City Council

Special Recognition - Governor's Volunteer Service Award Recipient

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Title
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Recommended Action
Committee Recommendation:
Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:
Recognize Roberta Woods, longtime volunteer for Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation, as a recipient of the 2017 Governor's Volunteer Service Award.

Report
Issue:
Whether to recognize 2017 Governor's Volunteer Service Award Winner Roberta Woods, a longtime volunteer for Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation

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Background and Analysis:
Roberta Woods is a longtime volunteer for the Parks, Arts and Recreation department, contributing to the maintenance and restoration of Olympia's parks. Her contributions go back more than 15 years to the early 2000's. Last year alone, Ms. Woods dedicated over 200 volunteer hours. Not only does she attend the group work parties, but she independently stewards both Bigelow Park and Lions Park. This year, she impressed staff once again by taking on stewardship of a third park, the Springwood Parcel (formerly Zabel's Rhododendron Garden).

Ms. Woods' environmental activism does not end there. She is also a volunteer for Stream Team and an active member of the Woodland Trail Greenway Association, volunteering her time at the Olympia Woodland Trail as well.

Based on her extraordinary commitment to Olympia's parks, Ms. Woods recently received the Serve Washington, Governor's Volunteer Service Award. She was one of just 15 recipients statewide to receive this prestigious award.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):
N/A

Options:
N/A

Financial Impact:
None

Attachments:
None