Thursday, November 6, 2008

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 28

Subject: Approve a resolution naming the approximately 0.6 acres of parkland located at 2200 Veterans Drive as "Veterans Park" and waiving any applicable requirements of Chapter 14-1 of the City Code.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Parks and Recreation Board.

Council approval is requested to name a 0.6-acre tract of parkland that is adjacent to the local American Legion Travis Post 76 near MoPac Boulevard as Veterans Park. The naming of the park will honor many "Veterans of War" that served in the military from this region.

If this action is approved, the Parks And Recreation Department (PARD) would like to relocate the memorials located at Waterloo Park, representing the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Bombing of Marines in Beirut, to the proposed Veterans Park. In addition, the relocation of these memorials is necessary due to the proposed improvements planned for the Waller Creek Inlet Tunnel project.

In the future, PARD plans to partner with various veterans groups throughout the city to help fund an overall master plan for the park to identify appropriate locations for the transfer of the memorials as well as any future memorials that would also include park amenities for the site.

The local American Legion Travis Post 76 submitted this request for naming of parkland. On September 23, 2008, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended the naming on a 5-0 vote.