

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Draft Motion for Chapter Public Position

Chapter Lead/Owner: Mike Ferreira	Title of Proposed Position: Naming of Hiker's Hut in Recognition of Ollie Mayer
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Resolution

WHEREAS in 1948, Olive ("Ollie") Mayer and her husband Dr. Henry Mayer, moved to the Peninsula, and immediately fell in love with this area, and then in the 1960's Ollie Mayer began a life-long career of educating the public and taking direct action to preserve and protect the environment in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties through involvement in the Loma Prieta Chapter and other conservation organizations,

And WHEREAS for seven years Ollie Mayer led week-long hikes, introducing local children to nature and camping, and Ollie Mayer subsequently obtained permission from San Mateo County Parks to locate the first Hiker's Hut in Sam MacDonald Park,

And WHEREAS Ollie Mayer orchestrated the planning, financing, design and building of what she envisioned as the first stop in a hike-and-trail system in San Mateo County, similar to what is in Europe, and Ollie Mayer selected and purchased a prefabricated hut from Denmark, and arranged for shipping and delivery to an open hillside within Sam MacDonald Park,

And WHEREAS Ollie Mayer arranged for two Danish carpenters to come from Denmark, and assemble the hut in just three weeks time and, with the help of energetic Sierra Club volunteers, the hut opened to hikers late in 1977, and it is estimated that some 40,000 people have stayed at the Hiker's Hut since its opening,

And WHEREAS in 1983, the national Sierra Club honored Ollie Mayer with a Special Achievement Award "for her dedication to the hike and hut program in the Peninsula hills and for her vigorous involvement in open space, highway, and asbestos-contamination campaigns,"

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Loma Prieta Chapter acknowledges Ollie Mayer's unstinting and steadfast dedication to conservation issues affecting the Peninsula, and hereby officially names the hut at Sam MacDonald Park, the Sierra Club Ollie Mayer Hiker's Hut.

Background

The Hiker's Hut has long been unofficially recognized as the Ollie Mayer Hiker's Hut and there is a plaque at the Hut recognizing it as such. The Hut itself already displays the plaque. Only the Chapter website needs minor changes.

