Atascadero City Council
Staff Report – Community Services Department

Memorial Bench Request
Atascadero Lake Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve a request by Lee Swam, Bob Christian, Rich Scheider, and Rita Robinson to install a Memorial Bench at Atascadero Lake Park, at bench site #1, in honor of Jerry Robinson.

DISCUSSION:

Background: The City of Atascadero has received a request to install a Memorial bench at the Atascadero Lake Park in honor of Atascadero resident Jerry Robinson, who spent a good amount of time at the Atascadero Lake Park.

Previously, the Atascadero Parks and Recreation Commission identified nine (9) locations in at the Atascadero Lake Park for the installation of such Memorial Benches. (Attachment #3) Specific colors and construction styles have been determined for Memorial benches. The Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed bench styles and locations. The requesting family will be responsible to cover all costs related to the installation of this bench.

Analysis: The Policy on the Naming of Public Buildings, Parks and Other Public Facilities includes a provision to be followed by staff for the recognition of individuals.

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“In addition to the naming of public facilities by using the criteria established above, the City can provide for the recognition of individuals, either deceased or living, by the placement of memorial objects (symbols); such as living trees, public benches, rocks, memorial flagpoles, sculptures, etc., in public facilities. The placement and identification of these recognition symbols will be at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council on a case-by-case basis.”
The attached request complies with previously established policies for the recognition of individuals at City park facilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. The requesting family will cover all related costs for the purchase and installation of the Memorial bench.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Map of Atascadero Lake Park bench locations