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TOWER WELL PARK DEDICATION

MARCH 4, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and staff recommend that the City Council adopt a Park Dedication Ordinance for the Tower Well site, 0.19 acres of land (8,437 square feet) at 201 Alma Street and approve the proposed name “Tower Well Park”

PARK DEDICATION

- A Park Dedication Ordinance reserves the land for park, recreation, or conservation purposes
- Article VIII of the City Charter states: “All lands owned or controlled by the city which are or will be used for park, playground, recreation or conservation purposes shall be dedicated for such purposes by ordinance”

TOWER WELL SITE

- 0.19 Acres (8,437 sq ft)
- Located at 201 Alma Street at the corner of Alma Street and Hawthorne Avenue
- 79-foot-high Tower Well
- Adjoining 210 square foot building



TOWER WELL SITE

Features of the site

- Decomposed granite path
- Native plants
- Two park benches
- Antique water pump display
- Six interpretive signs
- Electric and fiber utility box



PALO ALTO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION –PARK NAME

- The City’s Naming Policy establishes criteria which guides the Palo Alto Historical Association and the appropriate City Commission in recommending names to the Council for approval
- Oct. 27—PRC Ad Hoc and staff met with the Palo Alto Historical Association staff to discuss potential names for the new park
- Palo Alto Historical Association Board recommends the name “Tower Well Park”
- When constructed in 1910, the water tower was the first major visible infrastructure of the City’s utilities and is a symbol of the City’s successful beginnings and forward-thinking leaders

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