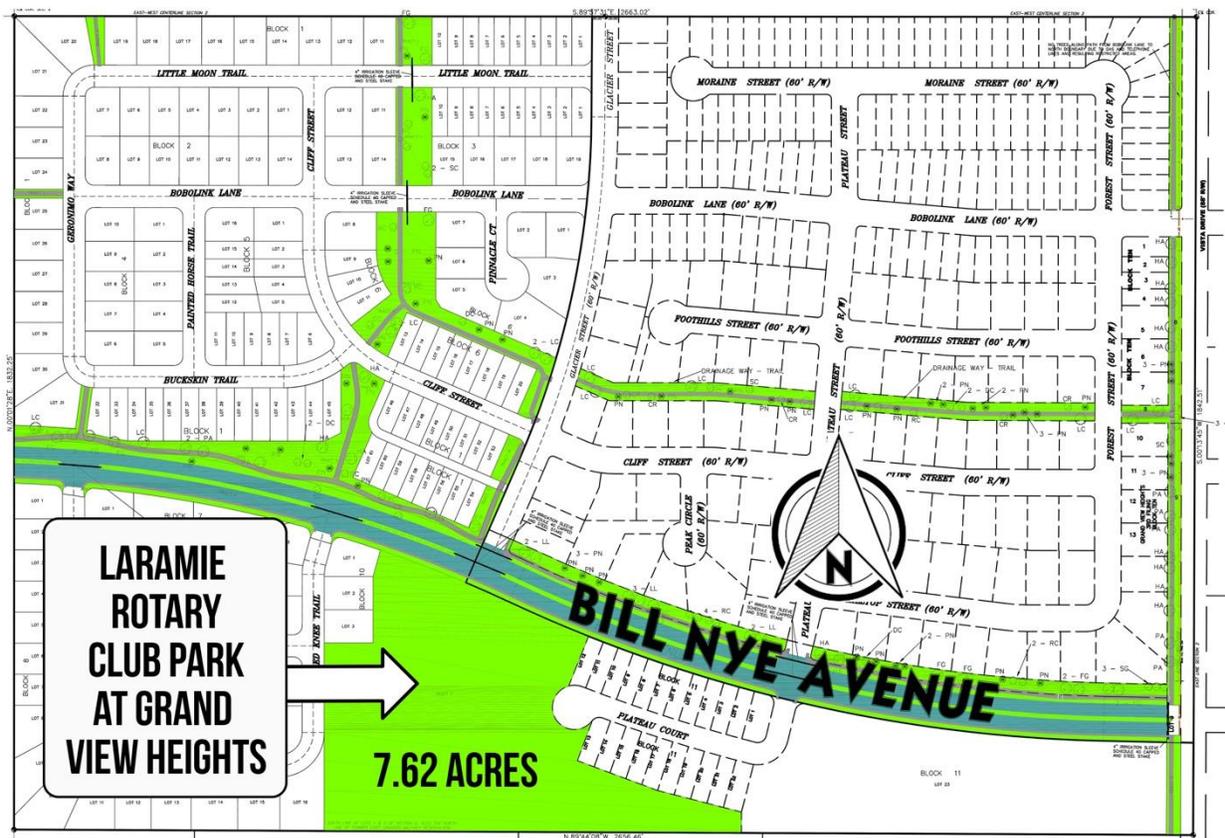


To the City of Laramie,

Thank you for your consideration as it relates to naming and improving the large neighborhood park in Grand View Heights. Since the inception and initial designs for the Grand View Heights project in 2004, it was always a top priority to provide the community and surrounding Turner Tract with a more significant outdoor recreational area, in addition to the network of open space and pathway corridors which connect the neighborhood. Working together with City staff in those early years, we designed a centralized 7.62 acre parcel of ground just South of the now constructed Bill Nye Avenue to provide for these more expansive public recreation options. Please see the picture of the Grand View Heights neighborhood below, and note the location of the proposed park as reference for descriptions in this letter.



Grand View Heights is an approved PUD, and the overall open space acreage deeded to the City in its masterplan is 14.73 acres, which is 13.28% of the total PUD area. We wanted to allocate this percentage of open space to promote pedestrian connectivity & a more open feel as described in the original vision of the Turner Tract. When improved, the 7.62 acre park parcel described above will account for approximately half of the total usable open space percentage in the neighborhood's boundary. The remaining 7.11 acres of deeded open space has & will consist predominantly of pathway corridors, which will connect to the 7.62 park area. To date there are several open space/pathway corridors built and in use in Grand View Heights Filings

1-4 and along its Eastern border of Vista Drive, and the next portion of pathway corridors are under construction through the 5th Filing.

From a development and quality of life standpoint, parks are one of the most critical elements to include within any project. Many people strongly desire an open centralized place to recreate with their family or pets, and we're grateful we're at the stage to help provide this in the Turner Tract. The improvement and completion of the 7.62 acre City park parcel within Grand View Heights is the number one topic we get asked about from existing & prospective residents. Although the demand has been strong for a number of years as more people move into the area annually, a number of conditions have restricted the development of the park until recently. The most restrictive of which being the construction of Bill Nye Avenue which falls on its Northern border. Now that Bill Nye Ave. is complete and operational, more aggressive improvement plans can commence on the 7.62 acre Park.

As a development firm who is committed to providing valuable additions to Laramie, we sincerely appreciate the City's efforts in progressing the park plans much closer to physical improvement. Although everything is still in the design phase, several exciting & innovative park element ideas have been discussed that the Turner Tract as a whole will benefit from. It is unknown if other recreational park areas within the Turner Tract are planned to be developed, and until such time as that occurs, the 7.62 acre parcel within the Grand View Heights boundary will serve the entire area.

In addition to & in collaboration with the City's efforts, we are very grateful for The Laramie Rotary Club's contributions in the community. Their support & involvement in bringing the Grand View Heights park to fruition is another example of how they serve, and the accelerated progress towards construction wouldn't be possible without them. For these reasons, shared values, & because it identifies the park by location, we are in support of the proposed name of the park.

In closing, community support and involvement in park and open space improvements is paramount to successful developments. Funding such improvements is always a significant challenge, and without everyone's good faith & support it wouldn't be possible in many cases. Together we have the unique opportunity to create a special public amenity, that will be enjoyed by countless people for many years to come. We and the residents of the area sincerely thank you for your support of The Laramie Rotary Club Park at Grand View Heights.

Respectfully,

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