

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: September 4, 2018  
Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Memorial Park Memorial Tree and Plaque

**REPORT BY:** Chelle Putzer, Recreation & Community Services Director

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**SUMMARY**

The item before the Council is an application to plant memorial tree and install a memorial plaque in honor of Joey Morse in Memorial Park.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council approve a “Gift to the City” (AMC 2-27.8) of a memorial tree and plaque, in honor of Joey Morse, at Memorial Park.

**BACKGROUND**

The application for a memorial tree to be planted and plaque to be placed in honor of Joey Morse was submitted by, Albany resident, Peggy McQuaid on June 4, 2018.

Per the administrative procedure for “Acceptance of Gifts to the City: Memorial or Recognition Requests and Proposed Capital Projects” (Gift to the City per AMC 2-27.8), the City Manager shall review the memorial tree application and the recommendation from staff before the application can go before the appropriate Commission. If recommended for approval by the Commission, the application will come before the City Council for final approval.

The City Manager reviewed the application on June 5, 2018 and referred it to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The application was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission on July 12, 2018.

**DISCUSSION**

Ms. McQuaid has met with the City’s Urban Forester to discuss the best location and type of tree to be planted. The proposed location is west of the public art installation (“Long

Song”). The recommended tree is a Red Maple. The maintenance of the memorial tree will be the responsibility of the City.

An oval shaped memorial plaque will be placed next to the tree no larger than the maximum size allowed (8.5” x 11”). Public Works will install a cement pad next to the tree and secure the plaque to the pad. The text of the plaque will read:

Joey Morse  
Always Loved

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs of the tree, planting, plaque and City installation costs will be paid by the applicant.

### **Attachments**

1. Application and Tree Selection

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Submittal for Volunteer Capital Projects  
or gifts to City on City property, including parks, recreational or other facilities,  
open space, public right-of-way and medians

1. Name of Project: Memorial Tree Date 6-4-18

2. Project Purpose: Memorial Tree & Plaque  
red maple suggested by arborist

3. Contact Information

a. Name(s): PEGGY McQUAID

b. Phone Number: (510) 526-7855

c. Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Email: rodpeggy@aol.com

e. Address: 1604 Marin Ave Albany

4. Scope of Work: tree planted by city arborist

5. Proposed Project Location: Memorial Park - determined by arborist on June 4

6. Sponsors: PEGGY McQUAID

7. Estimated Cost: unknown - paid by sponsor - cost of tree \$204<sup>00</sup>

8. Financial Commitment of sponsors cost of tree & plaque

9. Proposed maintenance plan: tree to be selected in coordination  
with city arborist & approved tree list

10. Proposed project schedule: fall 2018

11. Attach preliminary drawings, as appropriate.



Proposed location for new memorial tree

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

Existing memorial trees

### Red Maple: Fall and Summer



## **Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset' or 'October Glory' Tree Characteristics**

Beginning early in the season, the leaves begin to turn yellow and red, then age to bright scarlet and crimson

- Medium-sized deciduous shade tree with full, rounded crown
- Erect or Spreading with a high canopy
- Conical or oval shape
- strong branch structure
- Height: reaches about 40 - 65 feet
- Width: 40 feet
- Growth rate: 36 Inches per year
- Longevity 50 to 150 years
- Leaves palmate, medium green; red, orange or multicolored in fall
- Red flowers in spring. Has either male or female flowers (dioecious)
- Paired, winged, red-brown fruit (seeds) in summer
- Dark gray smooth bark when young, turning to plate-like scales and vertical ridges when older
- Likes moisture, but drought tolerant