

Inclusive Play Structure at Veterans Memorial Park (Naming Recommendation)

August 3, 2020

Purpose

- Provide background information regarding the naming contest for the inclusive play structure at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Present name recommendation for inclusive play structure at Veterans Memorial Park for City Council consideration.



Background

- Council policy #CP-7 states that it is the intent of Council to provide an organized and uniform process for naming of city facilities.
- Council has delegated recommendation authority to Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee.

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• City Council has final approval on naming city facilities.



- Naming facilities can help promote the amenity and generate pride among users.
- PRG staff worked with Adams County School District 14 (ACSD14) to encourage ACSD14 special education students to submit naming ideas for the new inclusive play structure at Veterans Memorial Park based on the theme of the area and schematic for the play structure.
- An email was sent to special education students by ACSD14 staff and the naming contest was posted on ACSD14's social media (Facebook).

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• The following names were submitted in (mid -June) by ACSD14 students/families:

Eagles Nest, American Eagle, Dinosaur, Diversity Center, Enrichment Park, Friend Place, Fun Land, Happiness, HOPE, Joyful, Libres como el viento (Free as the wind), Magical, Pax Et Amor (Peace and Love), Playground Before Time, Rainbow, Rainbow Unicorn, Renewed Forces, Superhero, The Discovery Den, The Gathering, Together We Unite, United, We Are The Future.



Naming Contest

• On July 15th Commerce City youth camp participants had the opportunity to play on the Veterans Memorial Park play structure. PRG staff then presented the ACSD14 names above to the participants ages 5 through 10 years old following are the results:

Eagles Nest (12 votes), Discovery Den (10 votes), American Eagle (8 votes), Fun Land (8 votes), Magical Playground (8 votes), Playground Before Time (7 votes)

• Eagles Nest was suggested by four (4) different ACSD14 students/families and Eagles Nest received the most votes from the Commerce City youth camp participants.



Naming Contest



Recommendations

- The Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee recommends the name of Eagles Nest for the inclusive play structure.
- City Council consider the resolution naming the inclusive play structure Eagles Nest.

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- Sign with name Eagles Nest placed the entrance to the play structure.
- Students and families suggesting the name Eagles Nest will be a part of the upcoming Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony.







Discussion/Questions

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