

October 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Laura Wilson, Director
Parks, Recreation, & Library

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM PLACEMENT
RESOLUTION 2024-077, Dedication of Dog Park located
at Hubert Tompkins Park to Canine Bones

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Parks, Recreation, & Library recommends approval.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend approval.

INITIATED BY:

Wes Hewitt, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission

BACKGROUND:

This resolution seeks approval from the Mayor and Council to acknowledge the dedicated service of Retired Sierra Vista Police Department Canine Bones by dedicating the Dog Park located at Hubert Tompkins Park in his memory. Canine Bones served the Sierra Vista Police Department from 2012 to 2021 and exemplified loyalty, courage, and unwavering commitment to his community. Upon his retirement at age 12, Canine Bones lived out his remaining years with his trusted partner, Sgt. Justin Allyn, until his recent passing.

During his distinguished career, Canine Bones worked alongside Sgt. Allyn from 2016 to 2021, deploying his exceptional skills 679 times in narcotic detection and patrol apprehension. Their partnership led to the discovery of 354 drug paraphernalia items, the seizure of 473 pounds of marijuana, over 850 grams of illegal narcotics, and 206 arrests. His contributions greatly enhanced public safety and community well-being.

As we remember Canine Bones, we celebrate his legacy of service. Naming the Dog Park in his honor will provide a lasting tribute to his loyalty and the important role he played in protecting our city.

Thank you for your consideration

BUDGET APPROPRIATION:

Not applicable.

RESOLUTION 2024-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, DEDICATING THE DOG PARK LOCATED AT HUBERT TOMPKINS PARK TO RETIRED SIERRA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT CANINE BONES; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Sierra Vista to recognize the contributions of area residents who have demonstrated a commitment to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission wish to ensure that public facilities and their dedications recognize and represent those best values inherent in those who give generously of their time and efforts in support of the community; and

WHEREAS, it was the unanimous recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission to recognize the many contributions made by Canine Bones on behalf of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

The policy of dedicating City facilities and/or areas after citizens who have worked selflessly contributing to our community, be, and hereby is, reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The Mayor and City Council, honoring the contributions of Canine Bones, hereby dedicate the Dog Park located at Hubert Tompkins Park in his honor.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

NATHAN J. WILLIAMS
City Attorney

JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Laura Wilson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Library

City of Sierra Vista, AZ
Facility Dedication Application Instructions

Step 1	Complete the Following Contact Information: Name: Wesley Hewitt Address: 902 Pico Court Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 Phone Number: 520-678-7544
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Step 2	Facility you wish to have dedicated: Dog Park in Tompkin's Park Person you would like Facility Dedicated to: Canine Bones Justification (Include any supporting documents you feel pertinent): The Sierra Vista Police Department would like share its bittersweet celebration of the life and duty of Canine Bones. Canine Bones served with #SVPolice from 2012 to 2021, when he retired at the age of 12. He spent his retirement years, up to his recent passing, in the care of his most recent partner, Sgt. Justin Allyn. During his tenure with Sgt. Allyn from 2016 to 2021, Canine Bones deployed his skills 679 times in both narcotic detection and patrol apprehension roles. He helped locate and seize 354 items of drug paraphernalia, 473 pounds of marijuana and over 850 grams of illicit narcotics. A total of 206 arrests can be directly attributed to the teamwork of Canine Bones and Sgt. Allyn. Sgt. Allyn and Canine Bones said their goodbyes this past week and it is with a heavy heart that the men and women of the Sierra Vista Police Department send Canine Bones this final message: Rest easy, we've got it from here.
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Step 3	Submit your Application Package Turn in your completed application and support materials to The Leisure and Library Services Department. <table><tr><td>In Person to: Laura Wilson Oscar Yrun Community Center 3020 East Tacoma St. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 520-458-7922</td><td>Electronically to: Leisureservices@sierravistaaz.gov</td></tr></table>	In Person to: Laura Wilson Oscar Yrun Community Center 3020 East Tacoma St. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 520-458-7922	Electronically to: Leisureservices@sierravistaaz.gov
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Recommended Timeline

Minimum 120 days out

Submit application for

1. Inclusion on Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda
2. Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to City Council
3. City Council final decision.