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City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

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TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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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

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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.

At the June 22, 2026, staff presented to the Commission the 18 park names proposed by community members. The names proposed were:

1. Abacherli Park
2. Allen P. McCombs Heritage Park
3. Cadet Commons Park
4. Cultivate Chino Park or Cultivate Park or Preserve Origins Park or The Origins at The Preserve
5. Dairy Pioneers Park
6. Dairymen Park
7. Dennis R. Yates Park
8. Dutchmen Park
9. Eunice Ulloa Community Park
10. Great Thinkers Park
11. Heritage Grove/Blossom Park
12. Floral Park or Fluorescent Park or Pollen Park
13. Harmony Park
14. Pine Grove Park
15. Preserve Harmony Park
16. Revelations Park
17. Russell M. Miller Sr. Memorial Park
18. The Heart of Cherry Blossoms Park

The Commission referred the park name nominations to the Park Naming Sub-Committee for further evaluation and recommendation. The Sub-Committee was directed to return its recommendation to the full Commission at its July 27, 2026, meeting. At which time, the Commission will consider the recommendation and make its final recommendation to the City Council for approval.

The Park Naming Sub-Committee met on June 2, 2026, and is comprised of Chairperson Jerry and Commissioners Cooper and Montenegro-Olivas. Following its review, the Sub-Committee determined that given the park's size and planned amenities, naming the park after an individual community member was not the most appropriate option. Instead, the Sub-Committee concluded that commemorating a community member would be better suited for a larger community park where the park's theme, amenities, and interpretive elements could be thoughtfully designed to honor the individual's legacy and showcase their contributions to Chino.

After evaluating the name suggestions, the Sub-Committee identified three names that best aligned with the park's overall theme and design: Harmony Park, Preserve Harmony Park, and Cherry Blossom Park. Following careful consideration, the Sub-Committee is recommending Harmony Park as the preferred name, finding that it best reflects the park's character and intended purpose. The park's strolling loop, lined with Cherry trees, promotes peaceful movement and reflection, while the semi-enclosed Chinese garden, arbor, fitness nodes, and gathering spaces encourage social interaction and community engagement. At the same time, amenities such as the dog park, tot lot, and open lawn areas provide opportunities for users of all ages and interests, creating a balanced environment that seamlessly integrates active and passive recreation.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the name Harmony Park and forward the recommendation to the City Council for adoption.