



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Reference:** **Renaming of Waggin’ Tails Dog Park**

**2040:** **Foster an Inclusive Community Fabric**

---

### **Introduction:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a resolution renaming Waggin’ Tails Dog Park to Pooch’s Bark Park.

### **Background:**

Waggin’ Tails Dog Park closed for reconstruction in the fall of 2025. During the construction phase, the Parks and Recreation Board expressed interest in renaming the dog park. In accordance with Parks and Recreation Code 9-11-9, the Board appointed a subcommittee to research and recommend a proposed name.

At its February 2026 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board formally voted to recommend the name “Pooch’s Bark Park” to the City Council. The proposed name honors “Pooch” who was owned by Barbara and Richard J. Lee and was the unofficial Coppell firehouse dog in the late 1960s and 1970s. Pooch was found in Coppell as a stray by Barbara and Richard Lee’s children and spent his time coming to work with former Fire Chief Richard Lee. Pooch was later declared the “Official Coppell Fire Dog” by Former Mayor Andy Brown.

### **Benefit to the Community:**

Renaming the park signifies it as a new community amenity with a sentimental historical tie to a famous four-legged Coppellian.

### **Legal Review:**

The proposed renaming resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.