



Date: December 14, 2010

To: Members of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee

From: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Subject: Recommendation that the a community garden be created at the site of the undeveloped Molina Park, located at 1640 West 20th Street, and that the site be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden"

DISCUSSION

In 2005, the City accepted the donation of a parcel of land at 1640 West 20th Street, from the Molina family for the creation of a public park. The park, as yet undeveloped, was named "Molina Park."

Recently, the Molina family and members of the community agreed to create a community garden on this site, instead of using the original design as a park. The Molina family has also expressed a wish that the new community garden be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden," in honor of their mother, Mary.

On November 16, 2010, First District City Councilmember Robert Garcia sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and Members of the City Council requesting that a community garden be created at the site of the undeveloped Molina Park (Attachment B site map), and that the site be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden."

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation (AR) 8 – 7, the City Council referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee.

The Parks and Recreation Commission considered this request at their November 18, 2010 meeting (Attachment C), unanimously approved this request, and are forwarding their recommendation to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for adoption.

The Administrative Regulations AR 8 – 7 applies to the naming of all public land, buildings and facilities. AR 8 – 7 provides several policies to guide the consideration of a naming request. The following are those policies:

- 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 has been overly recognized in the past; and,
- A name may be selected through a competition or a contest.

Mary Molina was an avid gardener, particularly interested in creating community garden space, long before community gardens gained the prominence they now have. She was also a Long Beach school teacher and Regional President of the PTA, a role model of civic participation to her family and community.

Because the community supports this, because John Molina's contribution of this land was so generous, and because the Molina family has been such a consistent and generous supporter of the City, it is requested that this request be approved.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with the recommended action.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE:

Concur with the recommendation that a community garden be created at the site of the undeveloped Molina Park, located at 1640 West 20th Street, and that the site be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden."

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Attachments

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



Date: November 19, 2010
To: Housing and Neighborhoods Committee Staff
From: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Referral to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee

At the City Council meeting held November 16, 2010 the following agenda item was referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee:

MARY MOLINA COMMUNITY GARDEN

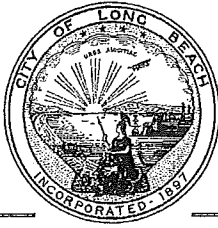
Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, that the communication be received and referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee.

LARRY G. HERRERA
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Gloria Harper

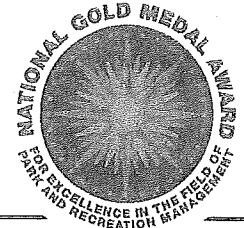
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cc: Patrick West, City Manager
Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager



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Attachment C

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhood Committee, and the full City Council, that a community garden be created at the site of the undeveloped Molina Park, located at 1640 West 20th Street, and that the site be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden."

DISCUSSION

On November 16, 2010, First District City Councilmember Robert Garcia sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and Members of the City Council requesting that a community garden be created at the site of the undeveloped Molina Park (Attachment B site map), and that the site be renamed "Mary Molina Community Garden." The Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation will be transmitted to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



SANDRA GONZALEZ
MANAGER
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:




PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR



City of Long Beach

Office of Robert Garcia
Councilmember, First District

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~~Revised~~

Date: November 16, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Council Member Robert Garcia, First District 
Subject: **Mary Molina Community Garden**

Background:

In 2005, the City accepted the donation of a parcel of land at 1640 W. 20th Street from the Molina family for the creation of a public park. The park, as yet uncreated, was named "Molina Park".

Recently, the Molina family and members of the community agreed to create a community garden on this site. The Molina family has also requested that the park be named "Mary Molina Community Garden," in honor of their mother, Mary.

Mary Molina was an avid gardener, particularly interested in creating community garden space, long before community gardens gained the prominence they now have. She was also a Long Beach schoolteacher and Regional President of the PTA, a role model of civic participation to her family and community.

Community gardens are an excellent way to increase green space in the city and to bring community members together in a healthful, enjoyable activity. They also raise awareness about the benefits of urban gardens, which can produce significant amounts of nutritious food for residents.

Recommendation:

Request that the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Commission, approve renaming this site "Mary Molina Community Garden".



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *November 12, 2010*

To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk

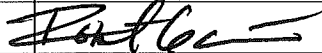
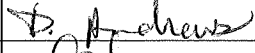
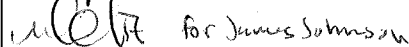
From: *Councilmember Garcia*

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of *November 16, 2010*

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

(Insert the recommended action from staff report.)

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
1	Robert Garcia	
6	Dee Andrews	
7	James Johnson	 for James Johnson

Attachment: Staff Report dated (**Council meeting date**)

CC: Office of the Mayor



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W 20th St

Adriatic Ave

Mary Molina Community Gardens

Attachment B

