

January 21, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to rename the Bixby Dog Park the “Dr. Myrna ‘Mickey’ Donahoe Dog Park.” (District 2)

DISCUSSION

On November 17, 2020, Councilmember Jeannine Pearce requested that the Mayor and the members of the City Council refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission a request to recommend that the Bixby Dog Park be renamed as the “Dr. Myrna ‘Mickey’ Donahoe Dog Park.” (Attachment A) The Bixby Dog Park is in a City-owned park located on the northeast corner of Broadway and Cherry Avenue (Attachment B).

The City’s Policy and Process for Naming of City-owned Land, Buildings, and Facilities Administrative Regulation (AR 8–7) provides the policy to guide the consideration of a naming request:

- The name should incorporate Long Beach whenever important for civic recognition or identification;
- A name in honor of a recognized geographic area, a topographic feature or a historically significant event may be appropriate;
- A name in honor of persons or families who have donated the land or a substantial portion of the improvement costs may be appropriate when applicable;
- A name in honor of a person or persons who have served the nation, the State of California, and/or the City of Long Beach in an exceptional or distinguished manner may be appropriate if warranted by service of major significance;
- A name in honor of a living person, or of a deceased person within one year of their death, is not appropriate unless the significance of that person’s contribution is worthy of an exception to the policy;
- A name in honor of a person is not appropriate when a name in honor of another person has been given to the same site, building or facility in the past;
- A name in honor of a person is not appropriate if that person been overly recognized in the past, and;
- A name may be selected through a competition or a contest.



MEMBERS OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

January 21, 2021

Page 2

In accordance with AR 8-7, Councilmember Pearce's naming request is referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The naming request includes the justification included in Attachment A since the individual included in the proposed naming request is deceased less than one year and requires an exception to policy. Dr. Donahoe passed away on October 02, 2020. The Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) recommendation will be transmitted to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and then back to the City Council for final confirmation, consistent with AR8-7.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



MEREDITH REYNOLDS
MANAGER
PARK PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS

APPROVED:



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR

BD:MR:GK:ac/vhd

Attachment A: December 15, 2020 City Council Agenda Item R-64

Attachment B: Aerial of location of the Bixby Park Dog Park proposed "Dr. Myrna "Mickey" Donahoe Dog Park"