



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Application to the Nevada County Landmarks Commission for consideration of establishing Memorial Park as an Historic Landmark.

**CEQA:** The project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the “common sense” rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

**Recommendation:** That Council direct staff to complete an application to the Nevada County Landmarks Commission for consideration of establishing Memorial Park as an Historic Landmark and authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the erection of a plaque at a centralized location within the park.

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**Prepared by:** Amy Wolfson, City Planner

**Council Meeting Date:** November 28, 2023      **Date Prepared:** November 20, 2023

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** Memorial Park currently exhibits five existing war-memorial plaques honoring those who served our country in the armed forces. However, there is no historical landmark designation or plaque honoring the establishment of the park itself. The Nevada County Historic Landmark Commission assists in identifying historical sites within Nevada County that are worthy of landmark designation after an application request is made.

The Grass Valley Historical Commission has requested that the city consider the submission of an application to the Landmarks Commission to establish Memorial Park as an historic landmark. The Historical Commission has also recommended draft language for a plaque to accompany the designation to be considered by City Council and the Landmarks Commission. The Historical Commission prefers that the plaque be centrally located and suggested the retaining wall along the pool and parking lot, but indicated the final decision is best left to the Public Works Department and City Council.

Once an application is processed by the Landmarks Commission, staff will return to council with a recommendation on location and final wording of the plaque.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** Direction to pursue an application for the designation of Memorial Park this ordinance supports the 2022 Strategic Plan Update, Goal #1: The City of Grass Valley is dedicated to promoting programs and projects that improve livability and enhance the character and charm of Grass Valley.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fee associated with the Landmarks application, and the cost of the plaque is not expected to exceed \$2,000

**Funds Available:** Not in the current budget

**Account #:** TBD

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_ City Manager

**Attachments:** Draft Proof of Plaque