

City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2020**
FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: RENAMING OF NORTH ARROYO TRAIL AT SYCAMORE CANYON PARK
AFTER BOB STOCKTON

ISSUE:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Riverside City Council approve the renaming of the North Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Park after Bob Stockton, with the expectation that the community will raise the funds to replace the signage and the signage designs will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 16th, 2020, the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee, with Chair Perry, Committee Member Conder, and Committee Member Melendrez present, discussed and voted unanimously to support renaming the North Arroyo Trail in 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:
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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 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 in Sycamore Canyon Park in honor of community leader, Bob Stockton.

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.

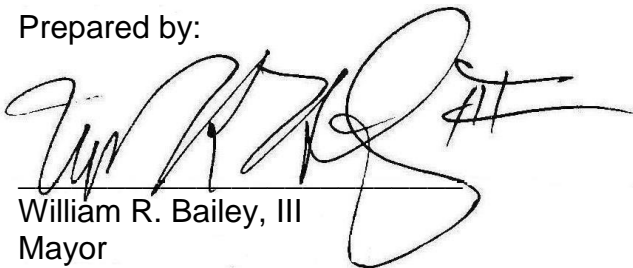
In addition, he served in a variety of roles, including service on the board of the YWCA, Path of Life Ministries, Western Municipal Water District and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. Furthermore, he was a member of the Sunrise Rotary, served as an executive leader for the American Heart 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.

Prepared by:



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Mayor

Concurs with;



Jim Perry, Chair
Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee

Attachments:

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