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CITY STAFF REPORT JUNE 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

ITEM: NAMING OF NEW CITY PARKS

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution to name the Neighborhood Park in Mossdale after William S. Moss and the Neighborhood Park in Stanford Crossing in Honor of Leland and Jane Stanford and Related Budget Amendment

SUMMARY:

On March 5, 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend Council approve the proposed naming of two of the city's newest neighborhood Parks.

Staff requests that the City Council adopt a resolution to name the neighborhood park within the Mossdale development as William S. Moss Park, and the neighborhood park within the Stanford Crossing Development as Leland and Jane Stanford Park.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the City Council review and consider the Park and Facility Naming Applications to name two new parks within the City of Lathrop.

Mossdale Neighborhood Park

Mossdale Neighborhood Park is an approximately 4.15 acre park site located on the corner of Inland Passage Way and Golden Spike Trail. The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to name this park location after William S. Moss. William Moss, originally a river boat captain from Ohio, arrived in California in the 1850's as part of the Gold Rush. He arrived in San Francisco and crossed the San Joaquin River on a ferry here in Lathrop. Recognizing the river ferry as a potentially lucrative business venture, he negotiated with the owners and purchased the river ferry. Following the purchase, he renamed the ferry to Moss' Ferry. This purchase was so successful for Mr. Moss that he returned to Ohio and sold all of his holdings and moved his family and his livestock to California. Upon his return, he purchased approximately 10,000 acres of property along the eastern bank of the San Joaquin River south of Stockton. This land became known as Moss' Dale, which is now known to us as Mossdale Landing.

Stanford Crossing Neighborhood Park

Stanford Crossing Neighborhood Park is an approximately 4.13 acre park site located on what will be Locomotive Street adjacent to the Lathrop Generations Center. The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to name this location after Leland and Jane Stanford. Leland Stanford, one of the "Big Four" builders of the transcontinental railroad, was responsible for the development of the railroad through San Joaquin

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County. As part of the team developing the railroad, Mr. Stanford discussed this business partnership with the council of Stockton for the location of the tracks through Stockton. When an agreement could not be reached, it is said that Stanford's company laid the tracks approximately 200 yards outside of the Stockton limits and continued south, arriving at a location adjacent to the eastern edge of the San Joaquin river to develop a town to compete with Stockton. The town was originally known as Wilson's station and renamed to Lathrop to honor his wife's (Jane Lathrop) family. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford were also known for founding Stanford University as a gift to the children of California.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The naming of parks and facilities provides an opportunity to capture and retain some of the history of the City of Lathrop. Not only is this a unique opportunity for the current residents of Lathrop but an educational opportunity for the future families of Lathrop in regards to the history of our City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to include a monument at each park location to include a brief biography for the person or persons honored by each park. The monuments will be designed to match park signs and will cost approximately \$5900 per location. The \$5900 expense at William S. Moss Park (Mossdale South Neighborhood Park) will be included as part of the park construction expenses associated with PK 19-03. Funding for the installation of the monument at Leland and Jane Stanford Park (Stanford Crossing Neighborhood Park) will be directed from Measure C funds (1060-99-00-990-90-10) when approved by the Measure C oversight committee:

Estimated Costs of Park Monument per Location:

Custom Precast Monument with laser etched plaque	\$ 3,700
Installation of monument	\$ 1,500
15% project contingency	<u>\$ 780</u>

Monument Costs **\$ 5,980**

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution approving the naming of William S. Moss Park and Leland and Jane Stanford Park and authorize related budget amendment.
- B. Parks and Facilities Naming Application: William S. Moss
- C. Parks and Facilities Naming Application: Leland and Jane Stanford

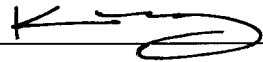
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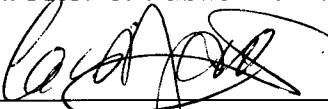
Zachary Jones
Director of Parks and Recreation

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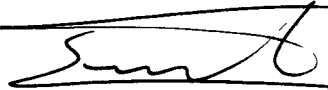
Michael King
Director of Public Works

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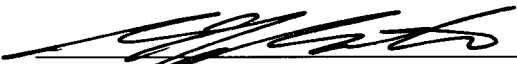
Cari James
Director of Finance and Administrative Services

6-2-2020
Date



Salvador Navarrete
City Attorney

6-2-2020
Date



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

6-3-2020
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP
APPROVING NAMING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN MOSSDALE AFTER
WILLIAM S. MOSS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN STANFORD
CROSSING IN HONOR OF LELAND AND JANE STANFORD AND RELATED
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend Council City Council adopt a resolution to name the neighborhood park within the Mosssdale development as William S. Moss Park, and the neighborhood park within the Stanford Crossing Development as Leland and Jane Stanford Park; and

WHEREAS, City Council considered the placement of a monument at each park location to include a brief biography of the person or persons the park is being named to honor; and whereas the associated expense of \$5,980 at William S. Moss park is included as part of the park construction costs associated with PK19-03; and

WHEREAS, City Council also considered a budget amendment to cover the expenses of \$5,980 for the monument placement Leland and Jane Stanford Park from Measure C funds (1060-99-00-990-90-10) upon approval by the Measure C oversight committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop names the new neighborhood park within the Mosssdale development as William S. Moss Park, and the new neighborhood park within the Stanford Crossing Development as Leland and Jane Stanford Park, the placement of monuments at each location, as well as the related budget amendment of \$5,980 from Measure C funds, upon approval by the Measure C oversight committee, for the placement of a monument at Leland and Jane Stanford park.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 8th day of June, 2020, by the following vote of:

AYES:

NOES:

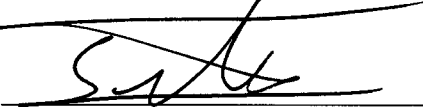
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney

City of Lathrop Parks & Recreation Department
 Parks & Facilities Naming Application

Attachment B

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Application Number:

Application Date:

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THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT PRIOR TO FILING
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Park, Address, Recreation Facility to be Considered for Naming:
593 Inland Passage Way, Lathrop CA 95330 (APN 24170028)
(Mosssdale South Neighborhood Park)

Suggested Name:

Capt. William S. Moss Park or William S. Moss Park

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name	Zachary Jones				
On Behalf of (Organization)	City of Lathrop				
Mailing Address	390 Towne Center Drive				
City	Lathrop	State	CA	Zip	95330
Home Phone		Work Phone	290-941-7385	Cell	209-992-0039
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST – ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

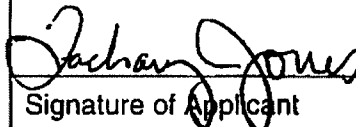
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- A one page typed justification for the suggested name as well as how it relates to the Park and Facilities Naming Criteria listed on pages 2 & 3.
- Other relevant items of support could include, but are not limited to: newspaper articles, photos, proclamations, awards, certificates, etc.

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Last Revised 09-07-10

Certifications and Signature

I, the undersigned do hereby certify that I have read and understand the attached cover sheet(s) and that the facts and information contained in this application and supporting documents are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

	2 - 26 - 2020
Signature of Applicant	Date
Zachary Jones	
Please print signed name here	

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Location of Park or Facility	
Did Person Live in Lathrop? How Long?	
Meeting with Parks & Recreation Director	
Parks & Recreation Commission Review Date #1	
Public Input Methods	
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Captain William Simms Moss

(1798 – March 25, 1883)



Captain William Simms Moss, b. VA son of Captain Zealy Moss and Jeannet or Janet Glasscock (daughter of Gregory Glascock & Jemima Dulin).

He was born in 1798 in Virginia and raised on a wealthy Southern plantation. Moss had worked various jobs on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers starting as a flat-boater and then working his way up to captain before buying a steamboat of his own. That allowed him to make a small fortune and he purchased several boats that plied on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. Thus, William Moss, now became Capt. William Moss. This prosperity allowed Capt. Moss to branch out into the telegraph business, newspaper publishing, and railroad investments.

In 1856, he made his first trip to California and after being impressed with what he saw, he decided to make California his home. When he traveled from San Francisco and reached the San Joaquin River, Moss crossed the river on the Doak and Bonsell ferry. As California was booming with gold rush activity, Moss saw the river ferry as a good investment and convinced the owners to sell it to him. He changed the name to Moss' Ferry

After Moss' venture on the river proved profitable. He returned to Illinois and began liquidating his holdings including a large family plantation in his native Virginia. He sold much of what he owned back in Illinois, but managed to bring several hundred cattle and horses with him to California. Upon arriving here this time, he purchased about 10,000 acres in San Joaquin County, along the San Joaquin river near Stockton and went into farming.

This large valley of land, immediately east of the San Joaquin River adjacent to the Moss' Ferry river crossing, became known as Moss' dale. Today this property is known as Mossdale Landing in Lathrop, CA. Later Captain Moss purchased a home in San Leandro and began investing his money in other enterprises such as the establishment of the "Democratic Press" newspaper in 1864 until the death of Abraham Lincoln, an founding of the San Francisco Examiner which he ultimately sold to Senator George Hearst, William Randolph Hearst's father.

Moss was married twice, first to Mary Choate, to whom he married in Illinois and who passed away in Illinois. She was the mother of three of Capt. Mosses children: Mrs. Anna W. (Jack), Mrs. Henrietta W. (Griffith) and Louis Moss. His second marriage, which also took place in Illinois, was to Caroline Buttrick, a native of Massachusetts. She bore Capt. Moss four children: Mrs. Mary (Percival), William S., Bradley, and Mrs. Caroline (McDougald).

After his wife, Caroline's, passing at their San Leandro home, Capt. Moss took up residence on his ranch in San Joaquin County, and it was there that he passed away of natural causes on March 25, 1883 at the age of 85.



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January 29, 2019

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I believe the naming of parks and facilities provides an opportunity to capture and retain some of the history of the City of Lathrop. Not only is this a unique opportunity for the current citizens of Lathrop but an educational opportunity for the future families of Lathrop in regards to the history of our City.

I have included an informational page about Capt. Moss and how he came to be one of the earliest farmers of our region. I hope that you will consider this important figure in the history of Lathrop for the naming of Mossdale South Neighborhood Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Zachary Jones, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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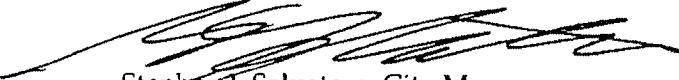
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Thank you,



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Bennie Gatto
Resident
Lathrop Mayor 1991-92, 1994-95
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I believe that Lathrop's significant history is a treasure that must be preserved and the naming of parks and facilities provides an opportunity to capture and retain some of our rich and vast history. Not only is this a unique opportunity for the current citizens of the City of Lathrop to highlight our amazing journey in time but an educational opportunity for the future families of Lathrop in regards to our history.

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Sincerely



Gloryanna Rhodes
Resident
Lathrop, CA 95330

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405 Locomotive Street, Lathrop CA 95330 (APN 19203043)
(Stanford Crossing Neighborhood Park)

Suggested Name:

Leland and Jane Stanford Park

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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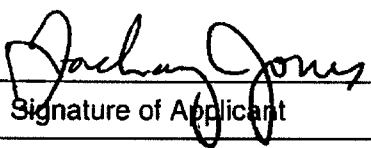
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Leland and Jane Stanford

Amasa Leland Stanford was born in 1824 in Colonie, New York. Leland was one of eight children of Josiah and Elizabeth Phillips Stanford. **Jane Elizabeth Lathrop** born in 1828 in Albany, New York, she was the daughter of shopkeeper Dyer Lathrop and Jane Anne (Shields) Lathrop. Leland and Jane were married on September 30, 1850, and lived in Port Washington, Wisconsin Port Washington, where he had practiced law since 1848.

In 1852, having lost his law library and other property to a fire, Stanford followed his five brothers to California during the California Gold Rush. His wife, Jane, returned temporarily to Albany and her family. He went into business with his brothers and became the keeper of a general store for miners at Michigan City, California, later the name changed to Michigan Bluff in Placer County; later he had a wholesale

house. He served as a justice of the peace and helped organize the Sacramento Library Association, which later became the Sacramento Public Library. In 1855, he returned to Albany to join his wife but found the pace of Eastern life too slow after the excitement of developing California.

In 1856, he and Jane moved to Sacramento, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits on a large scale. Stanford was one of the four merchants known popularly as "The Big Four" who were the key investors in Chief Engineer Theodore Dehone Judah's plan for the Central Pacific Railroad, which the five of them incorporated on June 28, 1861, and of which Stanford was elected president. The other three associates were Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins, and Collis P. Huntington.

Stanford ran unsuccessfully for governor of California in 1859. He was nominated again in 1861 and won the election. He served one term, then limited to two years. The couple did not have any children for years, until their only child, a son, Leland DeWitt Stanford, was born in 1868 when his father was forty-four.

While the Central Pacific was under construction, Stanford and his associates in 1868 acquired control of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Stanford was elected president of the Southern Pacific, a post he held until 1890 (except for a brief period in 1869–70 when Tevis was acting president) when he was ousted by Collis Huntington. As head of the railroad company that built the western portion of the "First Transcontinental Railroad" from Sacramento eastward over the Sierra Nevada mountains in California to Nevada and Utah, Stanford presided at the ceremonial driving of "Last Spike" in Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869. The grade of the CPRR met that of the Union Pacific Railroad, which had been built westward from its eastern terminus at Council Bluffs, Iowa/Omaha, Nebraska. He was even given the honor of driving the final spike.

The couple did not have any children for years, until their only child, a son, Leland DeWitt Stanford (Leland Stanford, Jr.), was born in 1868 when his father was forty-four. In 1884, while on a family grant tour of Europe Leland Stanford Jr. contracted typhoid and eventually passed away after weeks of alternately improving and worsening conditions. This was two months shy of his 16th birthday.

In 1887, Stanford and Company endeavored to found a town as a rival to Stockton along the San Joaquin River built up the city to a population of 10,000 people prior to the existence of the railroad. The company laid out the town subdividing the tract west of the railroad hotel into 16 oblong blocks. Up to this time the town had been known as Wilson's station. The company named the city Lathrop, to honor Jane Stanford's family.

To honor their only child the couple decided "The children of California shall be our children" the couple founded Leland Stanford Junior University. The university officially opened its doors in 1891 under the direction of Leland Stanford until his death in June of 1893. Jane took control of the university upon the passing of her husband. It was under her direction that Stanford University gained an early focus on the arts. Jane Stanford advocated for the admission of women and for that reason the university had been coeducational since its founding. As a remaining founder Jane Stanford continued to maintain a great deal of legal control of the university until her untimely death in 1905.



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February 25, 2020

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I have included an informational page about the Stanford's and how they arrived in our region in conjunction with the arrival of the transcontinental railroad. I hope that you will consider this important part of Lathrop's history for the naming of Stanford Crossing Neighborhood Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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Vada & Bob Klingman
Resident
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