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Dear Ms. Michaels,

I noticed that the renaming of Maxine Barritt is on the Citizen Advisory Board agenda item 24-0413 for Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 2 pm in the Community Hall Room 165 of City Hall. I am thankful for the speed at which this topic will be discussed by the CAB and, as the author of the Application For Naming/Renaming of City Property, I have a question and an addendum to the application.

My question is that the application states: *Note: Please be prepared to have a personal representative present at the applicable Board/Committee meeting to discuss the merits of this application. You will be contacted as to the time and place of the meeting. ...*

As I have not been contacted as to the time and place of the meeting but rather stumbled upon it while doing a meeting search on the City's website for the remaining December City meetings, is this meeting just a preliminary meeting of the CAB for historical fact-finding and procedures for renaming, or is this the meeting that I should be attending to discuss the merits of this application? I am prepared to attend the meeting if CAB wishes to discuss the merits of the application.

The addendum to the application is to provide possible alternative sites for the park renaming consideration. All the factual data for Bob and Sue Vedder remains the same as already submitted. When the application was originally submitted, the City website listed Maxine Barritt Park as: *Maxine Barritt was a community activist who lobbied to have this be a passive park when it was being built around 2010.* That statement really doesn't say much, and it wasn't until the agenda was released that further information was publically easily accessible. In order for the CAB to effectively make a recommendation to City Council on naming/renaming City property, we think a number of areas should be considered and the most appropriate selected. Please use this email as an addendum to the original application and include the listed City property as a potential location for this naming:

1. Although not a listed park, the strip of land separating West Venice Avenue from Business 41 to Ave. Des Parques, this area is closest to the majority of work performed by the Veddars over the years
2. Fountain Park - also close to the area of floral displays but also has seating and a fountain.
3. Heritage Park from Ave Des Parques to Park Blvd - also close to the floral displays but

also has seating and a walking trail.

I am sure the CAB will be able to come up with other locations, but since we no longer have a Parks Advisory Board that can be approached directly by our citizens, we must now go through the City Clerk and have the Clerk forward requests and information to the CAB. The online description is: *The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) shall make advisory recommendations regarding specific topics of interest as determined and requested by the city council.* I am happy to see that the City Clerk can send topics to the CAB as well. Since this is already on the CAB agenda, I have taken the liberty of copying the CAB with this email.

Thank you and Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Very Merry Christmas,

John Holic