



February 19, 2025

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION 2025-006 ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE 10TH STREET POCKET PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (P25101). (0920-15)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Environmental & Natural Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 10th Street Pocket Park, located at 10th Street and Iris Avenue in the Oneonta neighborhood, was established in 2016 through a community-driven effort led by the IB Arts Bureau, 4Walls, and the City. On June 18, 2024, City Council received an update on the general condition of the pocket park and provided direction to proceed with the development of a major maintenance project to enhance the area and include a special recognition for Steven Wright, who made a significant contribution to this park and other areas of Imperial Beach.

City staff and 4Walls will present recommendations for improvements to this pocket park area. The City is proposing to use our landscape contractor to enhance the general appearance of the park, including site cleanup, irrigation system repairs, replanting of native plants, and adding a new butterfly garden. 4Walls is proposing to add a new art feature and a memorial honoring Steven Wright. In recognition of Wright's significant contributions to the community, staff also request that the Council consider officially naming the park in his honor and provide direction for an official name of the park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from city staff and 4Walls on proposed enhancements to the park and provide direction for improvements, including options to name and dedicate the park for Steven Wright. Authorize Resolution 2025-006 to allocate \$47,000 to Project P25101 and to name the park after Steven Wright.

OPTIONS:

- Adopt Resolution 2025-006 to allocate \$47,000 from the Park Major Maintenance Fund reserves (Fund 420) to account 420-6020-552.2006 and Project P25101-EXP. Provide staff direction about a formal name and dedication of the 10th Street Pocket Park in honor of Steven Wright.
- Reject Resolution and do no improvements at the park; or
- Request additional information and an additional report

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In 2016, the City hosted a series of neighborhood meetings to explore the development of a pocket park at the City-owned vacant lot located at 10th Street and Iris Avenue. Residents of the immediate neighborhood expressed a strong desire for a passive park that would provide a quiet, open space for the community. The IB Arts Bureau and 4Walls secured a grant to lead additional community outreach, develop a design, and construct a small pocket park serving the Oneonta neighborhood.

On June 18, 2024, City Council received an update on the general condition of the pocket park and directed staff to move forward with a major maintenance project to refresh the area and incorporate a special recognition for Steven Wright, acknowledging his significant contributions to this park and other areas of Imperial Beach.

The City proposes to use its landscape contractor to undertake key maintenance tasks, including site cleanup, irrigation system repairs, and the planting of native vegetation, along with the creation of a new butterfly garden (Attachment 2). Once these tasks are completed, the IB Arts Bureau and 4Walls will install a new art piece and a memorial feature at the park’s entrance to honor Steven Wright’s contributions (Attachment 3). The park’s existing layout and passive use will remain unchanged, ensuring it continues to fulfill its original purpose as a peaceful neighborhood space.

Staff also needs Council’s input on the proposed enhancements and requests direction on officially dedicating the park in honor of Steven Wright. In addition to the new artwork, staff need direction from council about renaming the pocket park area in recognition of Steven Wright. Potential name options include Steven Wright Pocket Park, Steven Wright Memorial Park, The Wright Park, and Steven Wright Circle Park. Currently, the park does not have a formal name. City Council has previously approved the naming of two parts in honor of individuals. Reama Park, at Elder and 2nd Street, was dedicated in 1962 and named after Councilmember Harold Reama, and in 1995 the renaming of Northside Park located between Calla Avenue and Florida Street to Rose Teeple Memorial Park after a member of the city team. This recommendation is presented for Council consideration based on past practices and the significance of Steven Wright to the community. If Council supports this dedication, appropriate signage will be incorporated into the final design and prominently displayed at the park entrance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has sufficient funds in the Park Major Maintenance Fund reserves (Fund 420) which are sufficient to cover this expenditure. The total project budget is \$47,000 with \$23,000 for general site improvements through City contract, \$22,000 for new art features by 4Walls, and \$2,000 in contingency.

FISCAL YEAR:	2025
BUDGETED:	No
BUDGET AMENDMENT	Yes

ACCOUNT NO(S): 420-6020-552.2006
PROJECT NO(S): P25101
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$47,000

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2025-006
2. Proposed Improvements by Public Works
3. Proposed Improvements by 4Walls