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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
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Subject: Glen Canyon Park Trails Naming

Agenda Wording

Discussion and Possible Action to Name Three Nature Trails in Glen Canyon Park as follows: "Islais Creek Trail," "Gum Tree Girls Trail" and "Coyote Crags Trail," and to name the trail corridor connecting Glen Canyon Park and Twin Peaks "Creeks to Peaks"

Background

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is renovating nature trails within designated natural areas as part of the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Trails Citywide Trails Improvement Program. In conjunction with physical improvements, way finding signs and maps are being developed and installed in parks to guide visitors to designated trails and points of interest. In order to more effectively guide park users and promote interpretive opportunities, the SFRPD embarked on an effort to designate trail names for Glen Canyon Park in conjunction with the Glen Canyon Trails Improvement Project.

The Recreation and Park Commission a construction contract for the Glen Canyon Trails Improvement Project in September 2013. The project began construction in fall 2013 and is anticipated to be completed around the end of 2014. Trail names will be featured on way finding signage that is scheduled to be installed this fall/winter in Glen Canyon Park as part of this capital improvement project. This way finding signage will include large map signs similar to those in McLaren Park as well as single wood posts with coated placards and trail names and arrows to help trail users orient themselves once back in the Canyon.



In an effort to solicit input from the public on trail names, the SFRPD ran a Trail Naming Contest from March 12 to April 15, 2014. The contest was publicized at the opening of the Glen Canyon Park Playground as well as through a blog post on the SFRPD website page for the Glen Canyon Trails Improvement Project (<http://sfrecpark.org/project/glen-canyon-urban-trails-project/>). Seventy-five trail name nominations were received. Many names were similar and had overlapping themes. Staff worked with representatives from trail, recreation and nature organizations as well as the Glen Park community to select four trail names.

The three proposed trail names for Glen Canyon are Coyote Crags Trail, Gum Tree Girls Trail and Islais Creek Trail. The latter trail is also recommended as the southern leg of the proposed Creeks to Peaks Trail, a regional trail corridor that would ultimately extend to the lookout at Twin Peaks. Staff members have been informally referring to the "Creeks to Peaks" trail corridor for some time. SFRPD has received state Habitat Conservation Fund grants for both Glen Canyon Trails Improvement and Twin Peaks Trails Improvement projects, as well as an additional grant to complete the "Creeks to Peaks" connection. The "Creeks to Peaks" name references the Twin Peaks and Islais Creek, which is one of only two remaining natural open fresh water channels in San Francisco. In fall 2013, the southernmost portion of the Twin Peaks "to Peaks" component of "Creeks to Peaks," a new trail segment, was completed by the San Francisco Conservation Corps (corridor clearing) and V-O-Cal (Volunteers for Outdoor California) (trail construction), coordinated by SFRPD's Natural Areas Program. SFRPD also received an award from the California Trails and Greenways Association in spring 2014 for its work to date on the "Creeks to Peaks" trail corridor. Please see Attachment 1 for descriptions of trails and rationale for names and Attachment 2 for location of trails.

Staff and the city attorney have reviewed the SFRPD Naming Policy and have found no conflicts between enclosed recommendations and Naming Policy. There has been no prior official naming of these trails nor do any of these trails reference any people by name. Pending Commission approval, contest participants and the general public will be notified of the results.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission name three nature trails in Glen Canyon Park as follows: "Islais Creek Trail," "Gum Tree Girls Trail" and "Coyote Crags Trail," and that they name the trail corridor connecting Glen Canyon Park and Twin Peaks "Creeks to Peaks"

Supported By:

Glen Park Association
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Supervisor Scot Wiener

Opposed By:

None known

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Proposed Trail Names for Glen Canyon Park
Attachment 2: Proposed Trail Names Map of Glen Canyon Park