



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

### REQUEST FOR ACTION

**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2016

**SUBMITTED TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**SUBMITTED BY:** JANEEN LAUDENBACK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

**PREPARED BY:** DAVID DOMINGUEZ, FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT AND CONCESSIONS MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** PARK NAMING

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**Statement of Issue:** There is a need for the Community Services Commission to review recommendations by the City Council for the naming of the new park at the former Lamb School and Wardlow Park

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

1. Accept the City Council's decision to officially name the new park at the former Lamb School site as "William and Elizabeth Lamb Park" and;
2. Retain the current name of Wardlow Park and;
3. Refer potential naming opportunities to recognize Delbert "Bud" Higgins and Frank Ciarelli to the Park Naming and Memorials Committee

**Analysis:**

On August 10, the Community Services Commission approved a recommendation by the Park Naming and Memorials Committee to officially name the new park at the former Lamb School site as Delbert "Bud" Higgins Park, retain the name of Arevalos Park and rename Wardlow Park to Frank L. Cirarelli Park. The recommendation was heard by the City Council on October 17, 2016.

Council's recommendation was to name the new park at the former Lamb School site as "William and Elizabeth Lamb Park" and retain the current names of Arevalos and

Wardlow Parks. During their discussion, Council felt it important to retain the names at Wardlow and Arevalos even though they were recognized as Fountain Valley founding fathers by the Fountain Valley School District. Council took into consideration that contributions made by Robert B. Wardlow and Andres R. Arevalos were of importance to Huntington Beach since at the time, there were no clear city boundaries. The same view was also taken into consideration for the new park at the former Lamb School site. Even though there had never been a park when the school was developed and named after William and Elizabeth Lamb, they felt they were deserving of the same recognition as Mr. Wardlow and Mr. Arevalos for their contributions to the Huntington Beach area.

During their discussion, Council acknowledged the contributions of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Ciarelli and agreed that both are worthy of recognition but, did not want to take away from individuals currently honored with park names.

In addition to requesting the Community Services Commission to accept their naming recommendations, they also directed staff to have the Community Services Commission look at other possible recognition opportunities for both individuals. Commission is therefore being asked to concur with naming recommendation by Council and to refer other opportunities to recognize Mr. Higgins and Mr. Ciarelli to the Park Naming and Memorials Committee. No action is being asked for Arevalos Park since both the Commission and Council has concurrence and therefore the name will remain as is.

**Project Notification:** N/A

**Environmental Status:** N/A

**Attachment(s):** None

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