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City Council

Naming of Park at Artesian Well Site

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to accept the General Government Committee's recommendation to name the area the "Artesian Commons."

City Manager Recommendation:

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Body

Issue:

Select a name for the park at the artesian well site.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Dave Okerlund, Parks Planning and Design Manager

Jim Nieland, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

Background and Analysis:

On July 23, the Olympia City Council designated the downtown artesian well property as a City park. Consistent with OMC 12.62.050, Naming of Parks and Park Facilities (Attachment #1) Council asked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) to recommend a name for the new park.

The PRAC and Parks staff conducted a public outreach effort to solicit names for the new park. The effort included news releases, e-mails, website notice, solicitation from neighborhoods, and other outreach as described in Attachment #2. A large number of potential names were received (Attachment #3).

On September 5, 2013 PRAC held a public hearing on the names submitted for consideration. After discussion, the PRAC voted unanimously to recommend Artesian Commons as the name for the new park. PRAC believed the name represented the main feature of the park (the artesian well) and suggested a community gathering place (commons) where community members could gather. PRAC also felt that the proposed name was historically reflective and was short enough to be widely used and fit easily on park signage. The PRAC letter is included as Attachment #4.

The General Government Committee reviewed this recommendation at its September 10, 2013 meeting.

The Committee unanimously agreed to support the name “Artesian Commons.” (Councilmember Rogers was ill and did not attend the General Government Committee meeting.)

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Neighborhoods participated in the public outreach.

Options:

1. Accept the recommended name “Artesian Commons”
2. Choose a new name from those submitted
3. Reject the list and ask PRAC to solicit new names

Financial Impact:

Naming of the park has no significant financial impact.