



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Applications for Naming Publicly Owned Facilities – Pocket Parks

Preferred Agenda: February 13, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution ___ Motion X Roll Call ___ Other ___

Relevant Code/Policy: Resolution No. 32 for 2016 Naming Publicly Owned Properties

Towards Council Goal: N/A

Attachments: Application for Pocket Park at 10th Avenue & Elm Street
Application for Pocket Park at 12th Avenue & Nandina Street
Resolution No. 32 for 2016

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to seek Council approval to name the pocket park located at the corner of 10th Avenue and Elm Street and the pocket park located at the corner of 12th Avenue and Nandina Street.

Background/Context:

The Park and Tree Committee met to discuss names for two pocket parks located within Sweet Home. The Committee is proposing to name the pocket park located at the corner of 10th Avenue and Elm Street ‘Walk About Park’ and the pocket park located at 12th Avenue and Nandina Street ‘Half Way Park.’

The Park and Tree Committee voted to recommend the above names to the City Council at the October 18, 2023 Committee meeting.

A public hearing was initially scheduled for the City Council meeting on January 23, 2023; however, the City’s policy requires a 30-day notice to be published in the newspaper so the public hearing was continued to the February 13, 2024 meeting.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the parks be named, or should the City Council propose alternate names?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Increased community awareness of pocket parks and access to recreational green space in Sweet Home.
- Sweet Home Staff – Increased visibility for future funding.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Staff have found no issues or financial impacts.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes naming of the parks and adding the names to the City park maps.

Options:

1. *Option 1 – Do Nothing.*
2. *Option 2 – Move to approve the park names as recommended.*
3. *Option 3 – Seek more naming options before deciding.*

Recommendation:

Staff recommends *Option 2 – Move to approve the park names as recommended.*