



COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/13/18
FILE: 18-148
ITEM: 2.15

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Angel Rios, Jr.

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 16, 2018

Approved

Date

2/1/18

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE NEW PARK AT WILLIAM MANLY STREET
AND JAYHAWKERS PLACE**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the name "William Lewis Manly Park" for the park site located near the intersection of William Manly Street and Jayhawkers Place within the Communications Hill Neighborhood in South San José.

OUTCOME

Council would accept the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to approve "William Lewis Manly Park" as the permanent name for this turnkey park.

BACKGROUND

The approved Communications Hill Master Plan re-zoning (PDC13-009) calls for up to 2,200 residential units (single and multi-family), up to 67,500 square feet of commercial/retail space, and 1.44 million square feet of industrial usage. Two turnkey parks were included in the Master Plan, and the first of these is the subject of this memorandum. At full build out, the Communications Hill project is expected to include at least 27.9 acres of recreational improvements for the community, which would be provided as parks, accessible and recreational open space, and/or trails.

The Developer, MTA Hillsdale L.P. and KB Home South Bay, Inc., are currently constructing a 1.7-acre turnkey park for dedication as a public park. The Master Plan for this park (Attachment 1) was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission for City Council approval at the April 1, 2015 meeting. The Turnkey Parkland Agreement and Master Plan for this project were

approved by City Council at the June 2, 2015 Council meeting. Construction is expected to be completed in Spring 2018.

Staff received two completed name nomination forms (Attachment 2). Both nominations were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval on June 7, 2017 and were unanimously supported by the Commission for Council approval. The two nominations received both requested that the park be named "William Lewis Manly Park."

ANALYSIS

Two community members compiled short biographies and worked with History San José to provide historical resources supporting the proposed naming as "William Lewis Manly Park." The nomination forms and background information (Attachment 2) describe William Manly's important role in the development of California and San José. Mr. Manly was a well-known author, gold miner, and pioneer who settled in San José after he and a companion rescued a party of settlers from Death Valley. Legend has it that upon leaving the desert Manly coined the name 'Death Valley' for the harsh terrain that today is a national park. Several sites in Death Valley National Park carry Manly's name including Lake Manly, Manly Beacon, and Manly Peak. After escaping the desert and finding success in the gold mines of the Sierra, Manly settled in San José and purchased 250 acres on Communication Hill, near the site of the new park.

City Policy Number 7-5, revised November 23, 1993, establishes Council policy regarding the names to be given to City-owned land and facilities. Per the Policy, the City encourages naming that:

- Reflects the City's ethnic and cultural diversity;
- Recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the local, national, or global community;
- Recognizes distinct geographic, environmental, or developmental features, or names of historical significance; and
- Recognizes individuals for their service to the community.

Staff finds that the proposed park name conforms with Council Policy No. 7-5. Approval of the name "William Lewis Manly Park" would recognize the unique historical influence of one of San José's early settlers and would acknowledge his family's relationship with Communications Hill and San José spanning more than 150 years.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

There will be no follow-up needed upon the approval of Council for the recommended park name.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This item will be posted on the City's website for the February 13, 2018 City Council meeting agenda.

Several community meetings were held during the development of the Communications Hill Project and for the planning this park and the nearby Hillsdale Fitness Staircase recreational facility. City Council approved the Park Master Plans and the associated Turnkey Parkland Agreement on June 2, 2016.

As part of community outreach, staff had requested public submissions for naming of the park. Community members were offered the necessary forms consistent with City Council Policy 7-5 for Naming of City-Owned Land Facilities. Staff received two completed name nomination forms (Attachment 2). The two nominations received both requested that the park be named "William Lewis Manly Park". The name nominations come from a resident and park advocate as well as the Developer on behalf of a former dairy farmer whose family had occupied Communications Hill for many years. Both nominations were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval on June 7, 2017.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, and the Office of the City Clerk.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

On June 7, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Commission was presented the two name nomination forms. The Commission recommended the naming of this planned park as "William Lewis Manly Park" with a vote of 8-0-1. A letter of support from the Commission is attached to this memorandum (Attachment 3).

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed action aligns with the City's Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO) and Park Impact Ordinance (PIO), San José Municipal Code Sections 19.38 and 14.25, as well as the spirit

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of parks and recreational improvements envisioned in the Communications Hill Specific Plan (CHSP).

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure & Policy Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

/s/

ANGEL RIOS, JR.

Director, Department of Parks, Recreation
and Neighborhood Services

For questions, please contact Nicolle Burnham, Associate Landscape Designer, at (408) 793-5514.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: *Naming of City-Owned Facilities Nomination Forms – “William Lewis Manly Park”*

Attachment 2: *“William Lewis Manly Park” Master Plan*

Attachment 3: *Letter of Support from Parks and Recreation Commission*

ATTACHMENT 1 - Name Nomination Forms



CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
Naming of City-Owned Facilities
NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Peter Lezak KB Home

Address: 5000 Executive Parkway, Suite 125 Daytime Phone: (925) 786-7560
San Ramon, CA 94583

Name Proposed for Facility: William Lewis Manly Park

Communications Hill

Location of Facility: _____
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)

Neighborhood Park

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.) William Lewis Manly is best known for his and fellow pioneer John Rogers' heroic rescue of their lost emigrant party from the desolate Mojave Desert in 1849, detailed in his memoir "Death Valley in '49". Manly eventually settled in San Jose in 1859, where he purchased 250 acres of farmland on what is now Communications Hill, and was a charter member of the Santa Clara County Pioneers.

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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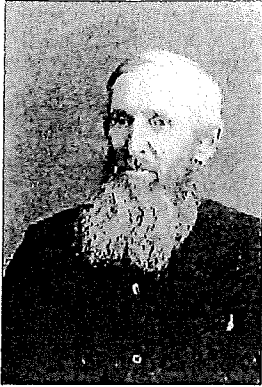
Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

Airport ☐ Arts ☐ Child Care ☐ Disability Advisory ☐ Historic Landmarks ☐

Library ☐ Parking Advisory ☐ Parks & Recreation ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Youth ☐

Other _____

William Lewis Manly



William Lewis Manly was born in St. Albans, Vermont, on April 6, 1820. At the age of nine he relocated to Ohio with his entire family, where he spent the rest of his childhood. The Manlys were not wealthy, but owned many animals, and young Manly worked hard to care for them. As a young man, he left the family home for Michigan, where he became a skilled hunter working as a fur trapper. This skill would save his life many times in the years to come.

California 'Gold Fever' had taken over much of the country by 1849, and Manly was not immune. He embarked on his journey with only seven dollars in his pocket, floating down the Grand River with a companion to arrive at Mineral Point, Wisconsin. With little remaining funds, Manly was forced to end his journey. Soon he was smelting lead ore to raise funds; during winter he trapped fur. In late 1849 Manly again left for California, joining the Bennett family wagon in Salt Lake City.

The Bennett party were given opposing directions on the safest route to California from Salt Lake. Because of their choice of routes, the journey took on epic proportions when they found themselves in what is now Death Valley without sufficient food and water. Manly was elected along with John Rogers to go ahead of the group to secure food, water and supplies, as well as scout a route out of Death Valley. Manly's hunting background as well as his youth kept him alive, but what is remembered is not that he survived, but that he returned to Death Valley to rescue the party once he reached safety.

It took 25 days -- well over the allotted time of two weeks -- but Rogers and Manly returned to their group with food and supplies and safely made it out of Death Valley. Luckily for the group, they had stumbled into the Valley in winter; in the heat of summer, they would not have lasted more than a few days. Manly's autobiography *Death Valley in '49*, published 45 years later, details the pioneers' suffering and endurance, both mental and physical. Rogers and Manly provided strength and encouragement as the party made their way out of Death Valley; they knew that greener pastures lay beyond the desert hills.

The group eventually arrived in Los Angeles on March 6, 1850. It had taken Manly roughly a year to reach California. Almost immediately, without tools or money, he set out for the reportedly lucrative mines north of San Francisco, and eventually laid claims in what is now called Moore's Flat, situated north-east of Sacramento. On his way through Northern California, Manly passed through the town of San Jose, and was struck by its beauty and fertile soil:

"Our road from here was near the foothills on the west side of a level, grassy, thinly timbered valley, and as we advanced we noticed that the timber grew more plentiful and the trees larger, without much underbrush... We then came to a point where the mountain reaches out almost across the valley to meet the mountains on the eastside. Here we found a gravelly creek but with little

water, but as soon as we passed this point, the valley suddenly widened out again, and beautiful groves of wild oak trees scattered all around. The vegetation here was very rank, the mustard ten feet in places, making it difficult to see out of the road. This was perhaps the strongest contrast to the arid desert that we had seen. As we went down the valley the hills seemed to stand farther and farther back as if to make more room for those who would soon settle in this fertile place, and we soon came in sight of the Village or pueblo of San Jose (St. Joseph) where we camped."

Manly spent the next few years travelling throughout California, eventually settling in San Jose in 1859, and marrying Mary Jane Woods in 1862. He purchased approximately 250 acres of farmland south of San Jose on the site of today's Communications Hill for four thousand dollars. As a charter member of the Santa Clara County Pioneers Society, Manly contributed to the society's flourishing membership and social scene.

While Manly is best remembered for his selfless Death Valley rescue -- at least three places in Death Valley National Park bear the Manly name today -- his role in early San Jose society and his influence as a large landowner in the Communications Hill area should not be overlooked. His memoirs, "From Vermont to California," were initially serialized in monthly agricultural review *Santa Clara Valley*, before being published as *Death Valley in '49* by San Jose's Pacific Tree and Vine Company. Manly died near Lodi, California in 1903.

Bibliography

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CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

Naming of City-Owned Facilities

NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Jean Dresden
Address: 1276 Blewett Avenue San Jose CA 95125 Daytime Phone: 408-920-2551

Name Proposed for Facility: William Lewis Manly Park
Location of Facility: Llano de los Robles and Jayhawker Place. Address not available.
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)
Neighborhood Serving Park on Communication Hill.

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.)

William Lewis Manly was an explorer, gold rush pioneer, major San Jose land owner, and author of a significant work chronicling his overland journey to California through Death Valley in 1849. He contributed to the civic life of San Jose and his book offered observations of San Jose and Willow Glen in 1851. Additional biographic information is attached.

Submit Nomination to: **City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113**

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Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

Airport ☐ Arts ☐ Child Care ☐ Disability Advisory ☐ Historic Landmarks ☐
Library ☐ Parking Advisory ☐ Parks & Recreation ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Youth ☐
Other _____

William Lewis Manly (1820 to 1903)

W.L. Manly derives his national fame from his published memoir of his 1849 overland journey to California through Death Valley. The story of depravation and bravery has inspired multiple editions and detailed analysis. When his party became lost and stranded in Death Valley, Manly and a companion scouted an unmarked route 250 miles to San Fernando Valley to seek help for the stranded pioneers. His detailed descriptions have made it possible for the National Park Service to develop interpretative materials about the stranded pioneers. Many hobbyists spend days trekking the generally accepted route and analyze his words for clues of possible alternatives. In the early part of his journey, Manly and 5 companions floated down the Green River, twenty years before John Wesley Powell achieved fame for traversing the same river. The Manly memoir has been republished every two decades and reanalyzed and annotated by many scholars. Most recently, it was the basis of a 2008 University of Utah doctoral (PhD) thesis on the Green River.

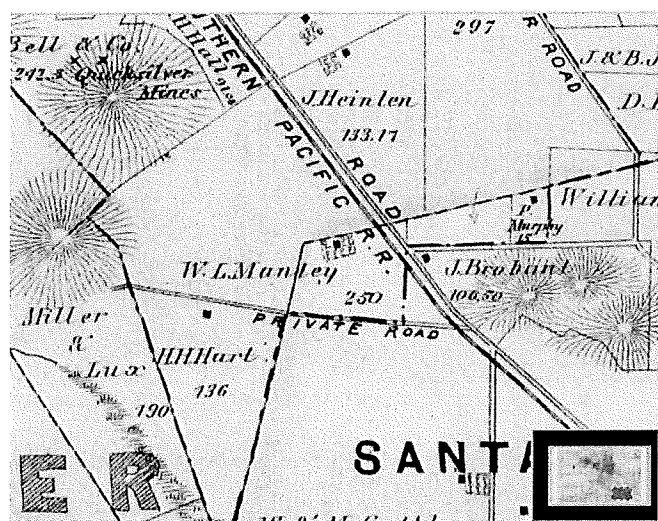
After rescuing the stranded pioneers, Manly headed to the gold mines for a few months. He returned to the east via the Isthmus of Panama. At home, he used his diary to write the story of his journey. Sadly, his diary and written memoirs were lost in a fire. Subsequently he returned to California in 1851 and mined until 1859. Unlike most gold rush miners, Manly was successful and chose to locate in San Jose, purchasing 250 acres just a few hundred yards south of this planned park.

Manly married in 1862 and lived at Hillside, close to the present day intersection of Capital Expressway and Monterey Road. His property ran south to present day Martial Cottle State Park and north to just beyond present day Hillsdale Avenue. He served as a board member of the Farmers Union, was active with the California Pioneers, became a key stockholder in a San Jose bank, and was honorary member of the Jayhawkers, another pioneer party that he saved from Death Valley.

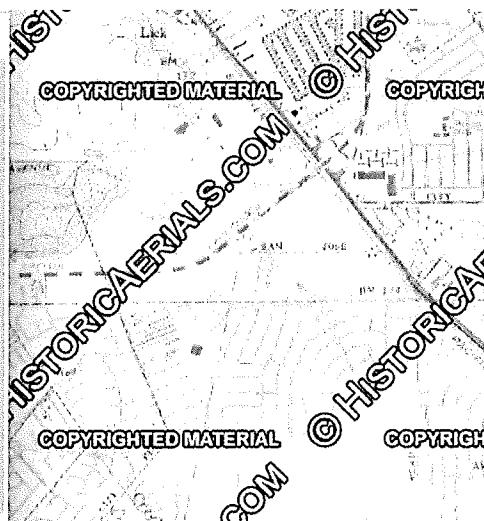
In later life, his friend, the publisher of a magazine, convinced him to write again about the traumatic journey west. It was serialized in the 1886 magazine and well received. Subsequently, his friends convinced Manly to provide more detail and his memoirs were published as a book in 1894. This book was a best seller and has been reprinted many times in various editions well as recently as 2016.

In old age, Manly moved to the College Park neighborhood where his wife and he died in 1902 and 1903, respectively. Manly died at age 83 years, a 44 year resident of San Jose. Manly was an explorer, brave, and a hero. He gave the gift of life to stranded pioneers and the gift of the chronicle of his journey. He became active in the life of San Jose and resided near the park. Manly deserves to be acknowledged by naming this park for him.

1876 Map



1880 Map



SHRUB/GROUNDCOVER AREA, TYP.

12" W. CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL, SHOTCRETE NATURAL STONE FINISH INSTALL 42" H. STEEL GUARD RAIL EMBED AT TOP OF WALL

OVERLOOK PLAZA: INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE WITH CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE BENCH SEAT AND PARK MONUMENT SIGNAGE.

CLIMBING WALL, NATURAL STONE APPEARANCE WITH HAND HOLDS, MOUNT TO RETAINING WALL

POUR IN PLACE RESILIENT RUBBER SAFETY SURFACE. COLORS TBD. INSTALL NATIVE SITE BOULDERS TO DELINEATE CLIMBING WALL ZONE FROM PLAY AREA

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA (5-12 Y.O.) 1 MULTI TOWER COMPONENT AND 3 AUXILIARY COMPONENTS

STABILIZED DECOMPOSED GRANITE SEATING AREA. CONTAIN D.G. W/ CONCRETE HEADER, TYP.

OPEN LAWN AREA, 2% GRADE ACROSS

12" W. CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL, SHOTCRETE NATURAL STONE FINISH, INSTALL 42" H. STEEL GUARD RAIL EMBED AT TOP OF WALL WHERE WALL EXCEEDS 30" IN HT.

8' W. INTEGRAL COLOR PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE PATH WITH LIGHT BROOM FINISH LIGHT MAINTENANCE VEHICLE ACCESS ON 8' PATH

CONCRETE, OUTDOOR RATED PINGPONG TABLES (2) W/ STEEL NETS

OUTDOOR RATED GAMING TABLES (3) W/ EMBED MOUNT SEATS

STABILIZED DECOMPOSED GRANITE BOCCIE COURTS (2). INSTALL OVER 3/4" DRAIN ROCK W/ SUBDRAIN 2X12 PRESSURE TREATED FIR HEADER, STAINED, BOLT TO 9"X12" CONCRETE BAND. 1 BENCH PER EA. SIDE PER COURT. 1 SCORE KEEPING TOWER PER COURT

STABILIZED DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING W/ NATIVE BOULDER EDGE

42" H. METAL PICKET FENCE, AROUND 2 SIDES OF BOCCIE COURT POWDERCOAT BLACK FINISH

4, 6' HDPE PICNIC TABLES, TYPE T.B.D. (IN-GROUND MOUNT ALL, TYP.) 2 STEEL, IN-GROUND MOUNT BBQ GRILLS

LLANO DE LOS ROBLES AVE

JAYHAWKERS PLACE

WILLIAM MANLY ST.

12' HIGH STEEL TUBE SHADE STRUCTURE, POWDER BLACK FINISH, TYP. OF 2

INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE RAISED PLAZA. 4, 6" CONCRETE RISERS AT FRONT EDGE, 2, 12" CONCRETE SEATING RISERS AT SIDES. INSTALL S.S. HANDRAIL AT FRONT CORNERS. ACCESS RAMPS (2) AT BACK EDGE ALONG RETAINING WALL. W/ S.S. HANDRAILS. INSTALL 4 PICNIC TABLES ON PLAZA, TYPE T.B.D. 4, 3'SQ. CAST IRON TREE GRATES AT BACK OF PLAZA W/ CYPRESS IN TREE WELLS

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA (2-5 Y.O.) 1 MULTI TOWER COMPONENT AND 2 AUXILIARY COMPONENTS POUR IN PLACE RESILIENT RUBBER SAFETY SURFACE. COLORS TBD.

42" H. METAL PICKET FENCE POWDERCOAT BLACK FINISH

STABILIZED DECOMPOSED GRANITE SEATING AREA. CONTAIN D.G. W/ CONCRETE HEADER, TYP.

YOGA AREA, IPE DECKING AND SLEEPERS, HIGH POLISH OUTDOOR FINISH

STABILIZED D.G. ROCK GARDEN W/ NATIVE SITE BOULDERS

TAI CHI GROVE, STABILIZED D.G. AND PROJECT BENCH SEATING

NATIVE SITE BOULDER RETAINING EDGE EMBED BOULDERS 1/3RD MIN. TYP. MINIMUM SIZE 2' X 3'.

SLOPED SHRUB EDGE

STREET TREE, TYP.

ORNAMENTAL ENTRY PLAZA. INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE W/ TREES IN TREE WELLS, 3' SQ. CAST IRON TREE GRATES, BENCH SEATING

ENTRY STEPS. 8 RISERS W/ S.S. HANDRAILS INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE

CONCRETE SEATING STEPS. 2, 12" STEPS INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE

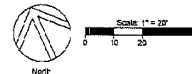
RAISED CONCRETE ENTRY PLANTERS INTEGRAL COLOR, BOARD FORM FINISH W/ INTEGRATED PARK MONUMENT SIGNAGE

WILLIAM LEWIS MANLY PARK** CONCEPT

(1.7 Ac. SOUTHERN RECTANGLE PARK - PHASE 1)



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ATTACHMENT 2 - William Lewis Manly Park Master Plan

** New Rec Area Name
Pending - Not Formally
Approved by Council

ATTACHMENT #3

SAN JOSE
**PARKS, RECREATION &
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

January 8, 2017

Toni Taber, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Dear Toni Taber:

Re: Recommendation to the City Council to name a future park site on Communications Hill, San Jose, as **William Lewis Manly Park**.

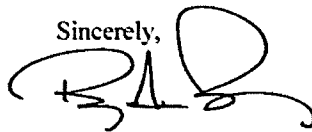
On June 7, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Commission ("PRC") held a public hearing to consider the nomination for the naming of a future park in Council District 7 located within the Communications Hill Specific Plan Area, San Jose. At this meeting, the PRC voted unanimously (8-0-1) to recommend to the City Council that the future park be named William Lewis Manly Park.

Peter Lezak and Jean Dresden have each submitted a nomination for "William Lewis Manly Park". Attached are the name nomination forms and supportig documents.

Therefore, I am requesting that this item be agendized for Council consideration at the February 13, 2018 Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please call David McCormic, Associate Landscape Designer with PRNS at 408-535-8433.

Sincerely,



Rudy Flores, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

Attachments:

Nomination Form – Peter Lezak
Nomination Form – Jean Dresden

cc: Tam Nguyen, Council District 7
Angel Rios, Jr., PRNS
Nicolle Burnham, PRNS



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