



MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department

DATE: January 16, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Tim Youngberg, Parks and Open Space Manager

SUBJECT: **Donation to City of a Football Monument and Park Bench in Honor of the 1975 Mountain View High School Team Championship**

RECOMMENDATION

Accept a donation to the City including a monument recognizing the Mountain View High School football team that won the 1975 Central Coast Section Championship and a public park bench adjacent to the monument.

BACKGROUND

Mountain View High School (MVHS) was located in the 600 block of Castro Street and opened in the fall of 1924 and closed in 1981. The building was demolished in 1987. Today, Eagle Park stands on what used to be MVHS's football field. Alumni of the MVHS 1975 graduating class have requested to donate a monument to the City at Eagle Park to recognize the football team that won the Central Coast Section championship that year. The alumni requesting to make the donation state the purpose of the monument is to have the opportunity to celebrate Mountain View's history and cultural diversity; acknowledge the legacy of Mountain View High School on Castro Street; recognize some remarkable young football players who overcame physical and social adversity to achieve a historic feat; and most importantly, inspire future generations of Mountain View youth, "to believe."

ANALYSIS

City Council Policy K-6, "Accepting Gifts to the City," establishes uniform procedures for the receipt of gifts and/or donations to the City. The policy is provided as Attachment 1. The policy provides that donors may offer a gift to a specific City Department or facility operated by a City Department. In accordance with the Council Policy, the Community Services Director consulted with the City Manager and it was

determined that the Parks and Recreation Commission shall review and determine if the gift should be accepted.

The monument and bench donation meet the criteria of Council Policy K-6. This includes that the Community Services Department has met with the alumni members and have determined an appropriate location for the gift so that they are complementary to their surroundings. Eagle Park is home to other interesting elements including the Veterans Memorial at the entrance of Eagle Pool. The proposed location of this donation is considered to be far enough from the existing memorial and the alumni state that it would be in a location that would have overlooked the old football field.

Due to the gift being installed on City property, the City has requested that staff complete the installation of the gift. This will ensure staff can appropriately maintain the gift at the location and that the installation follows current City standards for purposes of safety. The cost of the installing will be absorbed by the City at a cost of \$1,000.

NEXT STEPS

Following the PRC's acceptance of gifts to the City, staff will work with the donor to receive both the monument and bench in preparation of installation at Eagle Park. The timing of the installation will be dependent on when the gift is received and availability of staff to install.

Attachments: 1. City Council Policy Accepting Gifts to the City
2. Picture of proposed monument location
3. Monument sketch
4. Monument inscriptions