

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 99-37

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON PLACING MEMORIALS IN CITY PARKS.

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WHEREAS, the Tigard City Council desires to have a policy for designating memorials within City park facilities, City-owned properties and with the naming of building and park properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that over the past several years, various park lands have been acquired by the City of Tigard and various facilities have been built at City parks and properties which could appropriately be named in memory of individuals who have provided service to the community; and

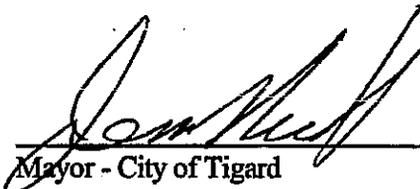
WHEREAS, in the past the City has named properties or facilities in memory of individuals without the benefit of an established City policy; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to have a formal policy to apply for official naming of City parks, facilities and features within parks.

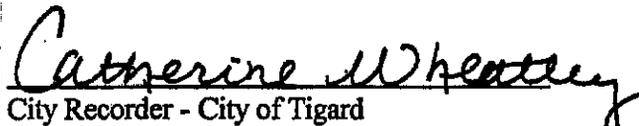
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby adopts the Memorial Policy described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

PASSED: This 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1999.

  
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Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder - City of Tigard

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## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **TIGARD MEMORIAL POLICY FOR NAMING CITY PARK FACILITIES, DISTINCT ELEMENTS WITHIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES, AND CITY BUILDINGS**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To outline the policy, criteria and process for designating memorials within City park facilities, distinct elements within City-owned properties and naming of buildings and park properties.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

As the City adds parks, open spaces and public facilities by acquisition and donation, the City has found that there is a need for a process to honor individuals or groups by naming City parks, distinct elements within City-owned properties or City buildings and to place memorials to advise the public of the recognition. In addition, the City has been the recipient of bequests which have required that the City recognize the financial contributions by memorializing the gift in some way. Finally, in the past, the City has accepted as a term of purchase of park land a requirement that the City acquired property be developed into a park with a specified park name.

In order that the City Council and staff have guidelines to follow when considering requests that memorials be placed within City park facilities or that City parks or buildings be named after individuals, a policy should be in place.

**POLICY:**

Land, facilities and features within property owned by the City of Tigard will be named through an administrative process in accordance with established criteria that emphasize community identity and service to the community.

Criteria for naming City park facilities, distinct elements within City-owned properties, and City buildings:

1. Memorials within City park facilities – Memorials included within this category are memorials which would be placed on or near basic park amenities, such as benches, picnic tables, trees, shrubs and plaques. If the memorial meets park standards for construction and materials, the Parks Division will assume maintenance responsibility for the useful life of the memorial. Replacement of the memorial shall be at the discretion of the Parks Division staff. Interested parties must submit a written request to the Parks Division regarding the type of memorial, proposal occasion and significance of the memorial.

Parties interested in placing memorials shall be financially responsible for the purchase of the memorial. An extensive review process is not necessary for these types of memorials. These requests shall be handled administratively by the Parks Division to ensure that City standards are met. The Parks Division has the right to adjust the location of the proposed memorial. The Parks Division shall notify the City Council of any actions taken to accept and place new memorials within City parks.

The standards that the Parks Division will follow in regard to park memorials are:

- a) Benches – benches must be made of wood, contoured or flat-styled pedestal, outdoor benches unless an alternative material is approved by the Parks Division upon a finding that there are circumstances that exist that make it appropriate to use the alternative material. Any bench to be contributed as a memorial and to be placed within City park facilities shall be purchased through a Parks Division approved manufacturer. A brass plaque may be attached to the bench but shall be no larger than 2 ½ x 6 inches in size. Prior to purchasing any bench for display in City parks, an interested party must contact City staff and review the example of approved benches maintained by the City staff.

- b) Trees – trees planted at City facilities as memorials must be at least 2 inches caliper, native to the area and fit into the existing landscape scheme of the park area or fit into the adopted plan for tree planting in that area.
  - c) Plaques – plaques may be placed in conjunction with a shrub or tree which are donated to the City as a memorial. Plaques shall not be placed as stand alone features. Plaques must be made of bronze and be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches in size. Plaques must be set in concrete, aggregate rock, or a boulder. City staff shall review the design of plaque and setting. Examples of the type of plaques approved by the City shall be made available by Parks staff.
2. Distinct elements within City-owned parks – Memorials can be placed at distinct elements of City-owned properties, such as shelters, sports fields, gardens, wetlands, tennis courts, rooms, fountains, ponds, paths, art, etc. Individuals interested in having a distinct element named in honor of an individual are required to submit a written request to the Tigard City Council regarding the particular type of amenity in which they are interested in sponsoring. Applications shall be made through the Parks Division.

Requests for such amenities may be made to honor an individual who has passed away or as an honorarium for someone who is living and has made a contribution to the City, either financially or through civic duty. Review of

such requests shall be made by the City Council. Council approval is needed. Guidelines regarding signage shall be adopted by Council based on recommendations made by the Parks Division.

The standards that the Parks Division will follow in regard to signage will be kept on record at the Public Works office. Examples of suitable signage will be available for public viewing.

3. Naming of buildings and park properties – City buildings and park properties may be named to honor individuals or groups. Interested parties shall submit a written request to the Tigard City Council regarding the property or building which they are interested in having Council name in honor of an individual or group. In addition, the City Council on its own motion, may consider naming a building or park. This type of memorial requires extensive review and Council approval in the form of a resolution. City staff will deal with guidelines for Council consideration.

The standards that the Parks Division will follow in regard to signage will be kept on record at the Public Works office. Examples of suitable signage will be available for public viewing.