

April Jacobs

From: Drew Townsend <townsenddrew@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:52 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Public Comment for next meeting

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Mrs. Jacobs:

I would like to make a public comment at the next meeting. Please submit the following statement, but I would also like to read my comments aloud also.

Thank you

Drew Townsend

Dear Board Directors:

I would like to point out some inaccuracies in a recent Facebook post regarding use of drought tolerant and California Native plants that are good for landscaping in the Santa Clarita Valley. While this may seem pedantic to some the plant listed as common yarrow did not match the picture. Common yarrow is white while I believe the one that is pictured is Island Pink Yarrow. See the below links for reference.

Common Yarrow

[https://calscape.org/loc-California/Achillea-millefolium-\(Common-Yarrow\)?srchcr=sc5ff5f5918aa58](https://calscape.org/loc-California/Achillea-millefolium-(Common-Yarrow)?srchcr=sc5ff5f5918aa58)

Island Pink Yarrow

[https://calscape.org/loc-California/Achillea-millefolium-'Island-Pink'-\(Island-Pink-Yarrow\)?srchcr=sc5ff5f5918aa58](https://calscape.org/loc-California/Achillea-millefolium-'Island-Pink'-(Island-Pink-Yarrow)?srchcr=sc5ff5f5918aa58)

While this is a small mistake I would like it noted that of the list of plants in the post only one other was native to CA, Pablo Verde. I believe this is a missed opportunity to promote planting of CA native plants. They have many benefits above just being water wise. I believe that, because it is in their best interest, that the water board to take it on themselves to expand the use fo native plants in both residential, commercial and municipal landscaping in our rally in order to protect our ground water sustainability. We are lucky to have many resources in our area to rely upon for research into this (Theodore Payne Foundation and California Native Plant Society San Gabriel Chapter). There are private companies as well (Matilijia Nursery & Soil Solutions).

Thank you for the time and if interested I would be happy to assist if it is decided to expand your initiative in promoting drought tolerant and CA native plants.

Drew Townsend

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From: Steve Petzold <stephen.petzold@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:52 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Documents for tonight's meeting
Attachments: EPSON524.pdf

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Please provide to Directors for tonight's meeting

Steve Petzold

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Renaming of Central Park ??

April Jacobs <ajacobs@scvwa.org>

Thu, Dec 17, 2020, 5:43 PM

To: Steve Petzold <stephen.petzold@gmail.com>

Cc: Matt Stone <mstone@scvwa.org>, Joseph Byrne <Joseph.Byrne@bbklaw.com>, William Cooper <wcooper@scvwa.org>, Gary Martin <gmartin@scvwa.org>

Hi Steve – Matt said, "I think the Board felt putting the "In Memoriam Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" dedication on the entry sign was acceptable under Scheme D, and that action implied approval of whatever the City wants to call it (dedication, name, etc)."

In Matt's opinion, the issue is settled.

Thank you and have a good night.

From: Stephen Petzold <stephen.petzold@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:46 AM

To: April Jacobs <ajacobs@scvwa.org>

Subject: Renaming of Central Park ??

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Dear April,

[Quoted text hidden]

other provisions in the lease, all areas of the site outside of the perimeter fence are to remain in the possession of CLWA or its agents for dry farming "buffer use" purposes, except for a row of trees along the westerly edge of the site which shall be maintained by the City beginning with the commencement of the initial lease term.

- Utilities and Property Access. All utilities are to be underground. CLWA shall reserve in the lease all rights of way or other property interests reasonably needed by CLWA for ultimate development of all remaining CLWA property.
- Liability and Insurance. City shall indemnify, hold harmless and insure the interests of CLWA with respect to the site.
- Joint Recognition. A monument sign at the entrance to the site shall recognize the cooperation of City and CLWA with respect to the park and sports facilities. The name of the park shall be acceptable to CLWA.
- Commercial Activity. Commercial activity is not to be permitted on the site, except as mutually agreed by City and CLWA as being compatible with park and sports facility purposes. A negotiated percentage of any commercial revenue shall be paid by City to CLWA as additional rent.

4. Sewer Service Master Plan. CLWA shall prepare a storm and sanitary sewer master plan for the entire ownership of CLWA's land, and shall identify land areas to be reserved for storm and for sanitary sewers and/or leach fields within the site. City shall incorporate this storm and sanitary sewer master plan into the planning of its park and sports facility master plan. CLWA and City shall share sewer service construction costs on the site in proportion to the capacity required by each.

5. Untreated And/or Reclaimed Water Master Plan. CLWA shall prepare a feasibility study on immediate and longer term use of untreated and/or reclaimed water within the site. City shall design park and sports facilities to permit use of untreated and/or reclaimed water, and shall use untreated and/or reclaimed water on the site to the maximum extent legal and feasible when available.

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SCV Water board approves appending Central Park's name to honor SHS shooting victims

10:00 PM



Residents stand around the memorial set up at the Central Park flag pole at the Saugus Strong Vigil Sunday night. Cory Rubin/The Signal

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Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency board members voted Tuesday to approve appending Central Park's name in honoring the victims of the deadly Saugus High School shooting, following heated commentary from residents who urged them to pass the designation.

The approved move in an 9-3 vote was to add "Central Park -- In Memoriam of Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" onto the base of the west monument sign located at the entrance of the park, which currently has signage of the city and the water agency, along Bouquet Canyon Road.

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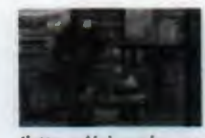
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The board considered three options, recommended by an ad hoc committee created to consider the matter: append the park name, add a plaque with the same phrase on a pillar of the entry sign or make no change to the sign but provide the city with other alternatives for separate signage.

On Nov. 14, 2019, when Gracie Anne Muehlberger and Dominic Michael Blackwell died after a shooter opened fire on his fellow classmates at the school and then turned the weapon on himself, students, faculty and staff evacuated to Central Park to reunite with their loved ones. Thousands returned to the park on Nov. 17, 2019, to grieve the victims.

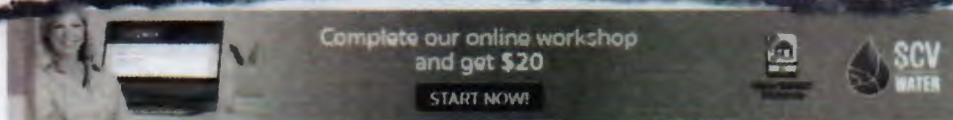
The Muehlberger and Blackwell families spearheaded efforts, including garnering more than 10,700 signatures in a petition (<https://www.change.org/p/dedicate-central-park-in-memoriam-of-gracie-muehlberger-and-dominic-blackwell>), before the Santa Clarita City Council to append the name.

On Tuesday, Bryan Muehlberger and Frank Blackwell, fathers of the victims, urged the water board to focus on the name addition as they proposed before the City Council, and said they would support the designation along the base of the west entry monument sign, ultimately influencing the water board to approve that option.

"The Central Park project will be an incredible step and continue to provide community members a place to acknowledge, to understand, to grieve and to heal," said Blackwell.

Several residents of the dozen who spoke during public comment criticized the water board for having to wait nearly two hours to speak on the matter while board members commended those who have resigned or whose terms will end, and demanded they approve appending the park name.


In August, council members voted unanimously in support but official name additions still required consent from the SCV Water Agency because the agency owns the land the park is built on and has final approval on all signage, including the name of the park, according to Bill Cooper, chair of the Central Park ad hoc committee.



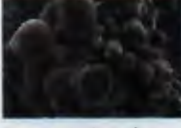
A seven-page report (<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SCV-Water-Board-Handout-121520-Item-8.1-Public-Comments-Central-Park.pdf>), prepared by board member and ad hoc committee member Ed Colley, recommended to reject the proposed name addition, citing that placing the victims' names along a major public thoroughfare could incite others to mimic the tragedy and that "a memorial would best serve the community if it was in a destination in which the intentional visitor could reflect in peace and solitude."

Blackwell said the families have spoken to mental health professionals who have suggested that memorializing the victims in the proposed manner "is actually better."


The committee had even suggested providing funds to assist in building a water feature in conjunction with a possible place of reflection related to the tragic shooting as "many find the sounds of gently flowing water to be soothing and perhaps even healing."



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