



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2008

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATED FUNDS OR SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ANGELS PLAYGROUND AT TEWINKLE PARK

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2008

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Angels Charity's request to recognize major donors by adding their names to the elements of the playground equipment that they sponsored, and to list all other major sponsors on a donor sign panel.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2004, City staff was approached by Angels Charity to donate and install, free of charge to the City, new handicap accessible, barrier-free playground equipment at TeWinkle Park. Angels Charity is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by Mr. Doug Hansen.

On September 22, 2004, the Parks and Recreation Commission accepted Angels Charity's commitment to donate the new handicap accessible playground equipment for TeWinkle Park (Attachment 1).

Angels Charity successfully raised the funding goal of approximately \$350,000, with significant additional funding by the City for this project. The number of individuals and corporations who donated funds and in-kind services for the design and construction of Angels Playground is about one thousand. The donations ranged from a few dollars to thousands of dollars. All contributions were important; however, Angels Charity has requested that the major sponsors be recognized by adding their names to playground elements.

The project, which included the reconstruction of the existing picnic shelter, restroom building, walkways, parking lot, and surrounding landscape has been completed and is now open to the public.

ANALYSIS:

Council Policy 800-4 (Attachment 2) sets forth the process for the acceptance and recognition of donations to City Parks and requires that the request be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration. The proposed donor recognition panels (Attachment 3) and sign (Attachment 4) are different than the ones discussed in this Council Policy. Therefore, it requires consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission and action from the City Council whether to approve Angels Charity's request.

Since the playground equipment was manufactured with the signs, the installation of the equipment did not allow adequate time for the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the City Council to consider approval of the sign request. However, Angels Charity has committed to removing all signs if the City Council does not approve this request. The larger donor name panel sign has not yet been installed and is pending Council approval.

On July 23, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted 5-0 in favor of recommending approval to the City Council for Angel's Charity to recognize major donors by adding their names to the playground equipment that they sponsored and to list all other major sponsors on a donor sign panel.

The proposed donor recognition panels and sign were funded by the donations at no cost to the City. If approved, the City is not required to reproduce the inscriptions of any of the panels with donor names if they become vandalized or damaged and need to be replaced. Instead, Angels Charity has proposed to inform the donor of the need to replace the panel and, if interested in re-inscribing their name, obtain the necessary funding for the engraving. Once the playground equipment has reached the end of its service life, the new equipment is not required to be replaced with donor-inscribed panels.

The names of the individuals and corporations engraved on playground equipment panels are listed in Attachment 5 and those for the sign panel are listed in Attachment 6. It should be noted that some of the donors have requested to remain anonymous and will not be added to the list. Also, some of the playground panels with donor names were installed with the donated equipment and are integral to the play equipment. However, if the request is not approved, these panels will be replaced with non-inscribed panels at no cost to the City.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. The City Council may deny Angels Charity's request and call for the panels to be replaced with non-inscribed panels.
2. The City Council may recommend, in addition to approving the recommended action, revisions to the text and/or graphics of the proposed panels and sign.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact for the recommended action.

LEGAL REVIEW:

A legal review is not required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that City Council approve the proposed donor recognition panels and sign.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Minutes, Parks and Recreation Commission, 9/22/2004](#)
2. [Council Policy 800-4](#)
3. [Proposed Donor Panels](#)
4. [Proposed Donor Sign](#)
5. [Names of Donors on Panel](#)
6. [Names of Donors on Sign](#)