



**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

**DATE:** January 9, 2019

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Anne Marie Starr, Senior Civil Engineer  
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**SUBJECT:** Naming of Fayette Park, Project 13-36

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Select at least two names for City Council consideration for a new park on property owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) between El Camino Real and Fayette Drive, west of San Antonio Road.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The Fayette Park project proposes to construct a linear park on approximately 1.3 acres of SFPUC property. The parcel is located just west of San Antonio Road, running from El Camino Real to Fayette Drive. Attachment 1 is a location map for the project.

Although the property currently appears to be unused open space, the SFPUC has two very large underground pipelines running through the site. These pipelines deliver drinking water to the City of Mountain View and other cities. Because the SFPUC's primary goal is to protect their water system, they have restrictions on how their property can be used and what types of improvements can be constructed above their pipelines. The SFPUC is receptive to the idea of the City improving the site. However, the City's use of the site as a park is subject to:

1. SFPUC's approval of the City's park design. The SFPUC will grant approval once it has confirmed that the design meets all the requirements set forth in the SFPUC's Right-of-Way Use Policy and all other SFPUC design guidelines.
2. City and SFPUC execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This MOA grants the City use of certain SFPUC parcels within the City of Mountain View for

public open space upon the SFPUC's approval. Once executed, the MOA allows the City to utilize the Fayette property as a public park.

On February 2, 2016, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into the MOA with the SFPUC. Staff is currently working with SFPUC staff to finalize this document and anticipates the document being executed by both parties in spring 2019.

Staff provided a project update to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on May 11, 2016. The update included a review of the draft Fayette Park conceptual plan and a discussion regarding the overall MOA requirements. One of the MOA requirements is the removal of 29 trees on SFPUC properties or within City right-of-way that pose a hazard to the SFPUC's pipelines.

### Park Design

The City, in conjunction with the SFPUC, has developed a final park design that meets all SFPUC right-of-way use requirements. Exhibit 1 shows the final park layout design. The design includes walkways, a turf area, a decomposed granite area, benches, trash receptacles, landscaped areas, and ornamental perimeter fencing.

The design takes more of a passive approach, maximizing green space, to meet SFPUC right-of-way requirements. Staff anticipates obtaining the SFPUC's final approval of the park plans in spring 2019.



**Exhibit 1. Fayette Park Layout Plan**

Park Naming

City Council Policy K-17, "Naming of City Parks and Other City Facilities," outlines the procedures for naming of City parks and recreational facilities (Attachment 2). The policy states that a park or City facility may be named for a school on which it is located or street it is adjacent to or for a historical figure or local landmark. Other park names will be considered only if one of the above criteria does not provide a name suitable for the park. The PRC must submit at least two names to the City Council for consideration and final name selection.

The new park project is not adjacent to any schools or local landmarks, but there are opportunities to name the park after an adjacent street or a historical figure.

*Streets Adjacent to the Site*

The park is located adjacent to both Fayette Drive and El Camino Real. Using "El Camino Real" in the park name is not recommended because El Camino Real bisects the

entire City and does not help to locate the park. Naming the park “Fayette Park” would meet the Council’s policy for naming parks based on an adjacent street.

Fayette Park is also the project name that has been used to refer to this park since the project inception. The SFPUC is familiar with this name and is not opposed to it.

### *Historical Figure Associated with the Site*

According to Council policy, a park can be named for a historical figure if the historical figure has been deceased for a minimum of five years. One potential historical figure is Victor Calvo, who died in September 2010.

Victor Calvo, a prominent Mountain View and State civic leader, grew up on a portion of the park site owned by his parents, Eugene and Emilia Calvo. His parents emigrated to the United States from Spain in the early 1900s and worked in the local farming industry. Eventually, they purchased a piece of property along El Camino Real, which was later sold to the City and County of San Francisco to construct the Hetch-Hetchy water supply pipelines through Mountain View.

Victor Calvo was born and raised in Mountain View and graduated from Mountain View High School as valedictorian in 1942. He then served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and after the war, graduated from Stanford University with a degree in political science.

Victor Calvo began his political career by serving as a member of the Mountain View Planning Commission in 1957. He later served three terms as Mayor during eight years on the Mountain View City Council and a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors from 1968 to 1974.

Elected to the California State Assembly in 1974, Mr. Calvo drafted legislation on coastal conservation, nuclear safety, farmland preservation, solar energy, and clean water and air. Mr. Calvo also served on the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Coastal Commission after he left the State Assembly.

Because Victor Calvo was a historical figure in the Mountain View community, and he also once lived on a portion of the site where the new park will be located, Victor Calvo Park could be another potential park name that meets the Council’s guidelines for naming a park or City facility.

***Summary of Potential Park Names***

Below is a summary of potential park names:

Potential Park Name	Relevance
Fayette Park	Street name (recommended)
Victor Calvo Park	Historical figure

Staff will forward the PRC’s recommendation of at least two names to the City Council for approval, per Council policy.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**

In addition to the standard agenda posting, residents and property owners within 750’ of the park site received notices. The notice was also posted at the project site. Information regarding the meeting was also shared on the City’s website.

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- Attachments: 1. Location Map  
2. City Council Policy K-17, “Naming of City Parks and Other City Facilities”

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