
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation

MEETING: June 16, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action to receive a donation from James Bennett for the placement of a memorial bench in Old Town Burleson in honor of Brandon Bennett. (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

SUMMARY:

City staff have received an offer of donation from James Bennett for the installation of a memorial bench in Old Town Burleson to honor Brandon Bennett. The donation will fund all costs associated with the project, including the purchase of the bench, plaque inscription, site preparation, and installation, with funding up to \$20,000. City staff have coordinated with the donor to ensure that the selected bench design aligns with Old Town Burleson design standards. Placement and installation details have been reviewed to maintain consistency with the aesthetics and quality expectations of the area. The bench will serve as a lasting tribute to Brandon Bennett while enhancing the public space for the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the donation and authorization to proceed with the placement and installation of the memorial bench in Old Town Burleson, as presented,

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Donated Funds not to exceed \$50,000

Account: N/A

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