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MEMORANDUM

Council Memo - Memo No. CS 08 - 070

DATE: September 27, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
RICH DLUGAS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARK M. EYNATTEN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR *ME*
DAVID E. MCDOWELL, ASSISTANT COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR *DM*

FROM: MICKEY OHLAND, PARK DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS MANAGER *M.O.*

SUBJECT: CANAL PARK RE-NAMING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Canal Park be re-named to Crossbow Park.

BACKGROUND: The Canal Park site is 9.30 acres in size and is located within the square mile bounded by Arizona Avenue, Ocotillo, McQueen, and Chandler Heights Roads (Attachment A). The development of this park is currently in the design process and will be constructed in the spring of 2008. When complete, Canal Park will serve as a neighborhood park and will offer such amenities as a shaded playground with swings, lighted basketball court, picnic ramada, lighted walking paths and open turf space.

The Chandler Parks and Recreation Board recommended park-naming criteria to the Council in 2004. Council approved the criteria in November of 2004. In June of 2005, a park naming committee with representatives from both the Parks and Recreation Board and the Museums Advisory Board was formed to suggest names for various parks, Canal Park being one of them. On October 10, 2005, Council approved the various park names as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Since the naming of Canal Park in 2005, Mr. John Irvine has addressed the Parks and Recreation Board requesting the name be changed. Most recently, staff received a formal request from the Kerby Estates Community Association requesting the park be re-named to Crossbow Park (Attachment B).

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended that Council approve the re-naming of Canal Park to Crossbow Park at their August 7, 2007 meeting (Attachment C).

PROPOSED MOTION: Move that Canal Park be re-named to Crossbow Park.

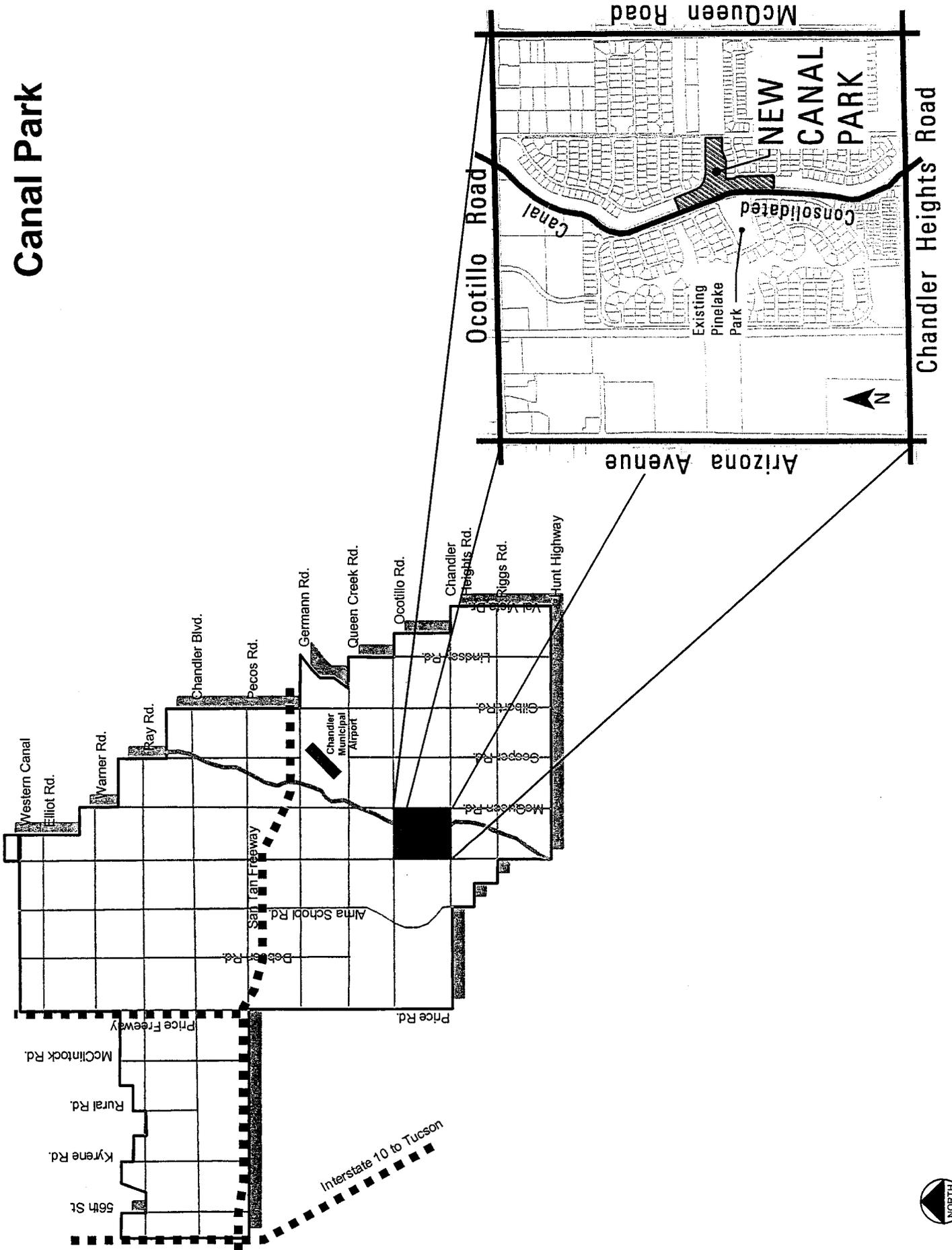
Attachments:

Attachment A - Site Location Map

Attachment B - Kerby Estates Community Association Name Change Request

Attachment C – August 7, 2007 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

Canal Park



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City of Chandler
City Parks Department

Regarding: Canal Park Name Change Suggestion

To: Michey Ohland, Park Planning Superintendent

The Board of Directors for Kerby Estates Community Association would like to suggest that Canal Park be re-named as Crossbow Park.

Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

Respectfully,



Jason Straka, President



John Irvine, Vice-President



Patricia Zellmer, Vice-President

Aaron Goff, Treasurer



Betsy Verrico, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Lloyd Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. at the City of Chandler Council Chambers, 22 S. Delaware Street, Chandler, Arizona.

Members in attendance:

Lloyd Harrell, Chairman
Michael Buscaglia
Rick Heumann
Damon Testa
Dean Visser

Members absent:

Steven Bjornstad
Dana Butler, Vice Chairman

Staff members present:

Dave McDowell, Asst. Community Services Director
Barbara Young, Recreation Manager
Mickey Ohland, Park and Operations Manager
Sara C de Baca, Recreation Superintendent
Sara Rathsack, Recreation Superintendent
Don Tolle, Park Planning Superintendent
Sandra Munoz-Weingarten, Naturalist
Carolyn Harrison, Recording Secretary

Others present:

Marshall Terrill, Newspaper
John Irvine, Chandler Citizen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of June 5, 2007

Chairman Lloyd Harrell moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Boardmember Rick Heumann seconded the motion. All Boardmembers present unanimously approved the motion.

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the Conceptual Master Plan for Canal Park

Mickey Ohland took the floor on this topic, giving a brief background on Canal Park. He reported that Canal Park is 9.3 acres in size, and is in the square mile bordered by Arizona Avenue, Ocotillo, Chandler Heights, and McQueen roads. It is also east of another neighborhood park, Pinelake Park.

Mickey said to date there have been two public meetings on this park: June 7, 2007 and July 26, 2007. Approximately 35 people attended the first meeting and 27 people attended the second one. Mickey also noted that Board member Rick Heumann was present at the second public meeting.

Mickey commented that from those two meetings a master plan was developed (he handed it out to Board members this evening, noting that it was a different one than that included in their packets). He reported that there was a consensus from the citizens who attended the second meeting that the following amenities be included: lighted walking path, shaded playground with swings, lighted basketball court, picnic ramada and open space turf.

Mickey went on to report that an additional request was brought up at the 2nd public meeting. He gave some background information, explaining the consolidated canal runs down the western side of the park between Pinelake and Canal Parks, and the City is currently working with Salt River Project (SRP) to develop a pedestrian bridge over the canal to connect the two parks. The citizen request was that bollards be placed on that bridge so motorized vehicles could not use the crossing. Mickey said that since the canals belong to SRP, they dictate what can and cannot be done there; the City is presently working with SRP on this.

Other requests received for this park included:

- ***Traffic calming on adjacent streets near the park.***

Mickey said staff will work with the Streets Division on that, but it would come after the park is completed.

- ***Move the playground a little farther east - away from the basketball court.***

Mickey reported that this is being addressed by staff; it has been moved slightly to the east, but the park starts narrowing down the farther east one goes, it is not possible to go much farther without affecting the surrounding residences.

- ***Provide more benches, more covered ramadas, and Pine trees.***

Mickey commented that staff would look into these requests and add where possible.

He stated that overall, residents were happy with the plan.

Lloyd asked for questions/comments from the audience regarding the park design. There being none, Lloyd then asked the Board if they had any questions regarding this.

Rick Heumann referred to the ramada situation that was mentioned at the July 26th meeting. In the event it would not be possible to add a ramada, he wondered if it would be possible to use a clustering of trees on the south or east side of the park to eliminate a portion of the noise for nearby neighbors. He also wanted to know if Parks staff is using lights with sensors on them, is staff considering going to a sensor light that turns on and off by itself?

Mickey responded that they are presently on a timer and previously dusk to dawn sensors have been a problem. The way they are programmed they come on at dark and go off at 10:30pm. Rick thought the lights seem to be on a lot longer than they need to be or not on early enough. Mickey said staff would check further on it.

Boardmember Damon Testa asked a question regarding the turf areas, wanting to know if the water being used is effluent water. Mickey replied that any park south of Pecos Road uses effluent water, so this one would be.

Boardmember Rick Heumann moved to approve the Conceptual Master Plan for Canal Park. Boardmember Damon Testa seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Neighborhood Request to Rename Canal Park to Crossbow Park

Mickey Ohland gave some brief background information on park naming. He reported that in 2005 the Parks and Recreation Board in conjunction with the Museum Advisory Board created a subcommittee for the purpose of naming 13 parks. The names chosen were taken from a list submitted by the public during a call for park name suggestions. From that list, the subcommittee chose 13 park names, Canal Park being one of their recommendations. Since that time, staff had received several concerns from area residents that the name could have a possible derogatory connotation. A formal request to change the name to Crossbow Park, an adjacent street, has been received from the area Homeowners Association, which staff has no issue with. Therefore, at tonight's meeting staff is requesting the Board recommend the name change to Council. Lloyd asked if the name change meets all the criteria of naming parks. Mickey responded that it did.

Rick referenced Pinelake Park on the other side of the canal and asked if it might not create confusion with the parks having two different names and is it one park or two? Mickey replied that the canal does divide the two areas and it would actually function as one park. Lloyd brought up that the one across the canal was actually the same name as the subdivision and thus the reason for it being called that. Mickey confirmed.

Boardmember Michael Buscaglia moved to recommend Council approval of the renaming of Canal Park to Crossbow Park. Boardmember Damon Testa seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Appoint Committee to Review 2007 Celebration Plaza Process and Recommend Honorees to the Full Board

Dave McDowell gave some background information, stating that the 2007 nominee process has been a bit slow due to some challenges with getting the plaza built and the fountain operational for placement of the 2006 nominees. Celebration Plaza is complete and staff would now like to get a committee formed to start the process for the 2007 nominees, October 2007 being the application deadline. Once those are received, the committee would review the applications, review the criteria to make sure nothing needs to be changed, and make recommendations to the full Board. Dave reminded the Board who was on last year's committee: Dana Butler, Philip Hettmansperger and Dean Visser. He said Dana had agreed to serve again, but due to work obligations would not be able to chair it this year.

Discussion ensued - the following committee members were chosen for 2007: Dean Visser, Chairman, Dana Butler, and Michael Buscaglia.

d. Appoint Committee to Work With Staff on a Review of Park Rules

Dave reported that for quite some time staff has been looking at the Chandler City Code that outlines the rules governing park operations, processes, and regulations. Chapter 31 of the City Code deals with the Community Services Department. Much of it is out of date and needs to be updated. Dave said it would be helpful to have some new eyes to review the document. This committee would need a two to three month time commitment and would review the current staff changes to the City Code in addition to offering suggestions of their own. Mark Eynatten would like this committee to begin working in the very near future.

After some discussion, it was determined the committee would consist of the following two individuals: **Rick Heumann and Steve Bjornstad**, who was volunteered in his absence by Chairman Harrell.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Fee Committee Update

Lloyd and Dave referenced another committee, the one that is looking at fees - **Damon Testa, Steve Bjornstad, and Dean Visser**. The purpose of this committee would be to work through the existing programs we have, and come up with a