

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AGENDA

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
NAMING AREA CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS CIVIC CENTER PARK	♦ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	SCOTT STOPAK RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to rename of the area currently referred to as “Civic Center Park” to “Central Park”.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

The City closed La Vista Falls Golf Course several years ago to make way for the creation of a regional recreation area abutting the new City Centre development. Multiple improvements have been made to this area including expanding the size of the lake, adding a fountain, and installing new trails, irrigation and electrical infrastructure. Additional improvements are anticipated.

The new park area abuts and shares a common border with the City’s existing Central Park on the southeast and is backed by 84th Street on the west. A future anticipated project includes the installation of a pedestrian underpass and the City is currently in the process of developing a plan for the future use of this space.

As all of these adjoining projects, both public and private, began to take shape, there was a need to reference this space as something other than “the former golf course”. While no official naming process was undertaken, it began to be referred to as Civic Center Park. As the 84th Street redevelopment continues to move forward, it has become apparent that a deliberate naming of this park space is necessary for consistency and ease of wayfinding.

Staff has reviewed and discussed this at length and is recommending that the entire area—existing Central Park, the former golf course, and the adjacent area immediately west of 84th Street be officially named Central Park. All of the spaces will ultimately connect and join together. It is anticipated that while some areas might eventually be referred to as Central Park East or Central Park West, this would be much easier than trying to assign different names to each space, particularly for marketing and directional purchases.

In accordance with the Council Policy Statement, all City of La Vista parks and recreational facilities shall be identified by a name established by the Mayor and City Council. Prior to the approval of a name for a city park or recreational facility, the La Vista Park and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be requested to provide a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council.

At their meeting on January 20, 2021 the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee held a public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend naming the area currently referred to as Civic Center Park “Central Park”.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA OFFICIALLY NAMING THE AREA CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS CIVIC CENTER PARK AND THE ADJACENT AREA IMMEDIATELY WEST OF 84TH STREET AS CENTRAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the site of the former La Vista Falls Golf Course has been created into a regional recreation area abutting the new City Centre development; and

WHEREAS, the recreation area formally has not been named, but has been referred to as Civic Center Park; and

WHEREAS, the future plans include the installation of a connection under 84th Street between this new recreation area and the land that is the current location of the municipal swimming pool and some smaller baseball fields; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee held a public hearing at their meeting on January 20, 2021 to discuss naming these areas as required by the Council Policy Statement, and they are recommending the name Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the official park name will be Central Park;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska does hereby officially name the area currently referred to as Civic Center Park and the area immediately west of 84th Street as Central Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk



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