

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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DATE: JANUARY 26, 2021

SUBJECT: FOOTHILLS PARK NAME CHANGE TO FOOTHILLS NATURE PRESERVE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council change the name of Foothills Park to Foothills Nature Preserve.

BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2020, City Council voted to change the name of Foothills Park to Foothills Nature Preserve. On November 2, 2020, City Council directed staff to follow the¹City's Naming Policy to change the name of Foothills Park to Foothills Nature Preserve. The policy states that a proposed park name change should be reviewed and evaluated by the Palo Alto Historical Association (PAHA), then reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) for their recommendation to City Council.

DISCUSSION

On December 10, 2020, the Palo Alto Historical Association completed their review and evaluation of the proposed name change for Foothills Park. The PAHA Board agreed that the proposed name change to Foothills Nature Preserve is an appropriate name reflecting both the type of park and its previous history. At its December 2020 board meeting, the PAHA Board formally approved its support for renaming the park "Foothills Nature Preserve" (Attachment A).

Attachment A: Report from Historical Association Board approving Foothills Park name change

¹ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=79941>