

Legislation Text

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DATE: July 1, 2015

TO: Leonard Martin, City Manager

FROM: Scott Whitaker, Parks & Recreation Director

Consider **A Resolution To Rename The Soccer Complex, Rename Three Individual Fields, And Name A Street At McInnish Park Sports Complex.**

BACKGROUND:

Members of the VFW Post 8923 in Carrollton approached staff several months ago about naming a significant landmark for the three soldiers from Carrollton who have died in the line of duty. Staff and members of VFW also discussed naming a park or street for veterans. After the initial discussion, park staff suggested the soccer complex at McInnish Park be named Veterans Park. The soccer complex area is separate from the main park and does not currently have a unique title. In addition, it was suggested that soccer complex Fields A - C be named, respectively, "Sgt. Carlos A. Benitez Field," "Cpl. Nathaniel A. Aguirre Field," and "PFC Michael E. Angerstein Field" after the service men from Carrollton. Lastly, the road into to the soccer complex off McInnish Park Dr. is not named; therefore, staff suggested that it be named "Veterans Way.". Staff requested the VFW Post write a proposal for consideration by the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council. The proposal from VFW Post 8923 requesting the naming is attached.

At the June 22, 2015, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, this agenda item was presented and discussed. Two current VFW Post members were in attendance. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended the following for City Council consideration: 1) Name the street entering the soccer complex Veterans Way, 2) Name the soccer complex Veterans Park, and 3) Name three of the fields for the three fallen servicemen who honorably made the ultimate sacrifice.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The City would replace the letters near the entrance, which are mounted and are not permanent, and the City would put up the new street sign. All other costs associated with this request would be paid for by the VFW Post. This would include markers at the field and any other amenities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and staff recommend approval of the following:

1. Name the street entering the soccer complex Veterans Way,
2. Name this soccer complex Veterans Park, and
3. Name three of the fields for the three fallen servicemen, named above, who honorably made the ultimate sacrifice.