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Councilmember District 1

REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: **October 15, 2024**

Item Number: **##**

Item Description: **Naming the Harrison Street Skate Park in Honor of Terrance McCrary**

Submitted by: **Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani**

This revised material amends the recommendation to reflect that the referral is intended for the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission per our policies for naming public facilities as articulated in Appendix A of the City's Rules of Procedure.



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CONSENT CALENDAR
October 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani (Author)

SUBJECT: Naming the Harrison Street Skate Park in Honor of Terrance McCrary

RECOMMENDATION

Referral to the [Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission](#) ~~City Manager~~ 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.

BACKGROUND

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.¹ He graduated from Berkeley public schools, attended Berkeley City College and worked at 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

¹ Berkeleyside Obituary written by friend Delency Parham, August 15, 2016:
<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2016/08/15/in-loving-memory-of-terrence-mccrary-1993-2016>. See also

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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.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There is no significant environmental impact of naming the skate park after Terrance McCrary, Jr.

FISCAL IMPACT

Officially naming the skate park after Terrance would require new signage in multiple locations. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Director Scott Ferris estimated the costs at less than \$5,000.

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Attachments:

Flyer for 2023 T-Mack Skate Jam

