

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Ross Hoover, Parks and Recreation Director

Kyla Cesca, Office Coordinator

DATE: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Resolution No. 5734-23 Renaming Stoneridge Park to Parque Las Casitas/Las Casitas Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. 5734-23 to rename the park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan demonstrated the need for Stoneridge Park to be more relevant to the surrounding community, provide a family gathering space, maintain safety and sightlines, and activate the park to connect nearby neighbors, families, and children. This led to the planning and design process that resulted in Reimagina el Parque Stoneridge/Stoneridge Park Redesign. A park concept plan was developed with over 750 people involved in 20 community engagement opportunities. Public involvement included open houses, pop up events and surveys. Outreach was conducted using a bilingual engagement process, featuring a "Spanish first" format for neighborhood apartment complexes and homes or "casitas" around SW 67th & 68th Avenues. City Council accepted Reimagina el Parque Stoneridge/Stoneridge Park Redesign conceptual site plan and report on January 11, 2021.

The Reimagina el Parque Stoneridge/Stoneridge Park Redesign conceptual site plan and report informed the next steps, which included *Neighborhood Engagement to Rename the Park*. Parks and Recreation staff along with the assistance of Noelia Ruiz from Bridging Language Services, engaged the community in a process to rename the park over a four month period of time. Over 420 people were involved in selecting the preferred name of Parque Las Casitas/Las Casitas Park. The park naming selection process included community members submitting names, with the top nine names voted on during iViva Tualatin!. The nine names were narrowed down to two that were voted on at National Night Out, which was held at Stoneridge Park. Parque Las Casitas/Las Casitas Park was clearly the preferred choice. Las Casitas translated in English means "the little houses". The Stoneridge subdivision and surrounding areas are primarily made up of multifamily dwellings, and referred to by the neighborhood as Las Casitas. The City is currently in the process of construction design and documents to prepare to renovate the park.

On August 8, 2023 the Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARK) evaluated the results of the selection process and preferred name. Neighborhood members attended the TPARK meeting and expressed their desire to rename the park Parque Las Casitas/Las Casitas Park. After discussion,

TPARK considered a motion to recommend Council rename Stoneridge Park to Parque Las Casitas/Las Casitas Park, and the motion passed unanimously. City staff reviewed and have confirmed the renaming selection process complies with Tualatin Municipal Code, Chapter 5-06-030, Naming of City Park properties, Amenities or Facilities.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 5734-23