

MEMORANDUM
City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

DATE: JUNE 22, 2026

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: SILVIA AVALOS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION

SUBJECT: NAMING PRESERVE PARK SITE

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BACKGROUND

The City's park naming guidelines provide several steps during the process. First, a list of potential park names is compiled from suggestions submitted by the public, City staff, and the developer. The suggestions are then forwarded to the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission for review. The Commission has the option to review the names as an entire body or through a Sub-Committee prior to making a final recommendation to the full Commission. The Commission's final recommendation is then forwarded to the City Council for final adoption. The park naming guidelines allow a park or facility to be named after an individual, living or deceased, who has provided a significant contribution to the development or improvement of the quality of life in the City (i.e. Ruben S. Ayala Park, Fred Aguiar Square, Carolyn Owens Centennial Square). Further, the park sites can be based on themes that characterize the individual park sites, such as neighborhood street names or significant site landmarks (i.e. Liberty Park, Walnut Park, Mountain View Park).

The development of The Preserve area includes the construction of a park required by the development agreement with Lewis Operating Company (LOC). As conditioned by the Preserve Development Agreement, the developer is required to design and construct a park in lieu of paying development impact fees for these facilities.

Unlike other City park development projects, the park sites in The Preserve are designed and constructed prior to residents moving into the neighborhoods adjoining the proposed park sites. In those cases, the parks are being constructed prior to or during construction of the adjacent tracts in order to have the parks

completed when the model homes open to the public. As part of the design process, the developer selects park names that coincide with the housing tract development as part of their desire to develop inclusive communities.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Lewis Operating Company (LOC) is currently developing a three-acre public park within The Preserve community. The project site is located south of Pine Avenue, west of W. Preserve Loop, and north of Legacy Park Street.

The park design emphasizes balance, connection, and a strong sense of place through a variety of active and passive recreational amenities. Key features of the park include a walking loop lined with Cherry trees, a traditional Chinese garden, a chess and board game area, fitness equipment, dog park, and tot lot for young children. This park is part of a new development called Block 1 at The Preserve, and at this time, there is no estimated start date for construction or an anticipated opening date for the park. The timing of the construction of the park will be largely driven by the pace of sales within the community. As development progresses and additional information becomes available, staff will share updates regarding the project schedule.

The name proposed by LOC for this park is Harmony Park. This name reflects the park's design and purpose, where a strolling loop lined with Cherry trees encourages peaceful movement and reflection, and the semi-enclosed Chinese garden, arbor, fitness nodes, and gathering spaces foster interaction and community engagement. At the same time, amenities such as the dog park, tot lot, and open spaces ensure the park serves a wide range of users, seamlessly blending active and passive recreation.

As of June 17, 2026, the City received a total of 17 Naming of Facilities and Parks Nomination Forms from community members. Please see the attached Nomination Forms.

The names being proposed are:

- Abacherli Park
- Allen P. McCombs Heritage Park
- Cadet Commons Park
- Cultivate Chino Park or Cultivate Park or Preserve Origins Park or The Origins at The Preserve
- Dairy Pioneers Park
- Dennis R. Yates Park
- Dutchmen Park
- Eunice Ulloa Community Park
- Great Thinkers Park

- Heritage Grove/Blossom Park
- Floral Park or Fluorescent Park or Pollen Park
- Harmony Park
- Pine Grove Park
- Preserve Harmony Park
- Revelations Park
- Russell M. Miller Sr. Memorial Park
- The Heart of Cherry Blossoms Park

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission has the option to review the proposed park names as an entire body or refer the nominations to the Park Naming Sub-Committee for further evaluation. The review will ensure that the proposed names align with the City's Park Naming Guidelines. The Sub-Committee would return with a recommendation to the full Commission at its July 27, 2026 meeting, and at that time will make a final recommendation to the City Council.