



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilor Nyhan, Chair  
Facilities Naming Committee

David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

**DATE:** February 2, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report in response to a communication from Matthew R. St. Onge asking that consideration be made to naming the park at the intersection of Canal Street and MacCoy Street Twin Bridges Park.

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report which recommends City Council take no action on the request from Matthew St. Onge asking that consideration be made to naming the park at the intersection of Canal and MacCoy Street Twin Bridges Park.

### **Background**

City Council referred a communication from Matthew St. Onge to the Facilities Naming Committee at their May 8, 2017 City Council meeting.

The Facilities Naming Committee met on December 27, 2017 to discuss the request. At their meeting, committee members moved to not recommend naming this parcel of land Twin Bridges Park noting that they felt it was more appropriate to place a historic marker outlining the history of the Twin Bridges on the property. Members further moved to send the Facilities Naming Committee's recommendation to the Recreation and Park Advisory Committee to consider the placement of a historic marker on the property, in lieu of renaming the property Twin Bridges Park as requested.

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee met on January 18, 2018 to discuss the request. Members agreed with the Facilities Naming Committee and agree that they should not to rename the area. Members of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee asked Parks and Recreation staff to contact the State of NH to see if the location would be appropriate for a Historic

Marker. Members of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee discussed their concerns as to who would pay for the Historic Marker, cost estimated to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000, should the State deem the area appropriate for such signage.

Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill, reached out to the State of New Hampshire inquiring as to whether or not the State would support the recommendation.

State guidelines state that any municipality, agency, organization or individual wishing to propose a historical highway marker to commemorate significant New Hampshire places, persons or events must submit a petition of support signed by at least 20 New Hampshire citizens. They must also draft the text of the marker and provide footnotes and copies of supporting documentation, as well as a suggested location for marker placement. The New Hampshire Historical Highway Marker Program is jointly managed by the N.H. Division of Historical Resources and N.H. Department of Transportation.

Based on this information it is recommended that Mr. St. Onge pursue signatures and approval from the State of New Hampshire in support of the placement of a historical marker for the property.