



Resolution 2026-08

A Resolution Renaming Pavilion Park to Laura Park at the Pavilion

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SUMMARY AND REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Staff is presenting a resolution for Council review and approval to formally rename Pavilion Park consistent with a prior contractual commitment and agreement associated with the donation of land by the Shepard family that allowed for the recently completed expansion and enhancements of Pavilion Park. The proposed renaming was mutually developed between City staff, Mayor Bell and the Shepard family and was also presented to the Park/Tree Committee who unanimously recommended Council approval of the renaming..

Suggested Motion

I move to approve Resolution 2026-08, formally approving the renaming of Pavilion Park to Laura Park at the Pavilion.

BACKGROUND

The City and the Shepard family mutually developed a land swap/donation in 2022 to expand and enhance Pavilion Park. The appraised land values of the parcel adjacent to Pavilion Park owned by the Shepards and the parcel behind City Hall owned by the City had a difference of approximately \$40,000 in value. The Shepard family agreed to donate that difference in value and requested only that a renaming and a remembrance plaque be installed as a memorial to their daughter, Laura Harward.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of the resolution as it is consistent with prior Council direction and approval associated with the land donation and has been reviewed and recommended by the Park/Tree Committee.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT

The land donation was a pivotal financial and functional component of the recently completed expansion and enhancement of the Park enabling the City to access a State Parks and Recreation

Department grant that provided over \$400,000 in funding for the enhancement project.

On a much smaller, big also impactful scale, the newly installed sign at the Park with the new park name was designed based on input from the Shepard family and was also funded and donated by the Shepard family.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The renaming was embedded in the land swap/donation agreements that were approved in public Council meetings in 2022 and was an agenda item at the June 17, 2025 Park/Tree Committee meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will coordinate with the Shepard Family for the final component of their memorial donation agreement, which is a remembrance plaque located in the new area of the park for their daughter Laura.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Resolution 2026-08