

Staff Report

For the Meeting of

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item #

Res. NO. 1981

**SUBJECT: Naming the
Senior Activity Center**

Subject

Senior Activity Center – Resolution to name the facility as the “Harkenrider Center.”

Summary and Background

Summary:

City Council has the authority to name publicly owned facilities within Hermiston. The City has been awarded \$2 Million for the purpose of constructing a facility to house the Hermiston Senior Center. City Council has expressed a desire to name the new facility the “Harkenrider Center” in recognition of Frank Harkenrider’s thirty-one years as a City Council Member and two terms as the City’s Mayor.

Background:

On February 24, 2014 Council approved Resolution No. 1952 to execute an agreement between the City and the Hermiston Senior Center Board to apply for a grant to construct a new senior activity center. The grant source is the Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) – Infrastructure Finance Authority. The City conducted a pre-application public hearing on August 25, 2014 to solicit input regarding the project. The grant application process was completed in September 2014.

The City received notice in December 2014 that the grant application was successful and the amount of \$2 Million dollars has been awarded for the construction of a new facility for senior citizen programs. The City’s obligation is to manage the construction process, own the new facility, and provide a cash contribution of \$73,242. The project must be completed in 36 months. However demolition of the current senior center is anticipated on December 31, 2016 to make way for school district expansion plans. On February 26, Council approved Resolution No. 1972 authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City and the Business of Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to accept \$2 Million for the construction of a new Senior Activity Center facility.

The City established the Senior Advisory Group to advise the Council on the final site selection and design of the new facility. As a condition of the grant funding, the new facility will be limited to public uses for citizens 60+ in age for the first five years of operation. However after that period, the City will make the facility available for other programs outside of the time reserved for the Senior Board (Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm). The City will own and manage the facility as a landlord and

the senior program will provide programming as a tenant under the conditions of the Facility Use Agreement.

Fiscal Information

None

Alternatives and Recommendation

There are three practical alternatives regarding the selection of the ideal site for the new Senior Activity Center.

1. Approve Resolution No. 1981 to officially name the new Senior Activity Center as the "Harkenrider Center."
2. Reject Resolution No. 1981 to officially name the new Senior Activity Center as the "Harkenrider Center."

Requested Action/Motion

Approve Resolution No. 1981 officially naming the new Senior Activity Center as the "Harkenrider Center."

Reviewed by:



Department Head – Larry Fetter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

City Manager Approval



RESOLUTION NO 1981

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERMISTON DECLARING THAT THE NEW SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER BE NAMED HARKENRIDER CENTER IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK HARKENRIDER.

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to name publically owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to recognize individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership and public service for the benefit of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to preserve for future generations the leadership examples that are significant to Hermiston by naming public facilities, and

WHEREAS, Frank Harkenrider has provided outstanding leadership and public service as a City Council member for thirty-one years and served as Mayor for two terms, and

WHEREAS, Frank Harkenrider has been an active advocate for the Senior Center and was involved in the agreement to relocate and make available the current building that houses the Senior Center at the Umatilla Fairgrounds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hermiston, Oregon, as follows:

That the new Senior Activity Center shall be named the "Harkenrider Center" upon its completion.

PASSED by the Common Council this 27th day of April, 2015.

Signed by the Mayor this 27th day of April, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT CITY RECORDER