

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Office of Parks and Recreation
DATE: March 25, 2004

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-NAMING OF SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK
TO MARJORIE SAUNDERS PARK

SUMMARY

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution to re-name Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park. This recommendation is based upon a petition signed by 110 citizens and the endorsement from the Piedmont Pines Club. Sulphur Springs Park is also known for the “painted rock” at the intersection of Chelton and Ascot Road. Ms. Saunders is best known for her more than 50 years of community involvement and ardent advocacy for open space.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact on the General Fund. The park is maintained through Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District funding. New park signage is estimated to cost \$1,000.

BACKGROUND

Marjorie Saunders has been a community activist and open space advocate for many years. She has been involved with the Piedmont Pines Board of Directors since its early days. In 1949, she was involved with the acquisition of the former Boys Scouts Camp that is now the Montera Middle School and Joaquin Miller Elementary School. She was involved in other civic projects such as replacing septic tanks, re-opening Chelton Road which was closed by a landslide, defeating a proposed 4-lane highway on Skyline Boulevard and preserving Beaconsfield Canyon. She was a strong supporter for the Measure K Open Space bond measure and the Joaquin Miller Community Center project. Ms. Saunders volunteers her time to keep the park clear of debris and litter.

Sulphur Springs Park is approximately 2 acres in size, classified as a “resource conservation area,” and located in the Piedmont Pines neighborhood. It is best known for the “painted rock” and the changing graffiti messages.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

City Council Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S., the adopted procedure for designating official names for municipal (public) facilities in the City of Oakland, allows memorializing a living person only under special circumstances such as “overwhelming belief (public opinion) that the designee would probably be honored for that facility post-humously” and “the honoree has given extraordinary service to the City or the community.” Based upon the petition and endorsement from the Piedmont Pines Board of Directors, Marjorie Saunders qualifies for both counts. The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission discussed this recommendation at its December 10, 2003 meeting, and unanimously approved a staff recommendation to re-name the park after it was noted that Ms. Saunders recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

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SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Social Equity – Except for the “painted rock” many residents do not know this park’s location and by naming it after a lifelong community volunteer, the park will have a positive impact and connection to the broader community.

Environmental – The Piedmont Pines Club has volunteered to help pickup litter and debris and to report any illegal dumping at the park. This community effort is needed to help keep Oakland beautiful.

Economic – No sustainable economic opportunities were identified.

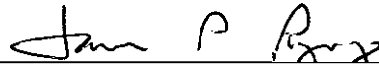
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no disability and senior access issues related to this action.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution to re-name Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES P. RYUGO
Interim Director
Office of Parks and Recreation

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
RULES AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:



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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-NAMING OF SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK TO MARJORIE SAUNDERS PARK

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Pines Club has submitted a request and petition with 110 signatures to rename Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park; and

WHEREAS, Sulphur Springs Park is a 2-acre open space and is more commonly known for the "painted rock" located at the intersection of Chelton and Ascot Road; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Saunders has been a community activist with the Piedmont Pines Board of Directors and open space advocate for many years; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Saunders' community involvement includes the acquisition of the former Boys Scout Camp that is now the Montera Middle School and Joaquin Miller Elementary School; replacing septic tanks; re-opening Chelton Road; defeating the proposed 4-lane highway on Skyline Boulevard; preserving Beaconsfield Canyon; passing the Measure K Open Space Bond Measure; and constructing Joaquin Miller Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission unanimously endorsed the staff recommendation to re-name Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park at its December 10, 2003 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the procedures established by City Council Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. for designating official names for public facilities allow memorializing a living person only under special circumstances such as "overwhelming belief that the designee would probably be honored for the facility post-humously" and "the honoree has given extraordinary service to the City or community"; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Saunders, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday, has made significant contributions to the City over the past fifty years; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council finds and determines the renaming of Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park is consistent with City Council Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Manager or her designee is authorized to change Sulphur Springs Park to Marjorie Saunders Park; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality, and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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