



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**                      **DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019**  
**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY**                      **WARD: 1**  
**SUBJECT: NAMING REQUEST FOR UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT FAIRMOUNT PARK**

**ISSUE:**

Approve request to name the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park in honor of James Nichols Stream.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the request to name the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park in honor of James Nichols Stream.

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

On November 19, 2018, the Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to forward the naming of the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park in memory of James Nichols Stream to City Council for approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

Members of The Arc of Riverside County submitted an application and letter (attachments 1 and 2) requesting the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park be named in memory of James Nichols Stream. The Arc of Riverside County included a resolution, a letter of support from Mr. Stream's wife Patricia L. Stream and a letter of support from the Uptown Riverside Chapter of the Kiwanis Club (attachments 3, 4 and 5) with the application. Mr. Stream served as the Executive Director of The Arc of Riverside County for 29 years and utilized his position to improve the quality of life for City of Riverside residents with intellectual and other disabilities.

The Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) is responsible for the selection of the names for park and recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the City Council. According to the established protocol for naming of parks and recreation facilities, the naming of specific areas within a park (garden, swimming pool, lake, ball field, etc.) is acceptable but should be kept to a minimum to avoid confusion. All names selected shall be acceptable and meaningful to a majority

of the neighborhood/community where the park or recreation facility is located. Resolution No. 18647 adopted by the City Council in February 1995 further stipulates as follows:

*A park or recreation facility can be named for a person only in limited situations. Such person, except for cases deemed extraordinary by the Park and Recreation Commission, should be honored posthumously. The person for whom a park or recreation facility is named must be an outstanding, long-time City leader or a person of national prominence or historic interest who has supported or contributed to open space and/or recreation activities and concepts, or a person who has made a significant personal contribution toward the acquisition and/or development of a specific park or recreation facility. A donor whose contribution represents a major portion of a planned park or recreation facility may designate a name as a condition of the donation, providing it conforms to the naming criteria set forth above.*

On November 19, 2018 the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) presented the naming request to the PRC, as per Resolution No. 18647. The PRC unanimously voted to forward the naming of the Fairmount Universally Accessible Playground in memory of James Nichols Stream to City Council for approval.

## **DISCUSSION:**

As stated in the background section, James Nichols Stream was the Executive Director at The Arc of Riverside County for 29 years. During his career he utilized his position to pioneer initiatives that improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and other disabilities.

The program Mr. Stream developed associated with the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park is the My Play Club program. The My Play Club program brings together children with and without disabilities for play dates at the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park. The My Play Club Program creates a unique opportunity and more inclusive community for children with disabilities.

The Wall of Respect, a mosaic mural illustrating all people with and without disabilities have inherent value, is also a contribution of Mr. Stream to the Riverside community. Other contributions Mr. Stream has made are a summer camp for children with special needs, the NineZero Project educating the public on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder, developing The Value of One Campaign, and serving the Uptown Riverside Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and embracing their mission of community service.

PRCSD staff reviewed the proposal for adherence to the City's stated naming guidelines. Fairmount Park is a historic park and the universal playground is a prominent feature or amenity within the park. The guidelines allow for amenities in parks to be named in honor of "individuals that have made significant land and/or monetary contribution" and "individuals who have served the City in an exceptional manner." In accordance with the City of Riverside's Administrative Manual 01.021.00, PRCSD forwarded the naming application for review by the PRC, who unanimously voted to forward the application to City Council for final approval. If approved by City Council, the PRCSD will discuss the type of signage to commemorate Mr. Stream with the applicant. Costs of signage will be paid by applicant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with naming of the Universally Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park in honor of James Stream. Costs for signage will be paid for by the applicant.

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Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager  
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Naming/Renaming Application
2. The Arc of Riverside County Naming Request Letter
3. The Arc of Riverside County Resolution
4. Letter from Patricia L. Stream
5. Letter from the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Riverside