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To: Park Board Committee
From: Daron J Haugh – City Administrator
Subject: Proposal to Change Kiwanis Park to May Park
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A dollar changed hands in 1960, and with it, a piece of local history was born. Herbert and Alvina May sold their property to the Kiwanis Club with one simple condition: it had to become a park. The story didn't end there, though. In 1973, the Kiwanis Club passed the torch, transferring the deed to the City. While the Club itself has since faded into memory, Kiwanis Park stands as a living testament to the May family's gift to their community. It's a story I've heard countless times in my talks with the May family over the past year, each story adding another layer to this park's rich history.

These conversations led me to important discussions about the park's future. The City intends to preserve the park in its current state, addressing questions about its future. In my conversations with Tom May, we explored two proposals to honor the May family:

1. Renaming the space "May Park" to commemorate his father's original vision
2. Installing a dedication plaque to acknowledge the family's donation

These changes would help recognize the May family's contribution while maintaining the park's integrity for future generations.