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MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department Memo No. 10-020

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2009

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
RICH DLUGAS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARK M. EYNATTEN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
MICKEY OHLAND, PARK OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MGR.

FROM: DON TOLLE, PARK PLANNING SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: WEST MINI PARK RE-NAMING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve West Mini Park be re-named to Park Manors Park.

BACKGROUND: West Mini Park is .37 of an acre in size and is located within the square mile bounded by Arizona Avenue, Chandler Boulevard, Ray and Alma School Roads (Attachment A). This site was acquired as a well site in 1947 and since then has served as a dual-purpose park and well site. This park has never been officially named and has been referred to as West Mini Park for many years. Several months ago, work began on the renovation of this park. The improvements were completed in June and include a new picnic ramada, playground shade, drinking fountain, sidewalks, and lighting.

In 2004, the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council adopted a set of guidelines for the naming of parks. Since then, these guidelines have been used to name or re-name parks within Chandler. During the public input/meeting process, several requests were made to change the name of the park. Suggested park names included Park Manors Park and Cleveland Park. The majority of the residents that attended the public meetings requested that the park be re-named to Park Manors Park in recognition of the historical origin of the neighborhood and geographic location in the Park Manors subdivision.

It should also be noted that this project was completed in cooperation with the Municipal Utilities Department, the City's Public History Program, and the Neighborhood Programs Division - Neighbors in Action program.

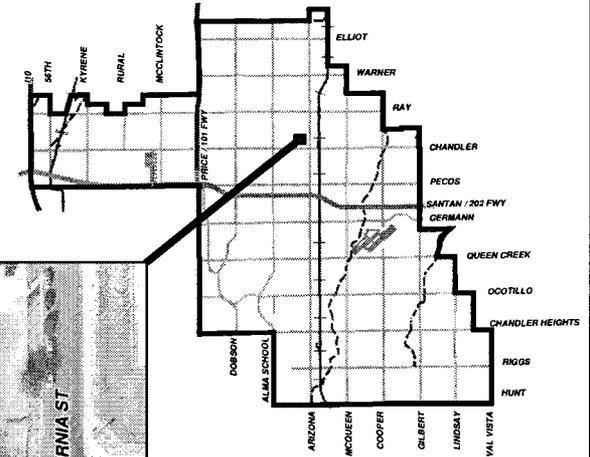
The Parks and Recreation Board recommended that Council approve the re-naming of West Mini Park to Park Manors Park at their August 4, 2009 meeting (Attachment B).

PROPOSED MOTION: Move that West Mini Park be re-named to Park Manors Park.

Attachments: Attachment A - Location Map
Attachment B - Excerpt from August 4, 2009 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes



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 PROJECT SITE



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2009

4. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CALL TO PUBLIC**

There were none.

5. **ACTION AGENDA**

a. **Election of New Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Linda Peterson Price made a motion to nominate Damon Testa for Chairman. Motion was seconded by Dean Visser. When the vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Linda Peterson Price nominated Dean Visser for Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Richard Abbey. When the vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

b. **West Mini Park Re-Naming**

Don Tolle stated that staff worked with Neighborhood Resources (Neighborhood Programs Division) and with the Municipal Utilities Department in completing some improvements at the park. Neighborhood Resources had a 'Neighbors in Action' program that was getting input from the neighbors in the area of the park. During the public meeting process there were requests to rename West Mini Park. Names that were considered were Cleveland Park, Park Manors, or keeping the park name of West Mini. Park Manors was the name of the development built many years ago at this location. Park Manors was the name most requested for the park. Staff recommends Council rename West Mini Park to Park Manors Park.

Boardmember Staples asked if everyone in the neighborhood was in support of renaming the park to Park Manors Park. To this, Don stated that they were, although a couple of people preferred Cleveland Park, but they realized that the majority would prevail and were supportive.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Testa regarding the location, Don explained that the park is located right next to the tennis center for Chandler High School, just north of Chandler Boulevard and west of the high school parking lot.

Don stated that as far as improvements to the park, there were improvements to the old flood irrigation that had been there for years. Sidewalks were installed, a ramada was added, new turf, new landscaping, and shade over the playground.

Damon asked if the name of the park and the criteria for naming the park was based on the geographic location of the facility. Don stated that it was.

Assistant Director Dave McDowell said that one thing that should be noted was that the park was never officially named West Mini. The name came out of use; it's been called West Well Site, as well as West Mini. The parks board and city council have never been involved in any official process to name the park.

Chairman Damon Testa made a motion to rename West Mini Park to Park Manors Park. **Boardmember Linda Peterson Price** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.