1. Supporting Documents

Documents:

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Report in Brief
A long-standing Concord business, Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel, is celebrating its 60th year of dedicated service to the Concord community. As a commemoration of this achievement, City Council is asked to consider dedicating the entry drive leading from Salvio Street into the Todos Santos Parking Center as "Ouimet Driveway".

Recommended Action
Approve Resolution No. 18-71 naming the driveway leading from Salvio Street into the Todos Santos Parking Center as "Ouimet Driveway."

Background
At the October 9, 2018, City Council meeting, Councilmember Hoffmeister requested support from her Council colleagues to place a recognition of a long standing business, through the naming of a public space, on the October 30th Council meeting. The Council unanimously supported this request. Councilmember Hoffmeister is proposing that the City Council dedicate the City-owned driveway into the downtown parking garage (See Exhibit A) as Ouimet Driveway in recognition of Ouimet Brothers Concord Funeral Chapel’s 60th anniversary of continuous operation in Concord. This space is a driveway, not a street. No properties have frontage along this driveway, no address assignments or changes are required.
Analysis
Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel began operation as the Lough-Ouimet Funeral Chapel in 1958, when their first facility was dedicated at the corner of Grant Street and Concord Boulevard in downtown Concord. In 1971, Don and Bea Ouimet joined founders John and Sharon Ouimet to form Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel. In 1985, the business relocated to the current location at 4125 Clayton Road. While the Ouimets are now retired or semi-retired, they are still active in service to the families of Concord and the region.

The dedication of the entry drive into from Salvio Street into the Todos Santos Parking Center, the larger of the two downtown parking structures, is a fitting tribute to a long-standing, highly-respected and professional family-owned business that has dedicated 60 years of service to Concord’s families. The dedication will not impact private property addresses, as no properties currently front this driveway. The Contra Costa Consolidated Fire Protection District will be contacted and the naming process followed in accordance with Section 17.20.030 of the Concord Municipal Code.

The Public Works Department will design and create the historically-themed identification sign and will install the sign at the corner of Salvio Street and the entrance driveway. In addition, a duplicate, commemorative sign will be presented to representatives of the Ouimet Family to acknowledge the 60 years of continual operation of Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel.

Financial Impact
Funding for creation and installation of the signs will be paid for through the Public Works Department budget. The Public Works Department has estimated the entire project will cost $1,050.

Environmental Determination
This activity does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), or CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, because there is no potential that it will result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Even if the activity does comprise a project for CEQA analysis, it falls within the “common sense” CEQA exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), excluding projects where “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” No unusual circumstances exist and none of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Public Contact
The City Council Agenda was posted, and representatives of the Ouimet Family were contacted.

Attachments
1. Resolution Dedicating “Ouimet Driveway”
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A Resolution Naming the Entry Driveway Leading
from Salvio Street into the Todos Santos Parking
Center as “Ouimet Driveway”

Resolution No. 18-71

WHEREAS, Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel began operation as the Lough-Ouimet
Funeral Chapel in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the original facility was located at the corner of Grant Street and Concord
Boulevard in downtown Concord; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Don and Bea Ouimet joined founders John and Sharon Ouimet to form
Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the business relocated to its current location at 4125 Clayton Road; and

WHEREAS, while the Ouimets are now retired or semi-retired, they are still active in service
to the families of Concord and the larger region; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the entry drive into the Todos Santos Parking Center from
Salvio Street is a fitting tribute to a long-standing, highly-respected family-owned business in
recognition of 60 years of continual service to Concord’s families; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of “Ouimet Driveway” will not impact existing property
addresses, because it is not a street and no properties currently front this entry drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD DOES
RESOLVE AS FollowS:

Section 1. This activity does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA
Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), or CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, because there is no
potential that it will result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the
environment. Even if the activity does comprise a project for CEQA analysis, it falls within the
“common sense” CEQA exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), excluding
projects where “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question
may have a significant effect on the environment.” No unusual circumstances exist and none of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Section 2. Approves the naming of the driveway leading to and from Salvio Street into the Todos Santos Parking Center as “Ouimet Driveway,” as shown on the site plan (Exhibit A).

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Concord on October 30, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers -
NOES: Councilmembers -
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers -
ABSENT: Councilmembers -

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-71 was duly and regularly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Concord on October 30, 2018.

Joelle Fockler, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Susanne Meyer Brown
City Attorney

Exhibit:

A. Location Map
Area to be dedicated as: Ouimet Driveway