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Mayor and Members of the City Council

## **STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of May 27, 2025

### **Title/Subject**

Parks & Recreation Committee recommendation to name the new park in the Cimmaron Development, Sherman Park.

### **Summary and Background**

Hermiston's newest park, located in the Cimmaron Development off NE 8th Place near E. Oregon Avenue, spans 9.22 acres. Of this, 0.46 acres are dedicated to future development with recreational amenities, while the remaining 8.61 acres consist of wetlands, complemented by a gravel trail system.

To support the renaming process, the Hermiston Parks and Recreation Committee conducted a community-wide survey, along with targeted outreach to students at Loma Vista, Highland Hills, and Sunset Elementary Schools in early 2025. Respondents were asked to select a preferred naming category (e.g., person, geographical feature, plant/animal). The majority supported naming the park after an individual.

At its April 17, 2025 meeting, the Committee reviewed proposed names in accordance with established criteria, which emphasize significant, long-term, and unpaid community contributions. After thorough consideration, the Committee unanimously recommended the name Sherman Park, in recognition of Rick Sherman, based on the nomination submitted by Carlisle Harrison. Notable contributions include:

- Over 50 years leading the Christmas Express program, delivering toys and food to local children.
- Coordinating access and transportation for over 300 children to receive care through Shriners Hospital.
- Serving pro bono as Fire Board Chairman since 1998.

These efforts were found to significantly reflect the values and impact recognized in the naming criteria.

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

Goal 2: Wellness, a safe and healthy Hermiston.

## **Fiscal Information**

None

## **Alternatives and Recommendation**

### **Alternatives**

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 "Sherman Park".

### **Submitted By:**

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