



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: Dedication of the Pineview Park Ice Rink to Honor Bill Bevis

Date: February 9, 2022

Sponsor(s): Amber Sherrill

Prepared by: Amber Sherrill

Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve the naming of the ice rink in Pineview Park to the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink"

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve naming the ice rink in Pineview Park the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink" to honor Bill Bevis' 46 year dedication to the improvement and maintenance of the rink for the enjoyment of all Missoulians. I further recommend Parks Staff work with Friends of Missoula Parks and dedicated ice rink volunteers to develop and install a recognition sign at the rink as per City policy.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	February 14, 2022
Committee discussion:	February 23, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 28, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Bill Bevis has dedicated himself to making Pineview Park a better place for all Missoulians. Bill Bevis has a lifetime of dedication to hockey since he was four years old to his current age of 80 including prep, college, semi-pro and an invite to the Olympic trials, all as a goalie. Bill arrived in Missoula in 1974 as a new professor of American Literature at the University of Montana. As he settled into the community, he jumped on the original efforts of the fire department trying to make ice by flooding a flat section of grass at the edge of the woods at Pineview Park. Over the last 46 years, Bill Bevis has been a leader in refining the quality of ice and cultivating a rich spirit of community and volunteerism at Pineview Park. In the 1970's, there was little to no public ice skating in Missoula. It was Bill Bevis who worked with Missoula County to establish an ice rink in Pineview Park. Since 1975, Bill has coordinated a team of volunteers, who have devoted tens of thousands of hours providing all of the maintenance to the Pineview Ice Rink. Bill has spent countless late nights and pre-dawns making ice with afternoon visits to check ice to keep the rink open to the public and in good condition. Most visitors to the rink are unaware of Bill Bevis' devotion or the gift he has given to our community. Christmas day opening this year was in

question due to temperatures. Yet, as always, Bill Bevis managed the team of committed volunteers to “make ice” and open to at least 40 skaters on Christmas afternoon.

On February 8, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to approve naming the ice rink in Pineview Park the “Bill Bevis Ice Rink” to honor Bill Bevis’ 46 year dedication to the improvement and maintenance of the rink for the enjoyment of all Missoulians. The board recommended that the Missoula City Council approve a resolution to officially name the ice rink in Pineview Park to the “Bill Bevis Ice Rink”. Following approval, the board recommends Parks Staff work with Friends of Missoula Parks and dedicated ice rink volunteers to develop and install a recognition sign at the rink as per City policy.

Please review the Park and Recreation Board 2/8/2022 meeting minutes to review vote and multiple letters of support.

Financial Implications:

Less than \$1000 for signage

Links to external websites: