AGENDA MEMORANDUM
First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of April 18, 2017
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2017

DATE: April 7, 2017

TO: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Accept and Appropriate Donations for the Dog Park at Bayshore park

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CAPTION:
Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a donation agreement with the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and accept $51,000 in donated funds from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation; authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a donation and naming agreement with the Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation and accept $75,000 in donated funds from the Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation; appropriating $126,000 in the No. 4720 Community Enrichment Fund for construction of a dog park at Bayshore Park; and naming the dog park the "Vishal Bhagat Dog Park."

PURPOSE:
Accept donation from the Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation and Coastal Bend Community Foundation for the construction of the dog park at Bayshore Park. Also, to approve the naming of the dog park for the Vishal Bhagat Dog Park.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:
The initial scope of the Bayshore Park improvement project did not include the construction on the project due to budget constraints and the need to upgrade basic infrastructure with in the project. However, during stakeholder meetings the most common element request to be included in the project was a dog park. Two foundations in the community have come together to help the City meet the demand for a dog park on the bayfront.

The Coastal Bend Community Foundation is gifting/donating $51,000 for the dog park and stipulates the gift will be credited to the Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation gift. The Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation is gifting/donating $75,000 for the construction of the dog park at McCaughan Park. Coupled with the donation from the CBCF, the total gift of $126,000 exceeds the 51% of the cost/value of the dog park (estimated at $161,000). The Foundation has requested the park be named the Vishal Bhagat Dog Park in honor of the namesake of the foundation and who was an avid advocate for dogs.

The Park Naming Policy states the Parks and Recreation Director may seek potential naming rights for new parks or facilities where the potential exists and is deemed

appropriate. Any such naming rights require City Council Approval. The policy also states that persons donating at least 51 percent of the value of the park, facility or amenity can have the opportunity to name the facility. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee ("PRAC") considered this request at their April 12, 2017 meeting at which time they voted to approve the request to support the naming of this park as Vishal Bhagat Dog Park.

ALTERNATIVES:
Do not accept the donations

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:
None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:
City Council must accept and appropriate the donation of funds for expenditure.
This recommendation also conforms to the Park Naming Policy. City Council must approve the names of park amenities via council action.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:
Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

□ Operating   X Revenue   □ Capital   □ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		$126,000		$126,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE		$126,000		$126,000

Fund(s):   Community Enrichment 4720 -21323-141

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:
Accept and appropriate the donations from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and the Vishal Raju Bhagat Foundation for the construction of the dog park at McCaughan Park in Bayshore Park. Approve the name of the dog park as Vishal Bhagat Dog Park.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:
Ordinance
Vishal Bhagat Foundation_Dog Park Agreement
Coastal Bend Community Foundation_Dog Park Agreement