

Recognition Discussion for Former Addison Police Officer Ronnie Cox

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Current Policy

Council adopted the current naming and recognition policy on August 25, 2020 (resolution R20-057)

C. NAMING RECOGNITION

1. Named Structures, Parks, Trails or Town-Owned Facility - In addition to standard facility signage recognition of naming after, or dedicated for an individual will include one of the following designations:

- a. Named or Dedicated Facility – May be recognized with a plaque, not to exceed 24” x 36” Plaque may include individual’s name, graphic of the individual and a description of their contribution to the town. The plaque may be mounted to a free-standing support or an architectural feature.
- b. Named or Dedicated Area or Item within a Facility - May be recognized with one of or a combination of the following elements: NAMING AND RECOGNITION POLICY – PAGE 3
 - i. Plaque, not to exceed 24” x 24”
 - ii. Paving Medallion, not to exceed 24” x 24”
 - iii. Inscription on an existing feature within a facility. Recognition shall include the person’s name, years of service and a small inscription describing the person’s service to the town.

Police Department

The Addison Police Department does not have an official memorial for officers who have died in the line of duty.

Police Officer Ronnie Cox is the only line of duty death (December 15, 1986) the department has experienced.



Picture and small plaque in police department lobby



An example of Council recognizing line of duty death can be seen on the building dedication plaque at Fire Station One.



An example of staff led recognition of co-workers that have died in the line of duty, passed from other causes or retired can be seen at the Liberty Bell plaza in front of Fire Station One.

Examples from Other cities



Richardson Police Departments “Radiant Shield” artwork installed on police department property.

Examples from Other cities



Grand Prairie Police Department installed a stone monument on police department property.

Examples from Other cities



Garland Police Department memorial on police department property.

1. Install artwork like Richardson Police Department on Addison Police Department Property. *Staff could work with the Arbor Foundation to solicit proposals from artists such as Eric McGehearty for a sculpture concept.*
2. Create a Police or Public Safety Memorial on Town property (i.e. existing park or plaza, new building in the future).
3. Install a plaque or monument within the existing police department building or property.





1. Would Council prefer to acknowledge a fallen police officer in the same fashion as the fallen fire fighter?

If so, would Council want to dedicate the current police station or would Council prefer to determine this once the facility utilization study direction is finalized?

2. Would Council prefer to honor the fallen officer with a different gesture? If so, should this gesture also include the fallen fire fighter?

Where should this be located? Existing park or plaza, existing police or fire complex, new building resulting from decisions made related to the facilities utilization study?

Questions

