

City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

FROM:

COUNCILMEMBER JIM PERRY

WARD: 6

SUBJECT: CEREMONIAL DEDICATION OF PRICE COURT TO WINEK COURT IN HONOR

OF THE WINEK FAMILY

ISSUE:

Consider a proposal for a ceremonial dedication of Price Court to Winek Court in honor of the Winek Family who tragically lost their lives on November 25, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the ceremonial street name change of Price Court to Winek Court.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Mobility and Infrastructure Committee met on August 10, 2023, with Chair Conder, Vice Chair Hemenway and Member Perry present, to discuss a ceremonial dedication of Price Court to Winek Court in honor of the Winek Family. After discussion, the Committee members voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution.

BACKGROUND:

On November 25, 2022, Mark, Sharie, and Brooke Winek tragically lost their lives at their South La Sierra home as a result of a horrific and violent crime. Mark, Sharie and Brooke were loved in their community and were active members in the city. Mark Winek was a valued baseball and softball coach for nearly a decade at Arlington High School. Sharie and Brooke Winek were active participants in their community and local Parent Teacher Organizations. The ceremonial dedication of Price Court to Winek Court will honor their service to their beloved neighborhood and city.

DISCUSSION:

Mark, Sharie, and Brooke Winek tragically lost their lives on November 25, 2022, in a homicide

that took place at their South La Sierra home. Mark and Sharie Winek were original homeowners of their home and the first family who moved to Price Court. During the construction of the home, Mark was known to camp outside of the construction lot in his RV with his two daughters. Most described the Winek's as the family everyone would want on their street and living next door to them.

Beyond their immediate neighborhood, the Winek's were loved and respected within the community and the schools they served. Mark Winek was a baseball and softball coach at Arlington High School. Prior to coaching at Arlington High School, Mark coached at La Sierra High School where he and his wife, Sharie were active in the Parent Teacher Association. Brooke was known to be a loving and devoted mother to her two children.

The loss of Coach Winek left a void amongst the hearts of many Arlington High School Students. In honor of his legacy and dedication to the baseball and softball team, a commemorative plaque was placed behind home plate and the 2023 baseball season was dedicated to Coach Winek.

Earlier this year, internal discussions were held on ways to honor the Winek Family. After some thought, inquiries on the possibility of dedicating a City Street in their honor were made. Prior to moving forward with the proposal, discussions with the immediate neighbor and surviving daughter took place to ensure their support.

Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Title 19 - Zoning, Section 19.900.020 - Initiation of street name change, states:

A street name change may be initiated in any one of the following manners:

- A. Upon minute action of the City Council.
- B. Upon minute action of the Planning Commission.
- C. Upon application by 51 percent of the adjacent and affected property owners requesting the Street Name Change.

Because this proposal will **strictly be a ceremonial dedication**, the proper RMC section it would fall under is Section 19.040.110 - Public Projects, which states

Notwithstanding any lawful exemptions to zoning regulations, the provisions of this title, except for the provisions of Chapter 19.570 (Water Efficient Landscaping and Irrigation), shall not apply to any buildings, improvements, lots or premises, owned, leased operated or controlled by the City or any City Project for public purposes by the City of Riverside.

The current proposal is being spearheaded and initiated by Councilmember Perry. It is not necessary for residents to make any changes to their postal address or on any official documents.

Price Court consists of 17 single family residential homes. This proposal requests the posting of a single ceremonial sign (Attachment 1).

In preparation of this proposal, comments were solicited of Price Court residents. Door to door canvassing and engagement was completed in May and June of 2023. There was overwhelming support of this proposal.

Upon approval of this ceremonial dedication by the City Council, staff will submit the final decision

to the U.S. Postal Service to update their records.

The Public Works Director concurs with the proposed sign installation.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item supports **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being** and **Goal 2.3–** Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhance feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of sign fabrication and installation is estimated to be \$117. Funding is available in the existing Public Works, General Fund, Streets Maintenance Division, Signing Supplies account number 4110100-424143, to cover this cost.

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Councilmember, City of Riverside, Ward 6

Concurs with;

Chuck Conder, Chair

Mobility and Infrastructure Committee

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
 - a. Exhibit "A"
 - b. Exhibit "B"
- 2. Presentation