



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 22, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PLACE A GRANITE DEDICATION STONE AT THE ESTANCIA PARK
DIEGO SEPULVEDA ADOBE**

DATE: MAY 7, 2014

FROM: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT/RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: LISA MCPHERSON, RECREATION SUPERVISOR

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Historical Society Board's request to place a granite dedication stone at the Estancia Park Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

BACKGROUND

Council Policy 800-4 states, "The City of Costa Mesa encourages donations by individuals, civic groups, and businesses for the purpose of improving City parks and public facilities. Such donations, including the placement of memorial plaques and volunteer efforts for clean up projects, shall be accomplished in a consistent fashion in accordance with this policy". Guideline number three (3) of policy 800-4 states, "All requests for placement of plaques memorializing individuals shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval before installation" (Attachment 1).

ANALYSIS

The Historical Society Board has approved for the "Native Sons of the Golden West" to dedicate the Diego Sepulveda Adobe as a historical site on Saturday, November 15th, 2014. A granite dedication stone will be placed on the left front corner of the Estancia Park Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

The "Native Sons of the Golden West" was founded in 1857. The mission of the organization is preserving historical sites in California. Fort Ross, Mission San Diego de Alcala, Sutter's Fort, and San Francisco De Solano are just a few sites preserved by the organization.

The requested stone will be a dark grey 375 pound trapezoid granite stone engraved with historical information along with the dedication date (Attachment 2). The Historical Society provided the verbiage for the granite dedication stone (Attachment 3). The stone will be manufactured by Artistic Signatures which is a vendor used for manufacturing and replacing plaques at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

ALTERNATIVES

The Commission may choose to not approve the request to place a granite dedication stone at the Estancia Park Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

FISCAL REVIEW

The granite dedication stone will be purchased by "Native Sons of the Golden West" and donated to the Historical Society. City Maintenance staff will install and secure the stone.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The Historical Society Board has requested and will provide a granite dedication stone to be installed at the Estancia Park Diego Sepulveda Adobe. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Historical Society Board's request.



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Recreation Supervisor



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- ATTACHMENT:
1. Council Policy 800-4
 2. Granite dedication stone specs
 3. Granite dedication stone information

CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT	POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAGE
ACCEPTANCE AND RECOGNITION OF DONATION TO CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES	800-4	6-17-02 12/5/02 Rev. 07/13/04	1 of 4

BACKGROUND

The City of Costa Mesa has, over a period of many years, received donations of time and money as well as requests for the placement of memorial plaques at City parks and public facilities. No formal process has existed for the acceptance of same, which has led to a disjointed, confusing practice. Due to the lack of a consistently applied policy, there are few records available to substantiate the basis upon which donations and/or the placement of memorial plaques were accepted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent procedure for the acceptance and recognition of donations to City parks and public facilities and requests for memorial plaques.

POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Costa Mesa to encourage donations by individuals, civic groups, and businesses for the purpose of improving City parks and public facilities. Such donations, including the placement of memorial plaques and volunteer efforts for clean-up projects, shall be accomplished in a consistent fashion in accordance with this policy. Any donation of service, equipment or plantings shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration.

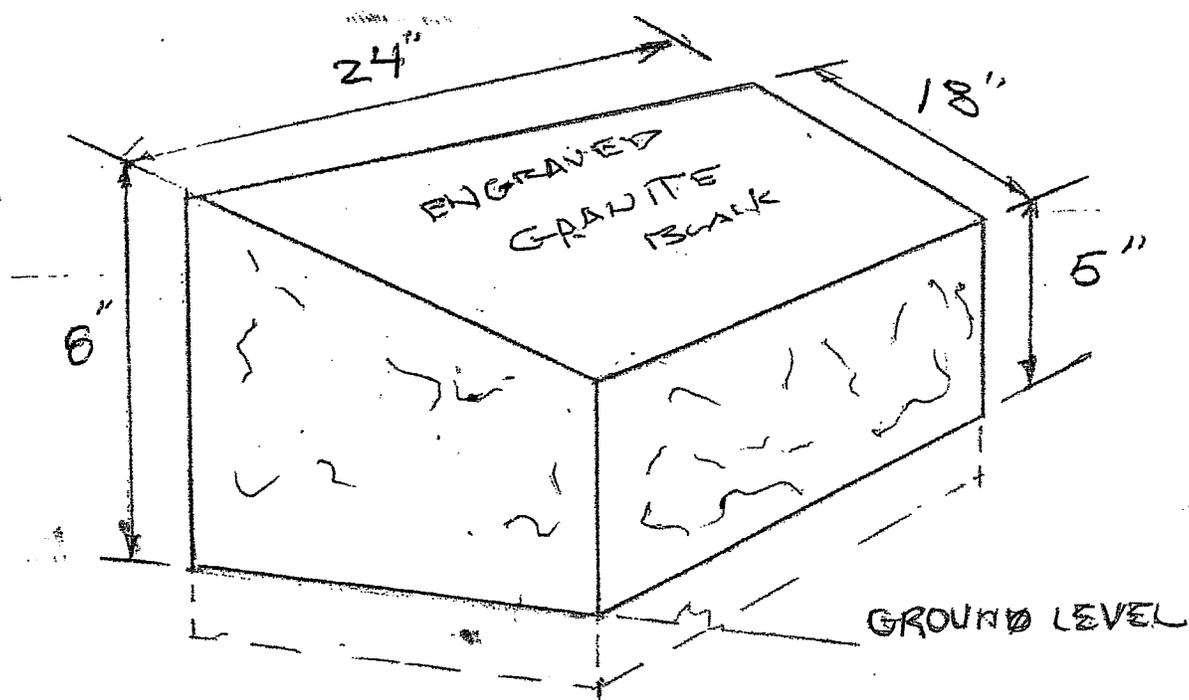
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**TREE DONATIONS AND THE PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

1. All donations accepted by the City shall be acknowledged by the Mayor at a regular City Council meeting or by response from the Mayor in writing, thanking the donor.
2. All donations of trees or other planting shall be in accordance with the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and/or comply with the approved park-planting palette.
3. All requests for placement of plaques memorializing individuals shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval before installation. Application forms for Memorial Plaques, or Circle of Service, are available at the Recreation Services Division counter.
4. Park plaques shall be bronze with a minimum size of 4" x 8". All plaques shall have standard wording to include "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of".

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GRANITE DEDICATION STONE

THE DIEGO SEPULVEDA ADOBE

THIS ADOBE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED ABOUT 1820 AS PART OF AN OUTLYING MISSION STOCK HEADQUARTERS TO SHELTER THE HERDSMEN WHO CARED FOR THE CATTLE FROM MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO. AFTER SECULARIZATION, THE PROPERTY CONTINUED AS A CATTLE RANCH THROUGH THE 1860s WHEN DIEGO SEPULVEDA, AFTER WHOM IT IS NAMED, OCCUPIED IT. FLOODS AND DROUGHT ENDED THE CATTLE INDUSTRY BY THE 1870s AND THE BUILDING SERVED AS A FARMHOUSE UNTIL 1963 WHEN THE SEGERSTROM FAMILY DONATED THE ADOBE AND 5 ACRES OF LAND TO THE CITY OF COSTA MESA. THE BUILDING WAS RESTORED AND OPENED AS A COMMUNITY MUSEUM IN AUGUST 1966 AS CALIFORNIA LANDMARK NUMBER 227.

DEDICATED NOVEMBER 15, 2014
BY THE NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST
TIMOTHY L. TULLIUS, GRAND PRESIDENT

- SANTA ANA PARLOR 74
- RIO HONDO PARLOR 294
- ARROWHEAD PARLOR 110
- UNIVERSITY PARLOR 272
- SANTA BARBARA PARLOR 116
- DE ANZA PARLOR 312
- RAMONA PARLOR 109



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