



**FARMERS
BRANCH**

**Item for Consideration and Approval:
Renaming the Farmers Branch Skate Park**

The Phillip Shelby Hemstock Skate Park

*In memory of Phillip “Shelby” Hemstock
February 27, 1991-January 27, 2019*



History

Shelby Hemstock passed away January 27, 2019 at the age of 27.

Shelby grew up in Farmers Branch and participated in the City's youth programs as a child. At a young age, Shelby took up skateboarding.



History

As a teenager still passionate about the sport, Shelby advocated for a Skate Park in Farmers Branch.

During the planning stages of the Park, Shelby acted as the liaison between the Farmers Branch skating community and City staff.



History

When the Farmers Branch Skate Park came to fruition, Shelby volunteered his time assisting City staff in coordinating various events and competitions at the Skate Park. Shelby also became a contract instructor offering skateboarding lessons at the Park.

In his twenties, Shelby traveled and lived abroad, but when he returned home to visit family and friends, he was often seen at the Skate Park.



Legacy

At the February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting, Shelby's mother presented the City with a donation of \$1,350 for the purchase and installation of a City in a Park bench to be placed at the Skate Park.

During the City Council Meeting, Mayor Dye made the recommendation to rename the Skate Park in Shelby's memory.



Legacy

At their regularly scheduled March meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended unanimously to change the name from the “Farmers Branch Skate Park” to the “Phillip Shelby Hemstock Skate Park”.



Call to Action

Based on the recommendation of the Mayor and the Parks and Recreation Board, staff seeks to obtain City Council's approval to change the name from the "Farmers Branch Skate Park" to the "Phillip Shelby Hemstock Skate Park".



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