

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Mary K. Lindley, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director 

DATE: April 6, 2006 (Meeting of May 3, 2006)

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Naming the Park in Specific Plan No. 2 (Tract 5045)

DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2005, and April 2, 2006, the Parks and Recreation Commission considered a name for the park in the Moorpark Highlands development project. Pardee Homes, the developer for Tract 5045, is required to construct a 7 acre public park within its project area. The development site is situated off the extension of Spring Road, north of Charles Street. This residential development project is called "Moorpark Highlands". The park is located on a street called "Elk Run Loop" and is adjacent to a future school site.

The City's approved Park Naming Policy, last revised by the City Council on May 7, 2003, states that the Parks and Recreation Commission is to make a recommendation to the City Council on names for all new parks (Attachment B). The final park naming authority rests with the City Council. Most often, the City has used the geographic location (street or development name) of the park as its name (Mountain Meadows, Campus, Villa Campesina, Country Trail, Tierra Rejada, College View, Poindexter, etc.) and in one recent case, a City park was named for prominent residents (Miller Park).

Due to the recent discoveries of the mammoth fossils found in the William Lyons and the Pardee development projects, the Commission felt that the park name could recognize the two finds. The name the Commission initially selected for Council consideration was "Mammoth Highlands Park". In addition to the Mammoth Highland Park, the Commission also considered the following names: Highlands Park, Vista Highland Park, Mammoth Park, Elk Run Park, Vista Park, Highland Grove Park, and Eaton Hollow Park.

The Commission reconsidered its initial recommendation because of concerns that the Council and staff would not find it desirable and that the use of "mammoth" would not be in keeping with generally accepted park names. At its meeting on April 2, 2006, the Commission selected the name "Vista Highland" Park. Staff intends to work with the developer, Pardee Homes, to recognize the two mammoth finds by incorporating some attractive design features into the construction of the park (a stamped fossil design in the concrete walkway, mammoth skeleton play apparatus, bass plaque and sculpture for example).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2006-___, naming the park in Tract 5045 Vista Highland Park.

Attachments: A – Park Name Resolution
B – Park Naming Policy

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE PARK IN
TRACT NO. 5045, VISTA HIGHLAND PARK.

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1994, the City Council adopted the Park Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2003, the City Council approved the revised Park Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2006, the City Council considered naming the park in Tract No. 5045.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the public park to be constructed in Development Tract 5045 shall be named Vista Highland Park.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Government Code Section 34092, the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2006.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk

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PARK NAMING POLICY REVISIONS

1. The City Council will direct the Parks and Recreation Commission to make recommendations on names for all new park projects during or before park construction.
2. City parks may be named in a manner which identifies the geographic location of each park. The name of a street, or the street upon which the park is located, may be part of the park name. In special circumstances, parks may be named for individuals under the following conditions: for a local resident who has made significant contributions that enhance and improve the quality of life in Moorpark, or a prominent state or national figure who has had a positive impact on the lives of Moorpark residents. Park names may be designated to recognize a national or historical event.
3. The City Council will consider the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendations and will adopt the chosen park name by resolution.