



## CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING TYPE:** Regular

**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution 2024-10 Naming the New Walking Trail at Jack to the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail

**BACKGROUND:** On June 28, 2022, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-52 which established a Policy for naming City-owned land, buildings and facilities. Mayor Janet Jernigan requested naming the new Jack Smith Walking Trail after Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews on January 9, 2024. Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews was an educator for 40 years. Mrs. Mathews has been a big advocate for nature (including planting), walking and trails in the Needles community. The criteria for naming will include the following:

1. The person or organization has a longstanding affiliation with the City
2. The name provides a sense of place, reflecting the geographic location, community, neighborhood, or street where the park, facility or amenity is located
3. The name recognizes the historical significance of the area or reflects unique characteristics of the site
4. The names of persons, organizations, corporations, foundations or families will be considered when they have made a significant contribution to the City by:
  - (a) Enhancing the quality of life and well-being of the City
  - (b) Contributing to the historical or cultural preservation of the City
  - (c) Contributing toward the acquisition, development or conveyance of land or building
  - (d) Making exemplary or meritorious contributions to the City
  - (e) If named in memorial, the individual must be deceased at least one (1) year and/or have made a significant contribution to the community in terms of improvement of quality of life.

On January 23, 2024 City Council directed staff to prepare the formal resolution to officially name the walking trail at Jack Smith Park to the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Cost of signage and staff time to install approximately \$300

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDED  
ACTION:** Adopt Resolution 2024-10 Naming the New Walking Trail at Jack to the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail

**SUBMITTED BY:** Janet Jernigan, Mayor

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 2/6/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): Barbara DiLeo Date: 02/07/24