



Date: May 4, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilman Dee Andrews, Chair, Housing and Neighborhoods Committee
Subject: **DESIGNATE THE NEW SKATE PARK AT PACIFIC AVENUE AND 14TH STREET AS "MICHAEL K. GREEN SKATE PARK."**

The Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, at its meeting held March 9, 2010, considered communications relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to the City Council to designate the new skate park at Pacific Avenue and 14th Street as "Michael K. Green Skate Park."

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Councilman Dee Andrews, Chair

Prepared by:
Gloria Harper



City of Long Beach
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Office of Robert Garcia ~~R-15~~
Council Member, First District
Memorandum

Date: January 19, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Council Member Robert Garcia, First District *RG*
Subject: Michael K. Green Skate Park

Background:

A new skateboarding park is scheduled to open January 17, 2010. The park will provide much-needed recreational activities to area youth, and young people throughout the neighborhood and the city are excited to use this new, world-class equipment to skate.

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Recommendation:

Recommend designating the new skate park at Pacific and 14th as “Michael K. Green Skate Park,” and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee.



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Memorandum

DATE: November 3, 2009

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District *S.A.*

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: Name the new theater at MacArthur Park "The Manazar Gamboa Community Theater"

DISCUSSION

This theatre will provide a venue for reviving Homeland Cultural Center's writing and theater program, begun 20 years ago by Manazar Gamboa. People from the neighborhood, including youth and teens, will have the opportunity to express their creativity through the spoken written word, including theater pieces, poetry, and short stories. The theater will be the scene for not only productions, but also poetry readings, open mics, and workshops. It is scheduled for completion in February 2010 and will also be available for rental by outside groups.

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: To request the City Manager to instruct Parks, Recreation and Marine to name the new theater "The Manazar Gamboa Community Theater" at MacArthur Park located at 1321 E Anaheim Street, Long Beach, CA 90813-3711.

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Date: March 9, 2010

To: Members of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee

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

Subject: Recommendation to name the new skate park at 14th Street Park "Michael K. Green Skate Park"

DISCUSSION

On November 3, 2009, Sixth District Councilmember Dee Andrews sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and Members of the City Council requesting that the new skate park at 14th Street Park be named "Michael K. Green Skate Park."

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 February 18, 2010 meeting (Attachment B), 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;
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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 the new skate park at 14th Street Park be named "Michael K. Green Skate Park" and refer the recommendation to the City Council for approval.

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Attachments

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council that "Michael K. Green Skate Park" is an appropriate name for the new skate park in 14th Street Park.

DISCUSSION

The action before the Parks and Recreation Commission is to recommend the name "Michael K. Green Skate Park" for the new skate park in 14th Street Park.

On January 19, 2010, First District Council Member Robert Garcia sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and members of the City Council requesting that the new skate park in 14th Street Park be named "Michael K. Green Skate Park," see aerial photo on Attachment B.

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation AR 8-7, the City Council has referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhood Committee for consideration of the proposed name. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation will be transmitted to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council.

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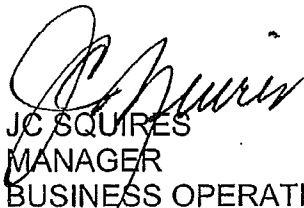
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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


JC SQUIRES
MANAGER
BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:


PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR



Michael K. Green Skate Park at Fourteenth Street Park





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