



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	February 11, 2025
Requested Action	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R10; A RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEWLY RENOVATED PLAYGROUND AT BOERNE CITY PARK “AMMIE’S PLAYGROUND”.
Contact Person	Lisette Jimenez, Parks and Recreation Director
Background Information	<p>The Parks & Recreation Department recommends naming the playground at Boerne City Park as Ammie’s Playground in honor of Ammie Palacios, a young girl whose story has inspired a movement toward inclusivity in Boerne’s park system.</p> <p>Ammie was born with significant developmental and muscular challenges, yet her resilience and joy touched many lives. Despite doctors’ expectations that she would only live for a few months, Ammie defied the odds and reached the age of three with the dedicated support of her family and caregivers.</p> <p>A pivotal moment occurred when Ammie’s mother took her to a local park. While her siblings played freely, Ammie struggled to navigate the mulch surface with her motorized walker, ultimately unable to participate. In a creative effort to include her, Ammie’s mother placed her in a tire swing, allowing her to experience the joy of play. This moment underscored the need for truly inclusive playgrounds, sparking advocacy efforts to ensure that all children, regardless of ability, can enjoy Boerne’s parks.</p> <p>COMMUNITY IMPACT & FUNDING</p> <p>Following Ammie’s passing, the Boerne Parks Association led a community-driven campaign to improve accessibility and inclusivity in Boerne’s parks. This initiative successfully raised \$155,000, all of which has been dedicated to upgrading the existing playground at Boerne City Park. These improvements ensure that children of all abilities have a safe and welcoming space to play together. Naming this playground in honor of Ammie Palacios recognizes both her legacy and the community’s commitment to inclusive play.</p> <p>POLICY ANALYSIS</p> <p>The City of Boerne Naming Policy allows for naming a facility or designated site within a park for an individual who has substantially contributed to the advancement of recreational opportunities. Ammie’s</p>

	<p>story and the advocacy efforts it has inspired align with this criterion.</p> <p>Staff recommend approving the resolution naming the newly renovated playground at Boerne City Park as Ammie’s Playground in recognition of Ammie Palacios and the community’s commitment to inclusive play.</p>
Item Justification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal/Regulatory Obligation <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Pull <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Enhancement <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigate Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Process Efficiency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Strategic Alignment	<p>C1: Offering quality customer experience. C2: Seeking customer driven feedback. C3: Collaborating with community partners to enhance quality of life. F1: Committing to strategic, responsible, and conservative financial management. F2: Investing in and maintaining high-quality infrastructure systems and public assets. B2: Advancing master plan recommendations.</p>
Financial Considerations	<p>All funding for playground improvements has been raised through a private entity.</p>
Citizen Input/Board Review	
Legal Review	
Alternative Options	
Supporting Documents	<p>Resolution No. 2025-R10 Naming Policy for City Property</p>