



Where Life is Sweet

Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of May 8, 2023

Title/Subject

Parks & Recreation Committee recommendation to name the new park in the Legacy Development, Horizon Park.

Summary and Background

Hermiston's newest park in the Legacy Development, situated off E. Bella Vista Ave and NE 5th Street, is a 1- acre park dedicated to the city by the developer, MonteVista Homes, with agreements to install landscaping, irrigation, and other park amenities.

In February 2023, the Parks & Recreation Committee hosted a community open house to gather suggestions for park names. However, the committee determined that more options were needed to ensure a well-rounded selection of choices. In March 2023, the committee conducted a community-wide online survey and sent surveys to Loma Vista Elementary School children. A total of 108 name suggestions were received from these surveys.

The Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed the results of the surveys and voted on and approved the recommendation that Hermiston's newest park be named "Horizon Park." The committee believed that the name "Horizon Park" accurately reflects the essence of the park's location and highlights the scenic views that visitors can enjoy. This name aligns with the park's purpose of providing a beautiful and relaxing space for the community to gather and engage in outdoor activities.

The park currently offers a walking trail around the perimeter, recently installed irrigation and turf to come later this month. Future development plans for the park include playground equipment, a half-court sport court, and a gazebo, which will provide visitors with more recreational opportunities. These amenities will be installed in the park based on a timeline and budget to be determined by the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Goal 2: Wellness, a safe and healthy Hermiston.

Fiscal Information

None

Alternatives and Recommendation

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The city council may choose to approve or deny the name, sending this back for another recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Recommended Action/Motion

The Parks & Recreation Committee and Staff recommends City Council approve of the name "Horizon Park".

Submitted By:

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