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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: July 14, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton naming the park site located at 510 Hercules Lane to Hercules Park; and providing an effective date. The Parks, Recreation and Beautification board voted to recommend approval (5-0).

BACKGROUND

City Policy and Previous Naming Effort

The current naming effort represents the most recent phase of a process that began in October 2020 with the updating of the City of Denton naming policy guidelines for city buildings, facilities, land, parks, trails, or any portion thereof. The naming policy was recently updated in March 2026 to codify Council's direction that the Park Board should continue to serve as the committee to consider future naming applications and provide recommendations regarding those applications to City Council.

The current naming policy discourages *renaming* parks, parks properties, and parks facilities that already have established, recognized names. Additionally, the naming policy includes guidelines and standards for naming, including the following:

- To name a park after an individual that person must have been a resident of Denton in good standing and must have made an exceptional contribution to society at the local, state, national or global level.
- City properties may be named after individuals who died in honorable service to the City, State, or Nation, or who were known for profound contributions to humanitarian causes.
- City properties (or portions thereof) may also be named after foundations or organizations that have either made a lasting and exceptional positive impact on life at the local, state, national, or international level.
- City properties (or portions thereof) may also be named after organizations who have provided a unique and extraordinary contribution in support of developing all or a portion of a particular City building, facility, parcel of land, or other City property.

Internal Naming Applications

Presently, staff are asking City Council to consider approving the internal naming application for the following park:

- **Hercules Park** (510 Hercules Lane): This application seeks to name a parcel of land located off Hercules Lane in North Denton that totals 2.151 acres. The purchase of this land was finalized by City Council in August 2024, and future plans call for a master plan to realize a fully functional parks space that might include a loop trail, playground, and water fountain.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

In accordance with the naming policy, Parks and Recreation staff will convey park board's recommendations regarding the internal and external naming applications to City Council who will make the final determination to approve or deny each application.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving internal applications for Hercules Park.

Parks, Recreation and Beautification board voted to approve these naming request on May 4, 2026 with a vote of (5-0).

FISCAL INFORMATION

If a facility or park requires new signage as a consequence of naming, this will be a new unanticipated expense. Staff cannot guarantee that a sign will be constructed soon or even placed on the list of short-term park priorities, unless a funding source for these features is determined.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Resolution

Exhibit 3- Naming Application

Exhibit 4- Presentation

Respectfully Submitted:

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