November 14, 1994

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James F. Evans, Director

SUBJECT: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING POLICY FOR NAMING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Board of Supervisors requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission provide recommendations regarding an appropriate recognition of John Rotondo's contributions and a general policy regarding memorial tributes at County parks and recreation facilities. Attached please find a copy of the Commission's recommended policy.

The recommended policy indicates that parks "shall be named for their logical geographic area within the County". However, "special features" may be named for individuals or organizations who have made substantial contributions to Mariposa County Parks and Recreation facilities and/or activities. Appropriately sized and designed signage, placards, or memorials would be allowed to recognize the substantial contributions of the individual or organization provided the "name (or tribute) will not cause confusion".

I am informed that the Veterans of Foreign Wars plans on placing a memorial tribute to John Rotondo at Mariposa Park. If approved by the Board, the Commission's recommendations would allow the proposed John Rotondo memorial tribute due to Mr. Rotondo's substantial contributions to Mariposa County park and recreation resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendations on a Policy for Naming Parks and Recreational Facilities. (Previous Board Direction).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board requested the Commission's recommendations after placement of a memorial at the Rest Area and the need to recognize the contributions of John Rotondo.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION.

1) Adopt recommended policy. 2) Revise recommended policy. 3) Do not develop a policy and make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

COSTS:  (X) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted CURRENT FY

B. Total anticipated costs

C. Required Add’l funding

D. Internal Transfers

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number pages consecutively:

_2 page memo

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Resolution No.: 94-538

Ordinance No.:  

Vote - Ayes:  Yes  Noes:  

Absent:  

Approved  ( ) Denied

( ) Minute Order Attached

( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: 

ATTEST:  MARGIE WILLIAMS

Clerk of the Board

County of Mariposa, 

State of California

Deputy

Comment:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended

Not Recommended

Policy Determination

Submitted w/ Comment

Returned for further action

Comment:

A.O. Initials:  

[Signature]

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POLICY FOR NAMING PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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In order to provide a sense of history and community for County Parks and their contributing communities, it is necessary to recognize that parks and features within those parks will be named for individuals and organizations who provide outstanding contributions to the parks & recreation movement in Mariposa County.

1. As a general rule Parks shall be named for their logical geographic area within the county.
2. In order to encourage funds, land donation and major volunteer effort, the naming of Parks for organizations and individuals may be considered on a case by case basis.
3. Special Features within a park, i.e.: playgrounds, gazebos, picnic areas, groves of trees, ballfields, community halls, etc. may be named after persons living or dead when one of the following determinations have been made:
   a. The name will not cause confusion or access problems for a particular facility.
   b. Substantial donations of land, money in excess of any required obligation are offered to the county for park and recreation purposes, where in the donor stipulates a name as a condition of the donation.
   c. At the request of a community service club or other entity, an individual is to be recognized for outstanding contributions to the community in general and parks & recreation specifically. Documentation of those contributions will be requested.
   d. As recognition for volunteer services performed in a substantial and significant manner to enhance the county's recreational resources.
4. A parks and recreation facility name may be changed if the Recreation and Parks Commission feels it is appropriate and so recommends to the Board of Supervisors.