

April 24, 2025

Item No. 5.4.

Recognition: Brison Park as a Lone Star Legacy Park

Sponsor: Kelsey Heiden

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation recognizing Brison Park as a Lone Star Legacy Park.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

Recommendation(s): N/A

Summary:

The Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) officially designated Brison Park as Lone Star Legacy Park at the annual conference on Thursday, February 27th

A Lone Star Legacy Park is classified as a park that holds special prominence in the local community and the state of Texas. To qualify for consideration, the park must have endured the test of time and become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on its grounds. Nominated parks must be a minimum of 50 years old and meet the following criteria:

- The property represents distinctive design and/or construction.
- The park is associated with historic events or sites.
- The park is associated with events specific to the local community/state.
- The park is home to unique natural features.

As part of College Park – the first off-campus residential area created for Texas A&M faculty – Brison Park was initially developed in 1921 by the Southside Development Company as Dexter Park. Dexter Park became College Station's first municipal park in 1947 and was renamed Brison Park in 1987 to honor Fred R. Brison, a nationally renowned horticulture professor and community advocate.

The Lone Star Legacy Park designation celebrates Brison Park's meaningful stature as a treasured place for residents and visitors where history is preserved, memories are created, and everyone feels welcome.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Sherry Frisk, Historic Preservation Committee member who wrote the narrative and gathered historical context for the submission of the nomination.

Eight parks received the honor in the fourteenth year of the statewide program. Parks recognized include Boerne City Park, City of Boerne; Brison Park, College Station; Louise Hays Park, City of Kerrville; Mary Kyle Harson City Square Park, City of Kyle; League Park, League City; Southside Lions Park, City of San Antonio; Dunbar Park, City San Marcos; Goliad State Park & Historic Site, Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments:

1. 25 Brison Park Proclamation



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Texas Recreation and Park Society recently designated Brison Park, a cherished green space in College Station, as a Lone Star Legacy Park, and

WHEREAS, among the greatest honors for a park is recognition as a Lone Star Legacy Park, highlighting its distinctive and historical significance, and

WHEREAS, as part of College Park – the first off-campus residential area created for Texas A&M faculty – Brison Park was initially developed in 1921 by the Southside Development Company as Dexter Park, and

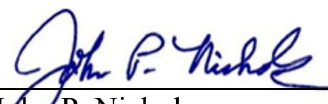
WHEREAS, Dexter Park became College Station's first municipal park in 1947 and was renamed Brison Park in 1980 to honor Fred R. Brison, a nationally renowned horticulture professor and community advocate, and

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Legacy Park designation celebrates Brison Park's meaningful stature as a treasured place for residents and visitors where history is preserved, memories are created, and everyone feels welcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Nichols, as Mayor of the City of College Station and on behalf of our community's residents and the College Station City Council, do hereby recognize,


Brison Park as a Lone Star Legacy Park

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of College Station, Texas, this 24th day of April 2025.



John P. Nichols
Mayor

Attest:



Tanya Smith
City Secretary