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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session

**SUBJECT: NAMING THE SACRAMENTO ZOO VETERINARY HOSPITAL
“DR. MURRAY E. FOWLER VETERINARY HOSPITAL”**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Sacramento Zoo, William Land Park,
District 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution which grants the Sacramento Zoological Society’s request to name the new veterinary hospital in honor of Dr. Murray E. Fowler.

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Convention, Culture & Leisure Department

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 29, 2005

SUMMARY:

A request to name the proposed veterinary hospital at the Sacramento Zoo was made by the Sacramento Zoological Society. The proposed naming request has followed the City Council’s naming policy for City facilities.



COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None



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of Zoos and Aquariums

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through stimulating education, wholesome recreation and innovative species management.”*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 27, 2001, the City Council approved a naming policy for all City facilities. This policy allows a City facility to be named for an individual who has contributed significantly to the community or the facility. Procedures for recommending the naming of a City facility were followed including advising the Councilmember of the District, the Neighborhood Services Area Director, and the City Manager's Office.

The Sacramento Zoological Society would like to name the proposed veterinary hospital that will be constructed at the Sacramento Zoo in honor of Dr. Murray E. Fowler. The Sacramento Zoo has a unique story to tell in the field of Zoo Animal Medicine. In the 1960's, the University of California at Davis (U.C. Davis) launched a program of zoo animal medicine. UCD called upon Dr. Murray Fowler to develop this program. His was the first faculty position in wild animal medicine anywhere in the world. The Sacramento Zoo was his living classroom as he developed techniques and procedures previously undocumented for exotic animals. Dr. Fowler has been described as the grandfather of exotic zoo medicine for the pioneering work he accomplished right here at our own zoo. Today, his legacy lives on through a residency program for training zoo and wildlife veterinarians. This is a three-year post-graduate program for veterinarians who want to gain practical experience in the care of exotic animals. The program is a collaborative effort between the Sacramento Zoo, U.C. Davis, Zoological Society of San Diego and SeaWorld San Diego.

Dr. Fowler has been active on the Sacramento Zoological Society Board for 37 years, starting on the Board in 1968. He served as Board President in 1978-79 and again in 1991. He provided veterinary care at the Zoo from 1967-1991.

The veterinary hospital will be a 5,400 square foot facility that will include treatment rooms, sterile surgery room, animal holding and quarantine caging, office space for veterinary staff, storage rooms, clinical laboratory, pharmacy, staff bathroom and shower. The building will feature an opportunity for guests to observe some of the treatments and procedures through viewing windows. Approximately 500,000 visitors attend the zoo each year. The hospital will be exclusively for the animals in the zoo's collection.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The action recommended is exempt from CEQA review.

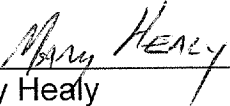
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This recommendation is within the City's policy for naming public facilities, and all procedural steps were followed before bringing the request forward for recommended approval.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:


None.

Respectfully submitted,



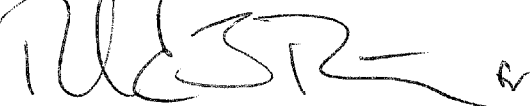
Mary Healy
Executive Director, Sacramento Zoo

APPROVED:



Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director
Convention, Culture and Leisure Department

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Robert P. Thomas, City Manager

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ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The new veterinary hospital which will be built on the Sacramento Zoo site will be named the Dr. Murray E. Fowler Veterinary Hospital.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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