AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Renaming the Bays Mountain Park Nature Center to "The Good Steward Nature Center"

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager

Action Form No.:   AF-191-2023   Final Adoption: June 20, 2023
Work Session: June 19, 2023   Staff Work By: Committee
First Reading: N/A   Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

Recommendation:
Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:
If approved, city wishes to rename the Bays Mountain Park Nature Center from "Nature Interpretive Center and Planetarium" to "The Good Steward Nature Center" on ribbon cutting day for the grand reopening of the Nature Center.

During the 50th anniversary, the James and Laura Rogers Foundation provided the Bays Mountain Park Association with $1,000,000 designated for the purpose of making improvements to the Nature Center. The James and Laura Rogers Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports projects in Northeast TN and Southwest VA. The foundation is passionate about educating youth.

This generous gift will allow the city to complete the first phase of the Nature Center renovations as well as the roof and entrance renovations which will be done as phase 1B.

City staff are requesting that the Board of Mayor Alderman formally name the Nature Center using the procedures as outlined in the City of Kingsport, Tennessee Public Building, Infrastructure, & Facility Naming Policy with the Qualifying Name falling under Section III Subsection e, "Names of individuals or organizations that have made a substantial contribution in service or substantial financial contribution for acquisition/development/construction".

City staff is requesting this action be considered outside of the naming schedule as outlined so that the approval of naming rights corresponds with the acceptance of the Nature Center phase 1 bid.

City staff, the Bays Mountain Commission, and Bays Mountain Park Association are extraordinarily grateful for the generous gift that allowed this project to become a reality.

Attachments:
1. Resolution

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