

At the June 1, 2016 Council meeting,

Committee Report 161

and

Resolution 16-91, CD1

were referred back to the Committee on Parks,  
Community and Customer Services.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, COMMUNITY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

## Voting Members:

Kymerly Marcos Pine, Chair; Ron Menor, Vice-Chair;  
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan

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May 17, 2016

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Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Parks, Community & Customer Services, which considered Resolution 16-91 entitled:

“RESOLUTION PLACING A MEMORIAL SCULPTURE, BENCH AND PLAQUE  
AT KAPIOLANI PARK HONORING LITA COOK,”

which was introduced on April 11, 2016, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Department of Parks & Recreation work with the Cook family in providing and installing a memorial sculpture, bench and plaque honoring Lita Cook at Kapiolani Park.

Your Committee on Parks, Community & Customer Services, at its meeting on April 26, 2016, reported the Resolution out for adoption by the City Council. At the Council’s meeting on May 4, 2016, it was requested that the Resolution be recommitted back to the Committee for further amendments.

The Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation testified in support of the Resolution.

The Registrar of the Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts provided comments on the Resolution.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of the Resolution from 12 individuals. Testimony in opposition was received from three individuals and the following organizations: Kapiolani Park Preservation Society and the State Council on Hawaiian Heritage. Comments were received from one individual.

Your Committee approved a CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the title to read as follows:

"PLACING A MEMORIAL SCULPTURE, BENCH AND/OR PLAQUE AT KAPIOLANI PARK HONORING LITA COOK, PA'U RIDERS AND THE EQUESTRIAN HISTORY OF THE AREA."

B. Amends the 10th WHEREAS clause by replacing the word "and" with "and/or" before the word "plaque."

C. Amends the 11th WHEREAS clause to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Council finds that placing a memorial sculpture, bench and/or plaque at Kapiolani Park in a spot close to where the Pa'u Riders typically finish their local parades through Waikiki is an appropriate way to honor Lita Cook's life, pa'u riders and the equestrian history of the area; now, therefore,"

D. Amends the BE IT RESOLVED clause by replacing the word "and" with "and/or" before the word "plaque".

E. Deletes the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause.

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- F. Amends the second and now sole remaining BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts are requested to collaborate with the Cook family to incorporate appropriate language, regarding Lita Cook's personal background and major accomplishments to be inscribed on the memorial plaque and other families of pa'u riders for future plaques on the memorial site; and"

- G. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Parks, Community & Customer Services is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 16-91, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 16-91, CD1. (Ayes: Pine, Menor, Martin [temporary voting member] - 3; Noes: None; Excused: Elefante, Fukunaga, Manahan - 3.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
Committee Chair

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No. 16-91, CD1

## RESOLUTION

PLACING A MEMORIAL SCULPTURE, BENCH AND/OR PLAQUE AT KAPIOLANI PARK HONORING LITA COOK, PA'U RIDERS AND THE EQUESTRIAN HISTORY OF THE AREA.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.5(e), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu ("ROH"), requires the Council to approve all naming or renaming of City parks, sites or facilities or any portion thereof by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.5(f), ROH, allows the Council to initiate the designation of a name for a new or existing park, site, facility or any portion thereof, or memorial by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3), ROH, outlines certain eligibility criteria that must be met when a new or existing park, site facility or any portion thereof is proposed to be named for a deceased individual; and

WHEREAS, Lita Cook devoted her life to the revitalization of the art of pa'u riding, which originated in the 1800's, bringing aloha to the world and an appreciation of Hawaiian culture; and

WHEREAS, the term pa'u stems from the early days of horses in Hawaii when women as well as men rode astride. To protect party clothes from the dust and mud of the road, the women covered their clothes with a long garment or pa'u. From protective covering, the garment evolved into elegant attire; and

WHEREAS, born in 1938, Lita Cook began practicing the tradition of pa'u riding in the 1970's, participating in her first King Kamehameha Day Parade in 1979, subsequently followed by the Aloha Festivals Parade, and other invitation-only Hawaii parades; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, she established the Hawaii Pa'u Riders, a group dedicated to perpetuating the cultural tradition throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, over more than three decades, she participated in more than 100 parades locally, nationally and internationally, including the New York Veteran's Day Parade, the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, the Kentucky Derby Festival Pegasus Parade, and the Father Damien Centennial Parade in Belgium; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, she participated in her final parade, the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade, before passing away in 2003; and



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WHEREAS, family members of Lita Cook wish to give to the city a memorial sculpture, bench and/or plaque to memorialize Lita Cook; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that placing a memorial sculpture, bench and/or plaque at Kapiolani Park in a spot close to where the Pa'u Riders typically finish their local parades through Waikiki is an appropriate way to honor Lita Cook's life, pa'u riders and the equestrian history of the area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Parks and Recreation is requested to work with the Cook family in providing and installing a memorial sculpture, bench and/or plaque honoring Lita Cook at Kapiolani Park at an appropriate location determined by the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts are requested to collaborate with the Cook family to incorporate appropriate language, regarding Lita Cook's personal background and major accomplishments to be inscribed on the memorial plaque and other families of pa'u riders for future plaques on the memorial site; and



**RESOLUTION**

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of Lita Cook.

INTRODUCED BY:

Trevor Ozawa (BR)

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 11, 2016  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers