voted to forward the item to City Council for final consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the Parks Memorial Request, including the requested policy exception, and authorize installation of a bench and tree at Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Board.