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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Susie Byrd, City Representative, District #2

**DATE:** June 28, 2010

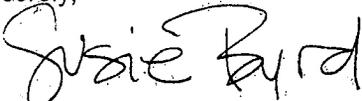
**RE:** Item 9B. Discussion and action on annually recognizing excellence in design for parks dedicated to the City by private developers.

Dear Mayor and Council:

In our subdivision ordinance we set the minimum standards for developers for building a complete neighborhood. Recognizing the value of park space for public health, neighborhood pride and a stable tax base, the park dedication ordinance requires neighborhood parks, central to the neighborhood and within easy walking distance of all residences. Beyond just setting minimum standards, we should also recognize and celebrate those developers who view the Park Dedication Ordinance as only a minimum and who go above and beyond to create neighborhood parks that activate neighborhoods through excellence in park design, accessibility and inventiveness.

I discussed this idea with Joyce Wilson and Nanette Smejkal. Both agreed it was an idea worth pursuing and that it could be done with minimal effort by Parks Staff and our Public Information Officer. They will use the Parks Advisory Board in selecting one park that has been dedicated to recognize each year. For this item, I'm asking the Council to authorize the City Manager to pursue a process for annually recognizing excellence in design of parks dedicated to the City by private developers.

Sincerely,

  
Susie