

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, Regarding a Tract of Land Commonly Know as N. Black Parking Lot Pocket Park, Being 0.03 Acres in Size and Consisting of a Portion of Lot 22, Block E, Original Townsite Plat of Bozeman City, Declaring Said Portion of Tract of Land to be Public Parkland, and Establishing the Name of Declared Parkland as I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: **Consider the Motion:** *Adopt a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, Regarding a Tract of Land Commonly Know as N. Black Parking Lot Pocket Park, Being 0.03 Acres in Size and Consisting of a Portion of Lot 22, Block E, Original Townsite Plat of Bozeman City, Declaring Said Portion of Tract of Land to be Public Parkland, and Establishing the Name of Declared Parkland as I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park*

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: The City received a request from the Downtown Business Association to designate a portion of existing city owned property as parkland and to name said park as I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park in memory and honor of the late City Commissioner and downtown business owner, I-Ho Pomeroy. The portion of land is part of the N. Black Ave. parking lot and currently contains a small pocket park, referred to as the N. Black Avenue Pocket Park. Members of the Urban Parks and Forestry Board reviewed the proposed park name, in accordance with the Park Naming Policy, during their meeting on November 21, 2025 and voted in approval on recommending adoption of a "Resolution of the City of Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, Regarding a Tract of Land Commonly Know as N. Black Parking Lot Pocket Park, Being 0.03 Acres in Size and Consisting of a Portion of Lot 22, Block E, Original Townsite Plat of Bozeman City, Declaring Said Portion of Tract of Land to be Public Parkland, and Establishing the Name of Declared Parkland as I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park".

In accordance with the Park Naming Policy, written documentation of the

approval of the next of kin for the late honoree was obtained. The family stated "It is a great honor for I-Ho and our family" to have her name used in conjunction with the downtown peace park in Bozeman.

The DBA has received approval and funding to construct improvements in the park that are currently under construction. Completed construction date is anticipated for Summer 2026.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: N/A

ALTERNATIVES: Per City Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: Naming of the park will not have any fiscal effects. Designation of the property as parkland will have minimal fiscal effect. The property is already owned by the City of Bozeman and has been utilized and maintained as a small pocket park for several years in collaboration with the Downtown Business Association. Proposed improvements to the park are funded through a combination of funds from the Downtown Business Association, Gallatin County Open Space Grant, a Montana Main Street Grant, Downtown Urban Renewal District, Parks and Recreation Department's Park Land Trust Fund, STR20 Multimodal Improvements, and Stormwater Utility funds.

Attachments:

[I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Report compiled on: November 18, 2025