



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 25-316

Meeting Date: 6/12/2025

TITLE:

DONATION OF A MEMORIAL TREE AND PLAQUE AT TANAGER PARK

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission accept the donation of a memorial tree and plaque to be installed in Tanager Park in memory of Claudine Rosine Hastings.

BACKGROUND:

The City is in receipt of a letter from Natalie Hill, requesting permission from this Commission to donate a memorial tree and plaque in memory of her mother, Claudine Rosine Hastings (Attachment 1).

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have been longtime residents of Costa Mesa, having lived in their home for 53 years. They had three children who attended Estancia High School and Orange Coast College. Claudine was a dedicated educator, teaching French at Golden West College for over 25 years, as well as at the Orange County Lingual Institute.

She was an active member at Alliance Française de la Riviera Californienne and at Orange County Accueil (OCA). She was very passionate about teaching French and led many French activities throughout California.

Claudine had many passions; her passion for the Arts brought her to be very active at the Segerstrom Hall in Costa Mesa and the Orange County Museum of Art. She loved her garden and the outdoors. Tanager Park held special significance for her and her family, serving as the setting for many family traditions and a place she walked regularly. It is a fitting location to commemorate her life and legacy.

ANALYSIS:

The request meets the requirements set forth by City Council Policy 800-4 (Attachment 2). Staff has reviewed the proposed location in Tanager Park and determined a suitable location for the memorial tree and plaque (Attachment 3). Staff will work with the donor to schedule the installation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission may deny the request for the donations or may suggest an alternate location.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Upon approval by this Commission, the installation of the tree and plaque will have minimal fiscal impact on the City, as the donor will incur the cost of the items.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

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