

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Request City Council adopt names for the skate park at Paramount School Park and the trail at Twin Ponds Park
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY: Wendy Barry, Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The purpose of this report is to advise the City Council of proposals to name sub-elements of two parks and request City Council adopt the names as recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board.

The first proposal is to name the skate park at Paramount School Park the "Connie King Skate Board Park" and the second proposal is to name the walking trail that extends from Meridian Ave. N to the south pond at Twin Ponds Park the "Trail of Cedars."

The PRCS Board reviewed both proposals in January 2003 and in accordance with the "Parks and Facility Naming Policy" performed the initial review and then tabled action on the proposals until the six month review period concluded in July 2003. At their July 24 meeting the PRCS Board reviewed the proposals and recommended naming the skate park at Paramount School Park the "Connie King Skate Park" and the trail at Twin Ponds Park the "Trail of Cedars."

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council provide consensus to name the skate park at Paramount School Park the "Connie King Skate Park" and to name the trail at Twin Ponds Park the "Trail of Cedars."

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 

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BACKGROUND

Proposal #1. "Connie King Skate Park" at Paramount School Park

On October 21, 2002 the City Council passed a motion recommending the new skate park at Paramount School Park be named after former City of Shoreline mayor, Connie King.

Connie King was the first mayor of Shoreline. She was a staunch advocate for the establishment of a strong Teen Program as well as other Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services programs and facilities in our community. Also, she has assisted in soliciting donations for the Connie King Scholarship Fund.

Most notable, Connie King was passionate about building a skate park in the City of Shoreline. Toward that end, she led efforts to ensure that the planning and construction of the City's first skate park would be completed.

The PRCS Board felt the proposal to name this sub-element of the park after an individual satisfied the policy because the qualifying achievement was the result of extraordinary dedication and a significant contribution to the City parks and recreation system, over and above the satisfactory performance of normal duties.

Proposal #2 "Trail of Cedars" at Twin Ponds Park

On December 11, 2002 PRCS Department volunteers submitted a letter proposing the trail extending from Meridian Ave. N to the south pond at Twin Ponds Park be named "Trail of Cedars". The trail is a primary trail providing access to the park from Meridian Ave. N. Cedar trees are the dominant species of trees in this corridor. Cedar trees have been part of a re-vegetation effort to remove invasive vegetation and plant native vegetation along this primary pedestrian access to Twin Ponds Park. Naming the trail will serve as an interpretive tool to engage and enlighten visitors to the park.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:

The PRCS Board considered the proposals in the context of the "Parks and Facilities Naming Policy". The policy encourages caution, patience and deliberation in approaching the naming of parks and facilities and their sub-elements. The policy provides the option for the PRCS Board to recommend the sub-elements not be named. However, the proposals complied with the policies, the sub-elements are significant features, and the PRCS Board concluded that it is appropriate to name these sub-elements of Paramount School Park and Twin Ponds Park. .

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The policy requires the PRCS Department to develop facility signage using the name upon the adoption of any facility name by the City Council. The estimated cost of signing for both parks is \$1,500 and can be covered in the park maintenance budget in 2003 and 2004.

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