



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Memorial Park Historic Landmark Plaque

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 provide staff direction on final language and location of an Historic Landmarks Plaque

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Council Meeting Date: February 13, 2024 **Date Prepared:** February 7, 2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: At the November 28, 2023 meeting, City Council directed 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.

The Landmarks Commission has recommended approval of the Landmarks application to the Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated to be on the Board agenda within the next two months.

The current language of the Plaque assumes placement of the plaque at the Centennial Courtyard. However, the Historical Commission ultimately determined that the courtyard location was already too heavily concentrated with plaques and determined the location should be made by City Council. Some locations that Council may consider include the following:

- Mounted on the retaining wall between the pool deck and the parking aisle
- Mounted on a granite boulder or drill core:
 - At the entrance at Central Avenue
 - Within the landscape strip between the pool office and Race Street
 - Near the entrance of the playground
 - Near the softball bleachers

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

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Fiscal Impact: The cost of the plaque is not expected to exceed \$2,000

Funds Available: Authorized in November

Account #: General fund

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Draft Proof of Plaque

Aerial of Park for reference:

