

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: January 17, 2024

Submitted By:

Staff

Agenda Item:

Discussion regarding a Park Commission request for feedback on a memorial tree project in the park

Description:

The Park Commission has had a recent request for a memorial plaque on a bench in the park, prompting the discussion about how requests like this should be handled and what a memorial program for the park might look like. Laurie Mills, Mary Elizabeth Cofer and former Park Commission Member Niccole Maurici formed a subcommittee to come up with ideas for this type of program. After discussion at the Park Commission meeting, it was decided that the commission wanted Council's input before bringing in an arborist (at no charge) to help them give more detail to this project. The following narrative was submitted for Council consideration.

In looking for opportunities for residents to honor loved ones in the park (a request made several months ago, along with other similar requests made in the past year), the Park Commission has unanimously agreed that tree planting would be beneficial in so many ways. The initial thought is to start in the area that runs parallel to the WHAC and along the eastern side of the baseball field before the parking lot. This project could be a combination of a capital improvement as well as a fundraiser for those who want to honor someone with a tree noted by a small metal tag (or something along those lines that doesn't harm the tree or require maintenance). If the Council gives the green light, our subcommittee will work on a proposal with an arborist (pro bono) to determine the kind of trees that would thrive and provide adequate shade as well as how many that area could accommodate and costs.

Action Requested:

The Park Commission is requesting Council give feedback on this project before additional resources are invested to develop it.

Fiscal Impacts:

No significant fiscal impacts anticipated at this time.

Attachments:

None