



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Bryan Langley

DATE: November 14, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution to allow a historical marker to be placed in Quakertown Park in honor of Floyd Freeman Graham.

BACKGROUND

Elise Clements is a sophomore at Denton High School, a lifelong Girl Scout, and a valued contributor on the Denton Teen Council. In 2016, she earned a Girl Scout Silver Award after conducting extensive research on Miss Beulah Harriss, Denton's first Girl Scout Leader, and secured the support of the Denton County Historical Commission to sponsor the installation of a Texas Historical Commission marker in Quakertown Park honoring Miss Harriss' contribution to the City of Denton. (Exhibit 3)

Recently, Ms. Clements secured the support of the Denton County Historical Commission to place an additional historical marker in Quakertown Park in honor of "Fessor" Floyd Freeman Graham. Mr. Graham graduated from Denton High School in 1919, taught music at UNT for 46 years, and founded and directed the Aces of Collegeland in 1935. This group became the forerunner of the One O' Clock Lab Band. (Exhibit 4) Per Connie Baker of the Historical Commission, the old band shell in Quakertown Park was demolished and that area would be the appropriate location to place his memorial marker. Costs for the production and installation of the marker will be borne by the Historical Commission.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The Denton County Historical Commission has endorsed this project and committed to sponsor costs associated with the production and installation of the marker.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

This marker will be dedicated at the 2018 Arts & Jazz Festival.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

Exhibit 3 – Beulah Harriss marker

Exhibit 4 – Proposed Floyd Freeman Graham narrative

Respectfully submitted:

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Director
Parks and Recreation