

Legislation Text

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Title:

Public Hearing - Naming of McAlpine Park Cross Country Race Course to "Larry McAfee Cross Country Course at McAlpine Park"

Summary

ACTION:

1. Open the public hearing on the request to name the McAlpine Park Cross Country Race Course to "Larry McAfee Cross Country Course at McAlpine Park"

2. Close the public hearing and approve the naming as presented, "Larry McAfee Cross Country Course at McAlpine Park"

Staff Contact: Peter Cook, Deputy Director of Park and Recreation

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

In the 40 years since the cross country trail was built, McAlpine Park has hosted over 200 major cross country events, all under the administration of Larry McAfee. Included in these events are the prestigious Wendy's Invitational (which will be held in the park for the 40th time this year) as well as the Footlocker South Regional. These two races alone bring over 10,000 people into the park annually. Beyond these two races, the McAlpine Park Cross Country Course hosts numerous school invitational events, conference and regional championships, state championships for all four NCHSAA classes and collegiate and AAU championships.

Larry McAfee is a former CMS teacher, 1971 - 2000, and a Cross Country and Track Coach for East Mecklenburg High School, 1974 - 1999. Mr. McAfee is a 2017 Mecklenburg County Wall of Fame Honoree and a Charlotte Observer top 10 all-time high school Mecklenburg County coach. His cross country teams have won 27 conferences, 21 regional and 5 state titles.

This application was presented and endorsed by the South Park Region Citizen Advisory Council at their November 26, 2018 meeting and was presented to and endorsed by the Park and Recreation Commission at their January 8, 2019 meeting.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: N/A

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POLICY IMPACT: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A