

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

421



FROM: Parks Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Mary J. McDonald Fountain and Building County Historic Landmark Designation – District 1/1, [0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and Authorize the Designation of the Mary J. McDonald Fountain and Building as a Riverside County Historic Landmark.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

At its regular meeting on November 21, 2013, the Riverside County Historical Commission recommended that your Honorable Board approve the designation of the Mary J. McDonald Fountain and Building as a Riverside County Historic Landmark.

The Mary J. McDonald Fountain and Building (Gazebo) is located on Lots 2, 4, and 6, Block 51, Lake Elsinore, California, APN #374162036. The fountain and gazebo were built in 1931 by Steve Coogan. The Gazebo is 25' in diameter built in a circle with a fountain in the middle, cement seats and a concrete floor. A pineapple adorns the center of the roof indicating hospitality.

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Scott Bangle
Parks Director

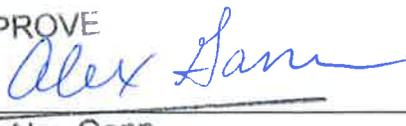
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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost: | POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office) |
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| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | | | | Budget Adjustment: No | |
| | | | | For Fiscal Year: 2014 | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

BY: 
Alex Gann

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 1/1

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Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Currently, the area is utilized as a small park with a gazebo on the corner surrounded by trees and plants. It was originally built as part of a small park with a fresh water fountain in the middle of the gazebo. Mrs. Mary J. McDonald was a key figure in the settlement and early development of the Elsinore Valley. She had water wells drilled in various parts of Lake Elsinore, both sulphur spring and fresh water. One of her fresh water wells, at a depth of some 200' was discovered at the corner of Heald and Riley Streets. Mrs. McDonald had a park built around the well site and also ordered the construction of a gazebo over the well. A fountain for the well provided fresh water for all Lake Elsinore citizens to drink. The gazebo also had concrete seats for passersby to enjoy with their cool drink and flowers were planted around the little park. The fountain and seats are now gone from the gazebo. The gazebo commemorates the memory and contributions made to Lake Elsinore by Mrs. McDonald. People like her were town builders and boosters who brought resources and will power to the development of Riverside County communities.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

There will be no foreseeable impact on citizens and local businesses.