



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
February 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Donation from the Rorick Family Trust for Strawberry Creek

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$16,720 for tree planting and picnic tables at Strawberry Creek Park from the Rorick Family Trust.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total value of purchasing approximately 30 new trees and associated supplies, and 3 wooden picnic tables for Strawberry Creek Park is \$16,720. City staff will do the installation. The cash donation will be deposited into Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2022.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In honor of Huck Rorick, the Rorick Family Trust approached the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (PRW) Department about a donation for Strawberry Creek Park. City staff provided multiple options and associated costs for potential improvements. After a site walk with the trust representative, the Rorick Family Trust chose to donate 3 new wooden picnic tables for the picnic site adjacent to the creek and approximately 30 new trees to be planted throughout the park.

BACKGROUND

Per the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy, individuals may donate to the City's parks in selected locations subject to the approval of the Director of the PRW Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation. The Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 66,831–N.S. and has approved the donation, subject to Council approval. The City's Open Governance Ordinance requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166–N.S.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

One of the City's Climate Action Plan goals is to maintain the urban forest's present canopy coverage and to provide significant environmental benefits in the form of carbon dioxide absorption and oxygen production, as well as storm water retention and climate control. This project will use the natural systems of trees to achieve these goals. Trees also cool temperatures, beautify neighborhoods, add habitat, and provide health benefits to residents and visitors.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The donation allows the City to install 3 new wooden picnic tables and approximately 30 new trees in honor of Huck Rorick that will benefit the general public.

CONTACT PERSON

Bruce Pratt, Parks Superintendent, 510-981-6632.

Attachments: 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____ -N.S.

DONATION FROM THE RORICK FAMILY TRUST FOR STRAWBERRY CREEK

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, Council adopted the Expanded City Parks Donation Policy (Resolution No. 66,831–N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City’s Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the Rorick Family Trust, wishes to donate for tree planting and new picnic tables at Strawberry Creek Park with a cash donation of \$16,720; and

WHEREAS, per the City’s Expanded City Parks Donation Policy, individuals may donate to the City’s parks in selected locations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation; and

WHEREAS, the Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with City’s Expanded City Parks Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 66,831–N.S. and has approved the proposed donation; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation will be deposited into Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a cash donation in the amount of \$16,720 for tree planting and new picnic tables at Strawberry Creek Park is hereby accepted.

