

**SPECIAL MEETING
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 4:00 PM
REMOTE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM**

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Topic: SPECIAL MEETING PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

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OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity for any citizen to briefly address the Parks and Open Space Committee on any matter that does not appear on this agenda. Upon being recognized by the Chair, please state your name, address, and limit your oral statement to no more than three minutes. Matters that appear to warrant a more lengthy presentation or Committee consideration may be agendaized for further discussion at a later meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of September 9, 2021, Regular Meeting
2. Comments from the Chair, Jean Bordon
3. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director

Old Business:

4. Report from Subcommittee on preparations of a Plan for Centennial Park, including replacement of wooden stairs and wooden railings, removal and/or limbing of trees, planting, and irrigation.
5. Report from Subcommittee on Plan for Park Lane, including replacement of wooden stairs and wooden railings, removal and/or limbing of vegetation, planting, and installation of a viewing and seating area, with a built-in bench or a free-standing bench.
6. Update on Report from Views Subcommittee on report, dated August 2021, to Irene Borba, Director of Planning, and Robert Zadnik, Director of Public Works, regarding Preservation of Views from Public Places.
7. Discussion and possible action on all acknowledgements to be installed in Community Park to individuals and entities, who contributed \$1000 or more to the Playground Renovation.
8. Report from subcommittee on Placement of two 36-inch box Tilia Cordata (Green Spire Linden) trees offered to be donated by the family of the late James Walsh of Tiburon for planting in Tom Price Park.

New Business

9. Report on existing trees in Tom Price Park, which were inventoried and evaluated in the POSC 2018 Tree Report, and on other existing plantings in Tom Price Park, and required maintenance and future plantings.

10. Discussion and possible action on a request to replace a memorial dedication to Bob Gordon, currently on the Playhouse in Community Park, with a memorial dedication to Bob Gordon on the Boat or other structure in Community Park.
11. Discussion of railing installation and repairs and stair maintenance requirements for all improved lanes and possible action to establish a subcommittee to report at the January Park and Open Space meeting.

Future Items

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Changing the meeting time to 6 p.m. if Zoom meetings are no longer approved or allowed.
13. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize a Survey of the Citizens of Belvedere on Organizing and/or Participating in Community Clean Up Projects on the Second Saturday of every even month of the year (i.e. February, April, June, August, October, and December).
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Park and Open Space Committee Task Forces.

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, September 9, 2021, 4:00 PM
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MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Chair Jean Bordon, Vice Chair Jena Watson, Anne-Marie Walker, Bryan Kemnitzer, Kathy Pearson, and Mario Valente

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Carolyn Lund

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Committee Liaison and Mayor James Campbell, and Office Coordinator Christina Cook

These minutes are intended to reflect the general content of the regular meeting. An audio file of the meeting is available on the City website at www.Cityofbelvedere.org

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Chair Bordon read the COVID-19 disclaimer and special instructions for Zoom webinars.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Public Works Director Zadnik. Committee Member Walker joined at 4:25 PM.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bordon read the guidelines on open forum procedures called for public comment. Director Zadnik stated he did not receive any comments via email, and there were no hands raised in the Zoom platform.

Chair Bordon stated that she received an email from Sandy Donnell. She then read the email message into the record.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of July 8, 2021, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted, Committee Member Walker seconded and Director Zadnik took roll call.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Watson, Lund

ABSTAIN: None

2. Comments from the Chair, Jean-Marie Bordon.

Chair Bordon announced a change to the agenda; item number 7 would be removed. She then commented on two upcoming events in the area: The Annual California Coastal Clean Up event this Saturday 9 AM to 11 AM, and the last chipper day at Blackies Pasture is this Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. She urged people to participate in both activities.

No public comments were received.

3. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director.

Director Zadnik provided updates on a few items. First, he mentioned the progress on Artist's View Lane and stated that the City has been working with Fletcher Design. The City's Public Works Department has been focusing a majority of effort on the playground upgrade project and getting it out to bid. Zadnik then read the biologic survey summary report on the Artist's View Property and stated that the report is available to the public upon request. He then touched on the fence that was installed at Artist's View and the steps that have been taken so far.

Committee Member Kemnitzer commented about the fence placement at Artist's View and the City's definition of Open Space.

No public comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Review and Action to Consider Approval of Planting Plan for Parking Lot at Tom Price Park.

Director Zadnik reviewed the planting plan submitted by Gary Rasmussen at Blasen Landscape Architecture Design Services, a landscape architectural firm retained by the City.

No public comments were received.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made a motion to approve the planting plan as presented by Blasen Landscape Architecture Design Services at Tom Price Park. Committee Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, and Watson, Valente

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lund

ABSTAIN: None

5. Report and Review of Memorandum, dated August 2021, to Irene Borba, Director of Planning, and Robert Zadnik, Director of Public Works, regarding Preservation of Views from Public Places, from Views Subcommittee of TVV, of the POSC.

The report was provided in the agenda packet for the committee members and the public. Committee Member Pearson reviewed the report. Committee Member Walker thanked Committee Member Pearson and Chair Bordon for the wonderful report. Committee Member Watson also gave her thanks and commented on ways new homeowners could be made aware of the view preservation requirements of Belvedere. Chair Bordon also brought up the topic of community education with regard to brush removal for fire prevention.

No further committee or public comment was received.

6. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director, on Costs, and Report from Bryan Kemnitzer on Fundraising for the Belvedere Community Park Renovation, and Possible Actions on Both.

Director Zadnik reported on the community park renovation costs and fundraising. He then shared his screen and gave a presentation of designs and costs, etc. from RHAA (a copy of this presentation is available upon request). The Committee discussed in detail the perimeter bench that had been removed from the plan due to cost. Director Zadnik stated that the bench will be included in the bid advertisement as an add-on to be awarded if additional funding is secured by the start of work. Zadnik continued to report on financials of \$291,000.00, the total amount collected and pledged. This is about a \$48,000.00 shortage from the total funding goal. There was discussion on the importance of the bench and the importance of starting the project.

Public comment was taken from Bill Rothman regarding carcinogens that he believes are in the proposed playground surface verses the absence of those materials in natural products.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Action to Establish a Citizens' Fundraising Group in Support of Playground Renovations.

This item was removed.

8. Action to Approve a Plaque or other Dedicatory Symbols Honoring Donors of \$1000 or more to the Renovation of the Playground, subject to Future Final Approval of Design and Placement by the Park and Open Space Committee.

Chair Bordon explained the purpose and scope of this motion.

Committee Member Kemnitzer commented on the number of donations over \$1000 and what type of recognition donors will receive. This led to a discussion regarding the dismantling of the Bob Gordon memorial Playhouse and plans for rededication. Member Walker explained that the Committee assigned the naming opportunity to the playground task force and that the task force did have discussions on this topic. She feels that if the boat is not named the SS Gordon, it is not honoring the City's heritage, much like re-naming Tom Price Park. Chair Bordon stated that the Mr. Gordon topic seems to be a different issue than fund raising and that it should be addressed at the next meeting. She then called for further questions from the Committee and there were none. She then called for public comment.

No public comment was received.

9. Discussion and Action Directing Staff to prepare a Plan for Centennial Park, including replacement of stairs, removal and/or limbing of trees, and planting, and appointment of a sub-committee.

Chair Bordon asked Director Zadnik to give a briefing. Director Zadnik stated that Centennial Park is also known as Hawthorne Lane and that the wood stairs need to be replaced in the uppermost segment of the park. Zadnik stated that \$25,000.00 has been approved from City Council for that project and that Blasen Landscape Architecture Design has been contracted to do the work. Chair Bordon stated that she feels that Blasen should look at the other opportunities for improvement in

that park, such as tree pruning. Committee Member Kemnitzer asked for more information about the budget. Director Zadnik commented about the budget relating to Capital Improvements.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made a motion to direct Staff to prepare a plan for Centennial Park, including replacement of stairs, removal and/or limbing of trees, and planting, and appointment of a sub-committee existing of Vice Chair Watson for Chair and Committee Members Lund and Walker for members. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Pearson
AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, Watson and Valente
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lund
ABSTAIN: None

10. Discussion and Action Directing Staff to prepare a Plan for Park Lane, including replacement of stairs, removal and/or limbing of vegetation, planting, and installation of a viewing and seating area, with a built-in bench or a free-standing bench, and appointment of a subcommittee.

Chair Bordon asked Director Zadnik to give a briefing on this item. Zadnik stated that Park Lane connects Belvedere Avenue with Golden Gate Circle. He reported that the wooden stairs near Belvedere Ave. need replacement with something more durable, along with installation of a pad and bench. He concluded by commenting that City's Budget for his work is \$20,000.00.

From the public, Klaus Johannsmeier commented that the Park Plan project is an ill-conceived plan for several reasons. Mr. Johannsmeier reviewed his reasons. There was no further public comment received.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made a motion directing Staff to prepare a Plan for Park Lane, including replacement of wooden stairs, removal and/or limbing of vegetation, planting, and installation of a viewing and seating area, with a bench, and appointment of a subcommittee existing of Vice Chair Watson for Chair and Committee Members Kemnitzer and Valente for members. Committee Member Pearson seconded the motion.
AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, and Watson, Valente
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lund
ABSTAIN: None

11. Review and Action to Consider Approval of an offer from the family of the late James Walsh to donate two 36-inch box Tilia Cordata (Green Spire Linden) Trees to Tom Price Park, and appointment of sub-committee.

Chair Bordon asked attendee Roger Felton to speak on the item. Mr. Felton stated that he had met with the Walsh Family and City Staff at the proposed planting location at the north end of Tom Price Park. Committee Members commented about this lovely gesture. Discussion continued regarding the species of tree and its growth characteristics. Council Liaison Campbell cautioned the committee to make sure they are considering all aspects of the decision to allow these trees to be planted.

MOTION: Member Kemnitzer made a motion to approve Review and Action to Consider Approval of an offer from the family of the late James Walsh to donate two 36-inch box Tilia

Cordata (Green Spire Linden) Trees to Tom Price Park, and appointment of sub-committee existing of Committee Member Walker for Chair and Committee Members Pearson and Bordon for members. The subcommittee should review past actions of the Parks and Open Space Committee in regard to previous tree donations to be planted in City parks. Committee Member Pearson seconded the motion.

AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, and Watson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lund, Valente

ABSTAIN: None

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Continuing to hold meetings on Zoom, as permissible under State modifications of the Brown Act.

Director Zadnik stated that AB361 is up for adoption tomorrow and feels that Zoom meetings will still be allowed. Vice Chair Watson said she prefers the Zoom platform if the meetings are to continue to be held at 4 PM.

MOTION: Committee Member Kemnitzer made the motion to continue with Zoom.

AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, and Watson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lund, Valente

ABSTAIN: None

Committee Member Valente left the meeting at 5:49 PM. Mayor Campbell left the meeting at 5:54.

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:58 PM.

Item 1

Report on Tom Price Park, November 10, 2021

To: Parks and Open Space Committee of the City of Belvedere

From: Sub-committee on Tom Price Park

This sub-committee was appointed at the September meeting of the Parks and Open Space Committee to review and coordinate the planting and placement of commemorative trees near the newly installed benches in Tom Price Park. Benches were donated by the Belvedere Community Foundation. Here are photos of new installations.



This bench faces east (view towards courts).

This bench faces north (view towards hills).

Both benches have been installed on concrete platforms for level seating. Site and installation under direction of former Chair Kemnitzer. Both concrete platforms sit at least three inches above ground level.

Meeting at the site was conducted with Gary Rasmussen of Blasen Landscape Architects, Kemnitzer and Radnick. Proposed trees for Tom Price Park were Lindens (*Tilia cordata*). Please refer to attached Addendum 1(**Notes on Selecting and Planting a Tree**) as well as **Review of Minutes** of the POSC from May, 2014 through March, 2017. Conclusion of Sub-committee on Tom Price Park eliminated selection of Linden trees.

For further discussion at the November meeting of POSC, please see attached:

1. **Inventory of Trees in Tom Price Park** extracted from the 2018 Tree Survey. For reference, current photos,(October, 2021) of base of Pistache trees (there are 9 of them) follows.
2. **Commemorative trees are a lovely idea.** POSC may wish to begin a list of people wishing to make such donation and criteria which should include current City of Belvedere code which does not permit planting of trees that at maturity are taller than 35 feet. Also, cost of such donation should include associated costs including purchase price, installation and ongoing maintenance.
3. MMWD's Carrie Pollard, Water Efficiency Manager, confirms as of October 29, 2021 "We continue to discourage installation of new plantings which utilize Marin Water's potable water

supply. Well water, recycled water and other alternative water sources are an approved option for new plant material". POSC may wish to review well water capacity given new plantings on Lagoon Road and before considering further plantings.



Irrigation too close to tree and remove poles.

Grass needs to be weeded 3 feet away.



New plantings on Lagoon Road - Grevillea

We conclude our sub-committee report with observations of Native plants planted in Tom Price Park in 2016. The effort was subsidized by City Council and executed by volunteers in 3 sites; Tom Price Park, Centennial Park and Five Corners. To date, Tom Price Park results are as follows:

1. *Cercis occidentalis* (Western redbuds) were planted on the knoll above one of the new benches. After failure to establish, they were re-planted with water bags (see green bags). Twigs do not snap but trees still do not look good. Were the water bags replenished consistently by DPW?



2. *Matilija* Poppies were planted below the Western redbuds. They have since been invaded by the blackberries and fennel. They would benefit from clearing the invasive plants as well as pruning the poppies down to 3 to 4 inches above ground level.



3. Coyote mint and humming bird sage planted under oaks are happy with the rain but could benefit with additional planting of seeds of wildflowers especially poppies.



Addendum 1

Notes on Selecting and Planting a Tree

By UC Marin Master Gardener Anne-Marie Walker

There are 3 outstanding aspects of all plants: form, color, texture

Form is significant in all landscape compositions. Texture is largely the result of leaf size and distribution and the color of a tree contributes as well.

Tilia cordata is a deciduous tree and according to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "America's Garden Book", is a tree tolerant of urban conditions. A survey of the most common trees planted in urban small parks, puts the Linden tree just at mid-point amongst popular trees. Source: [The World's Urban Forests](#) by Joe McBride. Selection of a tree to plant in a small park is important because this is a space where the average person experiences trees on a regular basis. (p. 96)

To benefit from shade afforded by a linden tree, plant south, southwest or southeast for summer protection. The Linden is deciduous and can be planted in a lawn area. Overwatering can result in root rot. Here from UCANR:

Linden—*Tilia* spp. Family Tiliaceae (Linden family)

Plant Identification

Lindens are dense deciduous trees. They have somewhat heart-shaped leaves and produce drooping clusters of small, fragrant yellowish-white flowers in the spring or early summer. Flowers develop into nutlets.

Optimum conditions for growth

Lindens are often planted as a lawn, patio, or street tree. They can also be shaped into hedges. They do well in areas with full sun and in rich, moist soil. Provide regular watering. Shape trees when young. Prune older trees as needed.



Fruit, foliage, and seeds of linden

INVENTORY OF TREES IN Tom Price Park (source: POSC Tree Survey, 2018)

Tom Price Park Pines/all #1

Platanus racemosa /all #3 Sycamore

Quercus /2 #1 and #3 see notes Oak

Juniper /1 #3

Pistacia chinensis #1 Pistache

Prunus /1 #3 Plum

Pittosporum /all #3

Schinus terebithifolius /1 #3 Pepper

Callistemon /4 #3

Ulmus parvifolia /1 #3 Elm

Numbers 1 through 4 indicate action required for health of tree at time of survey, 2018. None of these steps appear to have been taken; most notably Pistacia chinensis moving irrigation and grass to 3” from tree.

Past criteria considered by POSC for planting trees in the Parks and Open Spaces of Belvedere have paid special attention to maintaining views. The Linden Tree is a very large tree at 60 feet. Also, it does drop sticky litter which could impact benches placed underneath them. Go to

<https://planttalk.colostate.edu/topics/trees-shrubs-vines/1734-linden-trees/> to understand the sticky litter.

Review of Minutes of POSC, City of Belvedere, with respect to matters regarding Tom Price Park

Anne-Marie Walker, September 10, 2021

Chronological order (most recent back through 2014)

In 2017- 2018, planting of natives at western edge of Tom Price Park and removal of dead pines along Lagoon Road.

1. **March 9, 2017:** Options to enhance the berm at Tom Price Memorial
2. **February 28, 2017:** Tom Price Park discussion of more formal development of the western edge with addition of trees, large shrubs and benches including extension of lawn area. POSC decided it was NOT desirable at this time. Attachment: Map of Belvedere City Limits at edge of Tiburon Path included. Map designated “**for reference only**”.

Note to file: Jan Anderson’s Lane Report is attached to these minutes.

3. **September 20, 2015:** Harvey Rogers discusses his work with the POSC to plant 8 trees @ Tom Price Park. He believes a barrier would not be pleasing. Chair Jeremy Fair confirms barrier has twice been considered and twice **NOT supported**.
4. **July 16, 2015:** Discussion of fence at Tom Price Park. Reference to July 10, 2014 meeting of POSC when vote was taken **NOT** to pursue a barrier at Tom Price Park. Barrier was tabled.
5. **May 14, 2015:** Siting of a shade tree by Landscape Architect for Tom Price Park in conjunction w/ barrier discussion. Drawings suggested planting tree at western edge of Park where blackberries begin.
6. **November 13, 2014:** Chair Barbara Winter shows photo of newly planted trees in Tom Price Park; 9 *Pistacia chinensis*
7. **October 9, 2014:** Determine layout of new row trees: 9 trees, 22 feet apart following curve of grass
8. **July 10, 2014:** MCS to continue Tom Price Park as a multi-use park
9. **May 8, 2014:** Row of trees to be selected and placed such that cars driving on Tiburon Boulevard will still be able to see into the Park. Notice to all neighbors (Belvedere and Tiburon) that trees will be planted preserving Park view. Discussion followed on irrigation, property line and easements in the Park.

Note to file: Centennial Park discussion is extensive in the remainder of these minutes of May 8, 2014

Item 6

Corrections to August 2021 Report on Scenic View Obstructions by Views Subcommittee of TVV of POSC

10/28/2021

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Oct 7, 2021 10:51 am

Attachments: IMG_0224.jpg (144K), IMG_0225.jpg (105K), IMG_0226.jpg (118K)

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: 67 Belvedere Ave.

These are three photographs of 67 Belvedere Ave. taken after the owner had trimmed the boxwood hedge. These were inadvertently omitted from page 9 of the August 2021 Report on Scenic View Obstructions.

-----Original Message - --

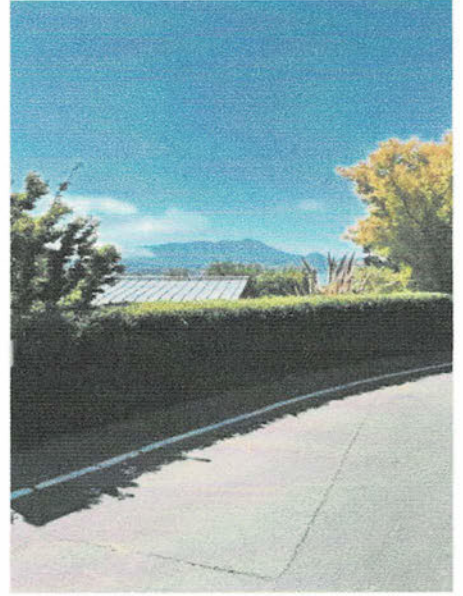
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, Oct 7, 2021 10:14 am

Subject: 67 Belvedere Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

3 Attached Images



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: 61 and 59 Westshore Rd.

Date: Thu, Oct 7, 2021 10:58 am

Attachments: IMG_0156.jpg (160K)

This photograph appears on page 12 of the August 2021 Report on Scenic View Obstructions and was inadvertently labelled 35 Westshore. It is a photograph of 61 and 59 Westshore Rd. The home on the left, 61 Westshore Rd., has a privet hedge, which at the time of the photograph in June 2021 measured between 4.8' and 5.75'. The portion at the rear of the car is the shorter portion. The higher section is visible over the hood of the car.

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, Oct 7, 2021 10:47 am
Subject: 61 and 59 Westshore Rd.

Sent from my iPhone

1 Attached Images



Item 6

Update on the TVV report

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Ferguson, Tommy
Ferrarese, Paul & Lorraine
Finley, Douglas & Ann
Fisher, Oscar & Betty
Fisher, Rick & Debbie
Fisher, Robert & Satoma
Flamming, Carl & Catherine
Fromm, Andrew & Lori
Purlong, Donald & Patricia
Purlong, Thomas
Gilbert, David, Cynthia
& Alexandra
Gordon, Kenneth & Valeria
Gordon, Martin & Viviane
Grandin, Hank & Mary
Gray, John & Frankie
Greene, John
Griffith, Dick & Sally
Guzzardo, Tony & Pat
Halsted, Scott
Hark, Jim & Louisa
The Helfrich Family
Hemberger, Dana
Hetherington, John & Susan
The Holden Family
Holm, Russell
Holzman, Stacy
Horner, Douglas & Jean
Hulett, Stanley & Mary Ann

Hunt, John
Jampolsky, Peg & Arthur
Jendresen, Dr. Malcom
Jerome, Beverly
Jesberg, Emma & Peter
Jesberg, Eugenia & Don
The Jesberg Family
Johnson, Jeffrey & Family
The Thomas J. Johnston Family
Johnstone, William
Jurvig, Preben & Clare
Kahn, Bob & Sharon
King, Dan & Meeta
Kirrane, Patrick
Klingen, Alan
Krill, Wendy
Leader, Morris & Rachel
Lee, Jorge
Legge, David & Sally Mathews
The Lent Family
Leth, Jerry & Betsy
Lewis, Carl & Carol
MacKenzie, Janis
Madrigall, Jeff & Jana
Madrigall, Joe & Grace
Stephen J. Mason
Mayer, Robert & Robin
McCluskey, Kellie & Deborah
McCormack, Mel & Pat
David McEligot
The McLaughlin Family
McStay, John
Meredith, Robert & Lois

Merrill, John & Elizabeth
Miller, Jesse
Moore, John & Marjorie
Morey, Robert & Maura
John and Nancy Neerhout
Jeffrey H. Nehms
Nielsen, Vigo & Arlene
Noble, Morgan & Cherry
Noble, Ron & Karl
Noble, Scott & Marilyn
Norris, Bill & Joy
The John Osborn's
Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Lawson
Partovi, Michael & Kyoko
Payne, Richard & Lynn
Pedersen, Clifford & Thelma
Plant, Thomas & Patricia
Poletti, John & Mary
Potter, Bettie
Rankin, Ronald
Ransick, Neil
Reynolds, Walden
Redstone, Eliel
Reed, Mark & Kathleen
Reilly, Stuart & Helen
Roberts, Charles
Roberts, Howard & Judith
Rogers, Harvey & Nancy
Royall, William & Bonnie
Sanford, John & Judy
Saraay, Brian
Schmidt, Robert O.
Schnapp, Michael & Ruth

Schou, Eric
Shea, Mike
Sheppard, Gary & Marybeth
Siegel, Frederick & Diane
The Scooler Simmons Family
Simpson, Whit
Slaymaker, Robert & Claire
Smith, K. Hart
Smith, Robert & Berenice
The Snellgrove Family
Steinbach, Theo
Stephens, Stuart & Elizabeth
Sutak, III, John
Swanger, Sarah
Swanson, Robert & Sandra
Team Tiburon
Thomson, Edward & Sheila
In Memory of Patrick Thomson
R. Eugene & Catherine Riley Tolls
Van Taylor, Stevie & Robert
Votaw, Bill
Vulte, Jean
Walker, Joyce
Ward, William & Patricia
Waters, Rick
Welch, Robert & Ann
The Wideman Family
James, Claire & Casey Williams
Williams, John
Wilson, Walter E.
The Wondolack Family
Wu, Jonathan

**Parks And Open Space
November 10th, 2021
RE: Playground Task Force**

1. Meetings.

On October 28th, the playground task force had a Zoom meeting to discuss a number of issues, including the following:

- a. Funding
- b. Belvedere Community Foundation
- c. Dedicatory monuments and memorial
- d. Naming of playground structure

Also on October 28th, I had lunch with a number Belvedere “elder statepersons” to discuss the playground naming issues.

2. Funding.

With regard to the funding, we have actually reached our goal of \$200,000. We now are in the process of collecting those pledges and we are getting very close to having all the pledges paid to the city.

3. Belvedere Community Foundation.

BCF made a generous donation of close to \$70,000 and on October 30th, a group of parents and children made a short video thanking the Belvedere Community Foundation for the donation. BCF would also like to be recognized for its contribution.

4. Dedicatory monuments and memorials.

- a. Early on in the fundraising for the playground, the task force and fundraising committee recommended and agreed that anyone making a \$1,000 donation or more would be recognized on a plaque or some other type of recognition. I believe it would be appropriate for Parks and Open Space, if it is in agreement, to retroactively agree to name recognition for a \$1,000 donation or more. Currently, based upon my review of the Google Drive, it appears that there are approximately 80 names. This would require a motion.
- b. The method of recognition needs to be considered. Previously, tiles were used to recognize family and those tile tiles are on the retaining wall on the western side of the playground. There are existing naming plaques outside of the playground; however, at least one of those has completely worn away so it is virtually impossible to read the names. San Francisco Yacht Club has a number of dedicatory plaques and they appear to have withstood weathering and the names are clearly visible on the plaque.
- c. The playground task force has suggested that there be such a plaque; however, it needs to be considered as to where the plaque would be located, possibly near the entrance to the playground.

5. Naming of playground structure.

- a. Another issue to be addressed is whether or not to put names on either playground structures and/or benches. Currently two of the playground structures, the seesaw and the turtle on a spring are named after the Schumacher family. In addition, the playhouse which will be torn down is called the Bob Gordon Playhouse.
- b. With regard to Bob Gordon, there has been a request that the existing boat be named the SS Bob Gordon. My understanding is that we will discuss that issue at the meeting and that Sandra Donnell will give us a presentation regarding Bob Gordon.
- c. In addition, there are five benches and there has been at least one request, from a family whose child died, to have a plaque in memory of their child on the bench. It has been suggested that if a family wishes to put a name on their bench that we simply determine the cost of the bench, have the family make that donation and then put on the plaque. Pursuant to Administrative Policy 20.3.2 there should be a motion regarding naming one of the benches and then have the issue submitted in writing to the Department of Public Works. Robert Zadnick will be present at the meeting, so this memo and a motion should be acceptable.
- d. The issue of city-wide dedicatory monuments and memorials does not actually have to be finally decided at this time. It can be decided that as the city progresses with the construction.

6. Proposed motions.

In summary, the proposed motions would be as follows:

- a. Motion to retroactively agree that anyone making a donation of \$1,000 or more for the playground renovation would receive name recognition on a plaque or other installation recognizing donors.
- b. Based upon the presentation in recognition of Bob Gordon's contribution not only to the previous playground renovation, but also his significant contribution to the city of Belvedere, it is recommended that the existing boat be named the SS Bob Gordon on both sides of the bow.
- c. Motion to recommend that if a family and or individual requests that a plaque be placed on a bench in the playground as a memorial, pursuant to administrative policy 20.3.2, it is recommended that, as requested by a current Belvedere family, the family has agreed to pay for the cost of a bench and a plaque would be installed. This current memo will be sufficient to comply with administrative policy 20.3.2 as submitted to the Department of Public Works Robert Zadnick.

Report on Tom Price Park, November 10, 2021

To: Parks and Open Space Committee of the City of Belvedere

From: Sub-committee on Tom Price Park

This sub-committee was appointed at the September meeting of the Parks and Open Space Committee to review and coordinate the planting and placement of commemorative trees near the newly installed benches in Tom Price Park. Benches were donated by the Belvedere Community Foundation. Here are photos of new installations.



This bench faces east (view towards courts).

This bench faces north (view towards hills).

Both benches have been installed on concrete platforms for level seating. Site and installation under direction of former Chair Kemnitzer. Both concrete platforms sit at least three inches above ground level.

Meeting at the site was conducted with Gary Rasmussen of Blasen Landscape Architects, Kemnitzer and Radnick. Proposed trees for Tom Price Park were Lindens (*Tilia cordata*). Please refer to attached Addendum 1(**Notes on Selecting and Planting a Tree**) as well as **Review of Minutes** of the POSC from May, 2014 through March, 2017. Conclusion of Sub-committee on Tom Price Park eliminated selection of Linden trees.

For further discussion at the November meeting of POSC, please see attached:

1. **Inventory of Trees in Tom Price Park** extracted from the 2018 Tree Survey. For reference, current photos,(October, 2021) of base of Pistache trees (there are 9 of them) follows.
2. **Commemorative trees are a lovely idea.** POSC may wish to begin a list of people wishing to make such donation and criteria which should include current City of Belvedere code which does not permit planting of trees that at maturity are taller than 35 feet. Also, cost of such donation should include associated costs including purchase price, installation and ongoing maintenance.
3. MMWD's Carrie Pollard, Water Efficiency Manager, confirms as of October 29, 2021 "We continue to discourage installation of new plantings which utilize Marin Water's potable water

supply. Well water, recycled water and other alternative water sources are an approved option for new plant material". POSC may wish to review well water capacity given new plantings on Lagoon Road and before considering further plantings.



Irrigation too close to tree and remove poles.

Grass needs to be weeded 3 feet away.



New plantings on Lagoon Road - Grevillea

We conclude our sub-committee report with observations of Native plants planted in Tom Price Park in 2016. The effort was subsidized by City Council and executed by volunteers in 3 sites; Tom Price Park, Centennial Park and Five Corners. To date, Tom Price Park results are as follows:

1. *Cercis occidentalis* (Western redbuds) were planted on the knoll above one of the new benches. After failure to establish, they were re-planted with water bags (see green bags). Twigs do not snap but trees still do not look good. Were the water bags replenished consistently by DPW?



2. *Matilija* Poppies were planted below the Western redbuds. They have since been invaded by the blackberries and fennel. They would benefit from clearing the invasive plants as well as pruning the poppies down to 3 to 4 inches above ground level.



3. Coyote mint and humming bird sage planted under oaks are happy with the rain but could benefit with additional planting of seeds of wildflowers especially poppies.



Addendum 1

Notes on Selecting and Planting a Tree

By UC Marin Master Gardener Anne-Marie Walker

There are 3 outstanding aspects of all plants: form, color, texture

Form is significant in all landscape compositions. Texture is largely the result of leaf size and distribution and the color of a tree contributes as well.

Tilia cordata is a deciduous tree and according to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "America's Garden Book", is a tree tolerant of urban conditions. A survey of the most common trees planted in urban small parks, puts the Linden tree just at mid-point amongst popular trees. Source: [The World's Urban Forests](#) by Joe McBride. Selection of a tree to plant in a small park is important because this is a space where the average person experiences trees on a regular basis. (p. 96)

To benefit from shade afforded by a linden tree, plant south, southwest or southeast for summer protection. The Linden is deciduous and can be planted in a lawn area. Overwatering can result in root rot. Here from UCANR:

Linden—*Tilia* spp. Family Tiliaceae (Linden family)

Plant Identification

Lindens are dense deciduous trees. They have somewhat heart-shaped leaves and produce drooping clusters of small, fragrant yellowish-white flowers in the spring or early summer. Flowers develop into nutlets.

Optimum conditions for growth

Lindens are often planted as a lawn, patio, or street tree. They can also be shaped into hedges. They do well in areas with full sun and in rich, moist soil. Provide regular watering. Shape trees when young. Prune older trees as needed.



Fruit, foliage, and seeds of linden

INVENTORY OF TREES IN Tom Price Park (source: POSC Tree Survey, 2018)

Tom Price Park Pines/all #1

Platanus racemosa /all #3 Sycamore

Quercus /2 #1 and #3 see notes Oak

Juniper /1 #3

Pistacia chinensis #1 Pistache

Prunus /1 #3 Plum

Pittosporum /all #3

Schinus terebithifolius /1 #3 Pepper

Callistemon /4 #3

Ulmus parvifolia /1 #3 Elm

Numbers 1 through 4 indicate action required for health of tree at time of survey, 2018. None of these steps appear to have been taken; most notably Pistacia chinensis moving irrigation and grass to 3” from tree.

Past criteria considered by POSC for planting trees in the Parks and Open Spaces of Belvedere have paid special attention to maintaining views. The Linden Tree is a very large tree at 60 feet. Also, it does drop sticky litter which could impact benches placed underneath them. Go to

<https://planttalk.colostate.edu/topics/trees-shrubs-vines/1734-linden-trees/> to understand the sticky litter.

Review of Minutes of POSC, City of Belvedere, with respect to matters regarding Tom Price Park

Anne-Marie Walker, September 10, 2021

Chronological order (most recent back through 2014)

In 2017- 2018, planting of natives at western edge of Tom Price Park and removal of dead pines along Lagoon Road.

1. **March 9, 2017:** Options to enhance the berm at Tom Price Memorial
2. **February 28, 2017:** Tom Price Park discussion of more formal development of the western edge with addition of trees, large shrubs and benches including extension of lawn area. POSC decided it was NOT desirable at this time. Attachment: Map of Belvedere City Limits at edge of Tiburon Path included. Map designated “**for reference only**”.

Note to file: Jan Anderson’s Lane Report is attached to these minutes.

3. **September 20, 2015:** Harvey Rogers discusses his work with the POSC to plant 8 trees @ Tom Price Park. He believes a barrier would not be pleasing. Chair Jeremy Fair confirms barrier has twice been considered and twice **NOT supported**.
4. **July 16, 2015:** Discussion of fence at Tom Price Park. Reference to July 10, 2014 meeting of POSC when vote was taken **NOT** to pursue a barrier at Tom Price Park. Barrier was tabled.
5. **May 14, 2015:** Siting of a shade tree by Landscape Architect for Tom Price Park in conjunction w/ barrier discussion. Drawings suggested planting tree at western edge of Park where blackberries begin.
6. **November 13, 2014:** Chair Barbara Winter shows photo of newly planted trees in Tom Price Park; 9 *Pistacia chinensis*
7. **October 9, 2014:** Determine layout of new row trees: 9 trees, 22 feet apart following curve of grass
8. **July 10, 2014:** MCS to continue Tom Price Park as a multi-use park
9. **May 8, 2014:** Row of trees to be selected and placed such that cars driving on Tiburon Boulevard will still be able to see into the Park. Notice to all neighbors (Belvedere and Tiburon) that trees will be planted preserving Park view. Discussion followed on irrigation, property line and easements in the Park.

Note to file: Centennial Park discussion is extensive in the remainder of these minutes of May 8, 2014

Item 10

Dear Members of the Parks and Open Space Committee -

I am writing to follow up on the message I sent to the Committee a month ago. It concerned the Bob Gordon Playhouse and the threat of its removal with the latest park renovation. Bob Gordon was an extraordinary Belvedere leader who was responsible for much of the character of our City and the spirit of generous citizenship which we, all, currently enjoy. He was on the Belvedere City Council, several times as mayor (1986-1988). Bob was the 1989 Belvedere Citizen of the Year, and one of the original founders of the Belvedere Community Foundation. He was truly a pillar of our community. In addition, he mentored many of the leaders of our city who came after him.

Bob's wife, Marty Gordon, was an equally involved citizen. She personally designed the playhouse in his memory. It was approved by Parks and Open Space, the Planning Commission, and the Belvedere City Council. Many friends paid for it and Hadley Construction built it. The playhouse had a public dedication. Its placement in the Belvedere Community Park was just the right spot for it; in the heart of Belvedere, just as Bob always had this city in his heart.

It is important that a prominent tribute to Bob Gordon remain in the Belvedere playground. Ideally, the Bob Gordon Playhouse would stay. It has been continually enjoyed by several generations of children. If it is doomed to be razed, it had been suggested that the boat, which is remaining, might be a suitable spot to honor the memory of Bob and all of his contributions to our beloved City.

Therefore, in the event that the Playhouse can not be saved, I would like to formally ask the Belvedere Parks and Open Space committee to name and label the boat the "**SS Bob Gordon**". I understand that nautical nomenclature is very specific when applied to boats, so if "SS" seems inappropriate, I would defer to those who have expertise in this area.

I have contacted many Belvedere residents who knew Bob and worked with him. I believe they join me in this request.

Thank you for your time on the Parks and Open Space Committee and for your consideration of this matter.

Most sincerely,

Sandy Donnell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Director
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: FW: Bob Gordon Memorial

Please include this email in the Agenda packet.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Director <rzadnik@cityofbelvedere.org>
Subject: Bob Gordon Memorial

Hello Members of the Park and Recreation Committee,

I am also concerned about the potential loss of the Bob Gordon memorial. The playhouse which Marti designed to honor his many contributions to Belvedere after his death, was intended to provide the children an extra element to the playground. It has been used and appreciated by many families for years. I hope it can be incorporated in the current update of the park playground.

Bob's memorial cannot be discarded when it is so much more significant than a brass plaque.

Thanks for your consideration.

Roger Felton

Item 10

TO: Parks and Open Space Committee via Email

**Dear Jean Bordon, Chair, and
Members of the Parks and Open Space Committee**

I am writing after being informed that the Bob Gordon Playhouse is on your agenda on November 10th in connection with the renovation of the playground.

I know you, and I hope others, remember Bob's significant and substantial contributions to our City. In recognition of the countless hours he gave to the City, and his love of children, a number of community members supported his wife Marty designing a Playhouse for the Playground. It received review by the Planning Commission as well as the City Council.

I have not researched the Ark, but I believe it's dedication was reported because it was an event that was very well attended.

To many of us, this Playhouse also represents the contributions of Bob's wife, Majorie, ("Marty") a recognized teacher of the history of architecture, who's work for teaching children about their architectural heritage was recognized by UNESCO and reported in the National Trust magazine.

Marty was also a Citizen of the Year, and she drafted our preservation ordinance which lead to the designation of 16 historical structures and the creation of our Historic Preservation Committee. I am attaching her obituary that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle in December of 2011.

If your Committee determines that the Playhouse is no longer functional and cannot be restored, (restoration is my preference) I trust you will continue Bob's and Marty's legacies

in an appropriate manner by naming the boat, which I am told is planned for the Playground in Bob's honor. I remember Bob and Marty's grandchildren playing in the Playground.

Thank you.


Ken Johnson

CC: Robert Zadnik

Majorie Gordon



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Marjorie "Marty" Gordon Marjorie, or Marty as she was known, was born in the Republic of Panama on May 26, 1924. She died peacefully surrounded by her family on November 25, 2011. Marty left Panama to study architecture at the University of Texas. She met her husband, Bob Gordon, a business executive for Standard Oil, in San Francisco. They married in 1951. The Gordons raised their family in a house that Marty designed in Mill Valley. In 1965, the Gordons bought and remodeled a wonderful old house in Belvedere. Marty had a small architectural practice, served on the Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks Society and on the board of San Francisco Architectural Heritage. Marty returned to the University of California, Berkeley, to earn a Masters of Architecture in 1982. Marty

taught History of Architecture at the Academy of Art College. Through Heritage she developed creative and popular programs for teaching San Francisco children about their architectural heritage. Her work was presented at a UNESCO conference and was written up in National Trust magazine. In 1993, Marty drafted a preservation ordinance for Belvedere's historic architecture, which led to the designation of 16 historic structures and the creation of a Historic Preservation Committee to oversee their continued protection. In recognition of this work, Marty was named Belvedere's Citizen of the Year in 1995. Sadly, Bob died in 1993. Marty was blessed again with love after she met Ray Johnson on an art museum tour in New York. She and Ray spent happy years seeing art together and thoroughly enjoying each other's company. Marty takes great pleasure in her family: her daughters Holly, Tinka and Gail, her sons in law David Pearce and Arnie Fischman, and her grandsons, Daniel, Jeremy and Max, who all survive her. A memorial service will be held at Old Saint Hilary's Church in Tiburon on Tuesday December 27 at 4:00 pm. As there is no parking at St Hilary's, there will be a shuttle service from the southeast corner of Tiburon Blvd and Beach Rd, beginning at 3:30. The family wishes that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Belvedere Community Foundation; The Belvedere-Tiburon Library; The Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society and San Francisco Heritage.

Published by San Francisco Chronicle from Dec. 7 to Dec. 11, 2011.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Director
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Steger Johnson
Cc: Sandra Donnell; Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: RE: Naming of Boat

Hello Steger and Astrid,

Thank you for your email and thoughts regarding Bob Gordon. Would you like your email to be shared with Parks and Open Space?

Best,
Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Steger Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Director [REDACTED]
Cc: Sandra Donnell [REDACTED]
Subject: Naming of Boat

Robert,

Astrid and I are very much in favor of naming the boat in the refurbished Belvedere playground in memory of Bob Gordon. Bob contributed countless hours to our community, was one of the founders of the Belvedere Community Foundation, and called on many of my generation, including me, to contribute our time to our fair city. Many citizens contributed to the construction of the children's playhouse in our current playground in Bob's memory and his dedication to our city needs to be memorialized and remembered.

Sincerely,
Steger & Astrid Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Sandra Donnell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Director
Cc: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: Parks and Open Space - Nov. 10

Parks and Open Space Committee members -

Ed San Diego, former City Manager, has invited me to share his thoughts with you.
Please find them below -

Thank you -
Sandy Donnell

EDMUND SAN DIEGO [REDACTED]

Dear Sandy,

There is no question that recognition of the many contributions made by Bob, and for that matter, Marty, should not be cast aside and they should continue to be honored in some manner. The playhouse Marty designed as a tribute to Bob provided decades of joy to the many children who spent countless hours playing in it. She and we knew the valuable role Bob played in protecting the fabric of the community before, during and long after he served on the City Council.

Because someone who may not have known Bob and Marty, or their role in advancing and protecting the sense of community that Belvedere was known and admired for, should not so easily dismiss the positive impact they had on the city and its citizens. Perhaps naming the playground in their honor would be a way to recognize them, similar to what we did to honor Tom Price by naming the park area on Lagoon Road after him.

Thanks for inviting my thoughts on the matter.

Miss you all,

Ed

Jean Borden and Members of the Park and Open Space Committee,

It is my understanding that the future of the Bob Gordon Playhouse is on the November 10th committee agenda. It is important that this tribute to Bob remain, if possible.

Each year we select a Citizen of the Year. Bob Gordon was a “citizen of decades” working tirelessly for the betterment of our City. He was a leader who listened and built consensus. Bob and Marty left an incredible mark on our community.

Please let us continue to honor them.

Sincerely,

Maureen Johnson

CC: Robert Zadnik

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Justin Faggioli [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: Fwd: Bob Gordon Naming

Christina

Sandy asked that I include you in this email exchange.

Thank you, Justin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Justin Faggioli [REDACTED]
Date: November 8, 2021 at 1:23:00 PM HST
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Sandra Donnell [REDACTED]
Subject: Bob Gordon Naming

Parks and Open Space Committee c/o Robert:

Please add my name to the list of citizens requesting that Bob Gordon's name remain either on the playhouse (if it is to be saved) or be placed on the boat.

Bob was a mentor for many of us. He helped us to be true, contributing members to our community. He and a few others were also the leaders who moved our city onto the path of professionalism and proper governance.

In my experience, when a "named" fixture is removed, the honoree's name is retained in some fashion, either as a memorial plaque or on one of the new installations. This is not a difficult request, it is easily implemented.

Thank you, Justin
Justin Faggioli

Sent from my iPhone



Lani Valentine <valentine.lani@gmail.com>

Belvedere Playground Renovation

1 message

Lani Valentine [REDACTED]

Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 3:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Sandy Donnell [REDACTED]

Bcc: Home Lani [REDACTED]

Robert: Would you be so kind as to make copies and distribute this letter to members of the Parks & Open Space Committee in time for their meeting on November 10? Many thanks...

Lani Valentine

Dear Members of the Parks & Open Space Committee:

I write this letter to endorse wholeheartedly the sentiments expressed by Sandy Donnell in her communication to you on the matter of retaining a tribute to Bob Gordon in Belvedere's playground renovation project.

Bob was a steadfast anchor in our community, deeply involved, and highly respected. The Park Playhouse was given his name with resounding citizen support behind it, and that honor should be sustained and treasured.

If your Committee concurs that the playground boat should bear Bob Gordon's name, as I indeed hope it will, perhaps there might also be an "anchor" to go along with it as a symbol of Bob's many contributions to Belvedere.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lani Valentine

Belvedere City Council Member 1988 - 1996

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Steger Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: Memorial Bench

Christina,

Would you please see that the following email is provided to the Parks and Open Space Committee for their meeting Wednesday, November 10th?

Thank you!
Steger Johnson

To: Parks and Open Space Committee

Our son, Brandt, grew up in Belvedere. Brandt loved Belvedere. Belvedere was home and gave him a true sense of belonging. He was the quintessential Belvedere boy. Brandt spent countless hours at the playground and the park when not bicycling around town, fishing along San Rafael Avenue, or exploring Belvedere lanes with friends. Brandt was proud that he and his family were an integral part of the community.

We lost our son in 2011 at the age of 29. When we are now at the park with our daughter, Ashley, and two granddaughters, Brandt's spirit is always present. We would like to memorialize Brandt with a plaque on a bench at the refurbished Belvedere playground. As our granddaughters grow up in Belvedere, they will see their uncle's name where they now play, will understand their family legacy, and feel even more rooted to our beloved community.

Sincerely,

Steger and Astrid Johnson

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: maureen Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: Playground Meeting

Dear Christina,

It is my understanding that Steger and Astrid Johnson will be making a request to name a memorial bench in the playground in honor of their son, Brandt Johnson at the November 10th Parks and Open Space Committee meeting.

As a child growing up in Belvedere, Brandt spent endless hours enjoying the playground. We fully support naming a bench in his honor.

Please provide this email to the Parks and Open Space Committee for their consideration.

Thank you,

Maureen and Ken

Christina Cook - Office Coordinator

From: Ashley Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Christina Cook - Office Coordinator
Subject: Letter to Parks and Open Space

Hi Christina,

Can you please send the letter below to the Parks and Open Space Committee before tomorrow's meeting?

Thank you,

Ashley Johnson

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To Parks and Open Space Committee,

I am writing to request approval for a memorial plaque at Belvedere Park in honor of my brother, Brandt Johnson.

My brother and I grew up in Belvedere and spent many years playing at the park together. We spent so much time there, it felt like an extension of our own backyard. We lost our training wheels there and found our best 3-pointers on that basketball court. Some of my earliest memories are of the red fire truck and wooden climbing structures, both of which are long gone but still well-loved in memory.

Brandt loved this community. He was so deeply rooted here that he couldn't imagine living anywhere else. I know he hoped to raise his own family here one day.

I now have the pleasure of raising my children here. Just as I did, they spend countless hours playing at the park. In a way, they are getting to know their uncle by creating memories in the same place. They may not know him in the flesh, but they will know him through hours of laughter and joy at the park. They will know him through a deep sense of place.

My brother would be so happy to see them grow up here, just as he did.

It would be incredibly meaningful to our family to have a memorial plaque for him in a place that feels like home in the deepest sense—a place I can show my daughters and we can remember him in love, joy, and laughter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ashley Johnson