



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Work Session Agenda

From: William L. M. Nary, City Attorney and
Steve Siddoway, Parks & Recreation
Director

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023

Topic: Accept Donations of Real Property to Expand Hillsdale Park

Recommended Council Action:

It is recommended that the City Council: (1) accept two generous donations of real property from the Martin L. Hill Trust ("Trust") and DWT Investments LLC ("DWT") that will enable the City to expand Hillsdale Park; (2) authorize staff to proceed with a property boundary adjustment to facilitate the donations; and (3) authorize the Mayor to execute all related documents.

Background:

The City owns and operates Hillsdale Park, which is located at 3801 E. Hill Park Street. The land for the park was donated by Marti Hill, a long-time Meridian resident who lives next to the park. Mr. Hill's grandfather homesteaded the property in 1891.

Mr. Hill, via the Trust, now wishes to donate approximately 0.6 acres of additional property ("Hill Property") to the City to facilitate the expansion of Hillsdale Park. Additionally, the property owner to the north of Hillsdale Park, DWT, wishes to donate approximately 0.2 acres of property ("DWT Property") to the City for park purposes. The Hill Property and DWT Property are shown on the attached map.

In order to facilitate the proposed donations, the Trust, DWT, and the City would process a property boundary adjustment to add the donated property to the Hillsdale Park parcel, which is identified as "Parcel B" on the attached map.

The Parks and Recreation Department would likely request funding in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to improve the donated property for park purposes. It is anticipated that these improvements would be funded with development impact fees.

Attachment: Map