



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Accept Memorial Tree and Plaque Donation From Timothy and Mary Spencer In Honor of Mr. Joseph Ware Spencer

MEETING DATE: June 16,2010

PREPARED BY: Steve Dutra, Park Superintendent

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept a memorial tree and plaque project from Timothy and Mary Spencer in honor of Mr. Joseph Ware Spencer.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 24,2010, staff received the attached written request from Mary Spencer. The request asks that a memorial tree and plaque be placed at Lodi Lake Park in honor of their son Joseph Ware Spencer. Staff has met with Mrs. Spencer to discuss the project location, project costs and policy protocol. On June 1, 2010, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously supported this request and recommended that staff forward it to the Council for approval. Based on Joseph Spencer's past involvement with Grose Boat Racing, a big leaf maple tree and plaque is proposed to be placed on Parson's Point at Lodi Lake Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Spencer family has agreed to provide all necessary funding for the request.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None


James M. Rodems
Interim Parks and Recreation Director

JMR:tl

Attachments

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: 
Konradt Bartlam, Interim City Manager

Steve Dutra

From: Mary Spencer [spencertm7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 12:35 AM
To: Steve Dutra
Subject: Memorial for Joseph Ware Spencer

Lodi Parks and Recreation
Steve Dutra
125 N. Stockton Street
Lodi, Ca 95240

Dear Friends,

My husband and I would like to request a memorial plaque and big leaf maple tree to be placed at Parson's Point at Lodi Lake. We feel this would be a wonderful way to honor our son's life.

Joe was involved with Grose Racing in Lodi. He loved working on and driving anything that went fast especially drag boats! Joe and his friends would come to Lodi Lake to test the engines as they were prepared for the upcoming races!

Our Joe won the 2001 World Finals in Arizona!! A testament of his amazing wish to enjoy Life!! Joe received a double-lung transplant in 1993. He was one of the longest living dbl. lung transplant recipients from USC University Hospital in Los Angeles, Ca.

Joe has two amazing daughters living in Lodi.

Lodi Lake would be a place to be close to their "Daddy" as they enjoy nature as he did.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

With Much Appreciation,

Timothy & Mary Spencer

& Family....