

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 9, 2023 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

ITEM: **APPROVE THE NAMING OF NEW CITY PARK**

RECOMMENDATION: **Adopt a Resolution Naming the New Acres Community Neighborhood Park after Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton**

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Commission typically reviews and makes recommendations on approving the names of City parks; however, the October 5, 2023 Commission meeting was canceled due to lack quorum. In order to move forward with the proposed naming of one of the city's newest neighborhood parks, staff requests that the City Council adopt a resolution to name the neighborhood park within the New Acres Community Neighborhood as Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton Park.

BACKGROUND:

In the early 1940's, Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton and her late husband, Reverend Maurice Cotton Sr., were one of the first African American families to set roots in Lathrop. Upon their arrival in Lathrop, diversity was almost nonexistent; however, they immediately began working to improve their new community. Along with her husband, Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton played a pivotal role in opening both the first and second African-American churches in the City. Serving as the Assistant State Supervisor for the Church of God in Christ for many years, her efforts brought recognition to Lathrop, as Highlight Church was the first nationally recognized church in Lathrop within the Church of God in Christ organization.

Through their ministries, several community outreach programs were established. Such examples include the 4th Sunday Community Feedings, Work Placement Programs, Clothing Giveaways, and the most popular this day, the Holiday Turkey Basket Drive. Through her dedication, hard work, love for others, and giving her all to the Ministry, a pathway was established for many of the African Americans who now call Lathrop home.

Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton is a mother of nine children, six girls and three boys. To date, six of the nine children are still Lathrop residents. She is a grandmother to 28 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, which, two live in Lathrop and see her daily. Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton is amazed at all the great work and diversity now within the Lathrop community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Approving the Naming the New Acres Community Neighborhood Park after Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton.

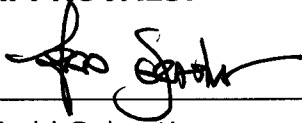
FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lathrop approving the Naming New Acres Community Neighborhood Park after Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton.
- B. Park Location Map

APPROVALS:



Todd Sebastian
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance

10.2.23

Date

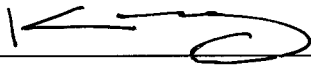


For C)

Cari James
Director of Finance

10/03/2023

Date



Michael King
Assistant City Manager

10.2.2023

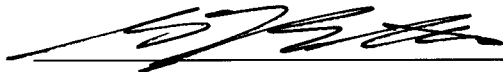
Date



Salvador Navarrete
City Attorney

10.2.2023

Date



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

10.4.23

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE NEW ACRES COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AFTER MISSIONARY MINNIE LEE COTTON

WHEREAS, at the October 11, 2021 City of Lathrop City Council meeting, City Council approved the creation of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) PK 22-34 Shilling Avenue Park Project; and

WHEREAS, at the October 10, 2022 City of Lathrop City Council meeting, City Council approved the conceptual design of Shilling Avenue Park Project and related budget amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission typically reviews and makes recommendations on approving the names of City parks; however, the October 5, 2023 Commission meeting was canceled due to lack quorum

WHEREAS, the proposed named Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton Park located is an approximate 1-acre park site; and

WHEREAS, for 80 years Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton has been focused on making a difference in the Lathrop community; and

WHEREAS, Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton has established several community outreach programs including the 4th Sunday Community Feedings, Work Placement Programs, Clothing Giveaways, and the Holiday Turkey Basket Drive; and

WHEREAS, Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton is both supportive and excited at the proposal of the Shilling Avenue Park Project in the New Acres neighborhood being named in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop does hereby approve the naming of the Shilling Avenue Park Project in the New Acres neighborhood as Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton Park, as detailed in the park location map attached to the staff report.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 9th day of October, 2023, by the following vote of the City Council, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk



Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney

Attachment B

Parcel 19605020

Lowest Parcel Identification Number	19605020
Parcel Identification Number	LATHROP CITY OF
First Owner Name	
Second Owner Name	
Postal Address	390 TOWNE CENTRE DR
Postal City	LATHROP
Postal State	CA
Postal Zip 5	95330
Postal Zip +4	-935
Land Value	0.00
APN	19605020
Situs Street Number	14469
Situs Street Direction	
Situs Street Name	REVEREND MAURICE COTTON
Situs Street Type	DR
Situs Street City	LATHROP
Situs State	CA
Situs ZIP	95330
Parcel Acres	1.00

