



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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May 17, 2018

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City of Long Beach California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee the name "John Parkin Green Space" or something similar, for the green space/median located between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Loma Avenue. (District 3)

## DISCUSSION

On April 17, 2018, Councilmember Suzie Price requested that the Mayor and the members of the City Council (Attachment A) refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission a request to recommend that the median/greenspace between 1st Street and Loma Avenue be named to recognize former Bluff Heights Neighborhood resident John Parkin (Attachment B). The Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) recommendation will be transmitted to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council.

Administrative Regulation 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.

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In accordance with this regulation the name referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission, "John Parkin Green Space" (or something similar) denotes the name of an individual. The concept of recognizing Mr. Parkin originated from within the Bluff Heights Neighborhood honor his community service and involvement. There is currently a sign in this area recognizing the Bluff Heights Neighborhood. Mr. Parkin was a long-time member of, and active leader in, the Bluff Heights Neighborhood, and is best known for being an engineer who participated in creating the plan to remedy the City's subsidence issue that resulted from the pumping of underground oil in the 1940's and 1950's.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation

Respectfully Submitted,

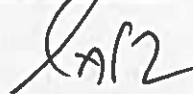


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Att: A - April 17 City Council Agenda Item R-25  
B - Aerial of location of the greenspace proposed to recognize John Parkin




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**Date:** April 17, 2018

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District 

**Subject:** Naming of John Parkin Pocket Park

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**INTRODUCTION:**

John Parkin was a long time resident of the Bluff Park neighborhood. After his death in 2015 many neighbors were saddened to lose a community member like him. He was a resident of Bluff Park for 33 years and was a strong supporter and former board member of the local community association, the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association.

Although John is well known throughout the city for his role in addressing subsidence and the use of Long Beach oil revenues, it is his impact on his local neighborhood that many residents remember most fondly.

His friends and neighbors remember him as a humble and loyal man with great integrity and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was seen as an icon in the neighborhood who was admired by everyone.

In honor of this resident and the positive mark he left on his community, residents of Bluff Park have requested that the pocket park at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Loma Avenue be named in his honor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council is referring to the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider naming the pocket park at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Loma Ave in Bluff Park the "John Parkin Pocket Park" and report back to City Council within 45 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is not a financial impact as a result of the recommended action.





Attachment B

Area Proposed to be Named in Memory of John Parkin

