



Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 3, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission
 Submitted by: Claudia Kawczynska, Chairperson
 Subject: Officially Name the Harrison Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to officially name the Harrison Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Officially naming the Harrison Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary will require new signage with an estimated cost of less than \$5,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In the Council agenda for October 15, 2024, Councilmember Kesarwani made a referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially name the Harrison Street Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary, Jr., former skateboard counselor-in-training with our Recreation Division's Skate Camp and Berkeley resident killed by gun violence.

At a regular meeting on October 16, 2024, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission M/S/C (Diehm/Cox/U) to approve Councilmember Kesarwani's Referral to name the Harrison Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary. Ayes: Abshez, Cox, Diehm, Hurtado, Kawczynska, Lee. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ranuzzi.

BACKGROUND

Built in the early 2000s, Harrison Skate Park, located at 711 Harrison Street, is an 18,000 square foot park designed for skateboarders of all levels. It contains a large oval bowl, a fun box, and dedicated areas for beginners. The City of Berkeley's Recreation Division hosts summer camps and events for youth at all skill levels. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Terrance McCrary Jr., also known as T-Mack, was born on September 15, 1993. By all accounts he was a vibrant, big hearted person who had a passion for skateboarding and art. He graduated from Berkeley public schools, attended Berkeley City College and worked at the 510 Skateboarding skate shop on Telegraph Avenue as a way to fuel his

interests. Terrance also worked at the Harrison Skate Park as a counselor-in-training with the city's recreation division and was a mentor to younger kids who shared his love for skating. On August 14, 2016 at the age of 22, Terrance was killed while attending a party in Uptown Oakland. Two other attendees got into a fight; one of them pulled a gun on the other shooting him dead and taking Terrance's life as well. Terrance continues to live in the hearts of those whose lives he touched and have a presence within the skateboarding community.

Every year the McCrary family, in conjunction with the City of Berkeley's Recreation Division, hosts an annual T-Mack Skate Jam with free food, music and prizes in honor of Terrance, celebrating his life, memory, and passion for skateboarding. It is a moment to celebrate life and bring the skateboarding community together while also recognizing the pain and devastation of gun violence.

While currently there is a sign at the Harrison Skate Park honoring Terrance's life and contributions to the skateboarding community at the park, it is officially known as the Harrison Skate Park. Officially naming the skate park after Terrance would be a way to further honor his life and tie the annual T-Mack Skate Jam celebrations permanently to this park.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the recommendation contained in this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no negative environmental impacts were identified as a result of this recommendation.

RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

See body of report.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ -N.S.

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WHEREAS, every year the McCrary family, in conjunction with the City of Berkeley's Recreation Division, hosts an annual T-Mack Skate Jam with free food, music and prizes in honor of Terrance, celebrating his life, memory, and passion for skateboarding. It is a moment to celebrate life and bring the skateboarding community together while also recognizing the pain and devastation of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, officially naming the skate park after Terrance would be a way to further honor his life and tie the annual T-Mack Skate Jam celebrations permanently to this park; and

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WHEREAS, at a regular meeting on October 16, 2024, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission M/S/C unanimously to approve Councilmember Kesarwani's Referral to name the Harrison Skate Park in honor of Terrance McCrary. Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Hurtado; Ranuzzi; Noes: none; Absent: Cox.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Harrison Skate Park is officially named in honor of Terrance McCrary.

