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CITY OF IRVINE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Memo

To: Oliver Chi, City Manager

From: Larry Agran, Councilmember *LA*

Date: June 5, 2023

Re: Consideration of Improvements to Sepulveda Vista Point

One of the best kept secrets in Irvine is Sepulveda Vista Point. The park facility was established on land dedicated to the City by the Irvine Company as part of the development of the Turtle Ridge residential neighborhood. Spanning 1.3 acres and located at the end of Federation Way, Sepulveda Vista Point offers stunning views of Irvine and the greater Orange County region.

Of note, until 2005, the facility was known as Sojourn Vista Point. That all started to change in 2002 when Irvine resident Ed McNew was helping his granddaughter with her 3rd grade history project studying Don Jose Andres Sepulveda, who originally owned the land that would eventually become the southern half of the Irvine. Based on that research, Mr. McNew petitioned the City, and Sojourn Vista Point was eventually renamed Sepulveda Vista Point.

Given this rich history, and having recently reviewed details related to the park, I would suggest that several improvements could be made to both better tell the whole story about Sepulveda Vista Point, and ways that the City could enhance the space for the public's use and enjoyment. Among the enhancement concepts that I would like to include are the following:

- Creating an ADA accessible pathway and viewing platform at Sepulveda Vista Point.
- Installing appropriate monument plaques that tell the story about how Sepulveda Vista Point came to be.
- Within the Sepulveda Vista Point facility, develop recognition elements to honor Ed McNew for his efforts to bring awareness about Don Jose Andres Sepulveda, and for his advocacy work in leading the creation of Sepulveda Vista Point.

In order to advance these suggested improvements to Sepulveda Vista Point, I am requesting that this matter be agendaized for review and consideration at our June 13 City Council meeting.

cc: City Council
City Clerk
City Attorney