



Safety, Wellness, And Youth Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO: HONORABLE SAFETY, WELLNESS,
AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS** **DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES DEPARTMENT** **WARD: 2**

**SUBJECT: RENAMING OF NORTH ARROYO TRAIL AT SYCAMORE CANYON PARK
AFTER BOB STOCKTON - DIRECT SUBMITTAL**

ISSUE:

Approve the renaming of the North Arroyo Trail at Sycamore Canyon Park after long-time community leader, Bob Stockton.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee:

1. Approve the renaming of the North Arroyo Trail at Sycamore Canyon Park after Bob Stockton; and
2. Recommend City Council support the project with the expectation that the community will raise the funds to replace the signage.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On August 17, 2020, the Park and Recreation Commission, with Vice Chair Feola, and Members Fairfax, Mitchell, Whatley, Johnson, Rounds and Cardullo present, discussed and voted unanimously to support renaming the North Arroyo Trail at Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of community leader, Bob Stockton.

BACKGROUND:

The City's facility renaming process requires that an application be submitted to the Park and Recreation Commission, the related City Council standing committee, and 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.

DISCUSSION:

Bob Stockton was a long-time community leader in Riverside. He served as a coach of the Woodcrest Christian School Mountain Bike Team. In this role, Bob regularly trained students and community members at the North Arroyo Trail.

In addition, he served in a variety of roles, including service on the board of the YWCA, Path of Life Ministries, Western Municipal Water District and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. Furthermore, he was a member of the Sunrise Rotary, served as an executive leader for the American Heart Association and was an active supporter of Doctors Without Borders, to name a few.

Please see the attached application and letters of support for additional information on Bob's service to the Riverside community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the renaming of the North Arroyo Trail at Sycamore Canyon Park after Bob Stockton; funds will be raised privately through community members.

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Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Facility Naming Policy
3. Facility Naming Application
4. Letters of Support