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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Plan Commission
From: Lily Paul, Associate Planner
Date: July 13, 2023
Re: Park Donation Application Review – Grignon Park

A donation application has been submitted by Megan Maynard to donate a [centennial blush magnolia tree](#) in memory of a classmate that passed: Rebecca Verbeten. Ms. Maynard and other classmates chose Grignon Park as the location for this memorial tree.

There will be a plaque installed along with the tree inscribed with the text:

*"In Loving Memory of
Becca (Rebecca) Verbeten
'My Love Will Fly High to You Each Night'
1992-2023"*

Staff has approved the general location with Grignon Mansion Executive Director. The tree has also been approved as hardy in the area's growing zone. Images of the tree are on the next page. The images were taken from TheTreeCenter.com:

<https://www.thetreecenter.com/centennial-blush-magnolia/>

Please see the attached map for location reference.

Friends and family are hoping to participate/attend the tree planting. Staff will coordinate with the Street Department a time that works best for those involved.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends to approve the centennial blush magnolia tree donation in memory of Rebecca Verbeten and grant staff to work with the application to install a tree in a more precise location and organize a planting ceremony.

