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**From:** Cousteau Christopher <cousteaubix@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Request for Designation of Rocky Nook Park as a Historic Landmark

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully request that the land of Rocky Nook Park be designated as a historic landmark. As a resident of Santa Barbara, I am deeply committed to preserving the cultural and historical heritage of our county, and I firmly believe that Rocky Nook Park is an integral part of that heritage.

Rocky Nook Park is a unique and precious resource, representing thousands of years of human history, from the Chumash village site, to the Spanish and Mexican aqueducts, to the arrival of American settlers in the late 1800s. The park also stands as a testament to the natural forces that have shaped our region, with the largest remaining site of the mudslides that affected Santa Barbara and our community so profoundly. The community has played an important role in the preservation of Rocky Nook Park, raising the funds to purchase it and donating it to the County of Santa Barbara to be used as a county park forever.

I understand that there may be plans to develop the land in question, but I urge you to consider the importance of preserving Rocky Nook Park as a historic landmark. Such designation would ensure that this important piece of our county's heritage will be protected for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust in your judgment and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Cousteau Christopher

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**From:** Norma Fulkerson <normafulkerson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 5:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park

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Please add this citizen voice to the effort to preserve Rocky Nook Park as a permanent historical park! There is very little to view that reminds us of our indigenous Chumash culture, and what we have **MUST** be preserved, and revered.

Norma Fulkerson, retired museum docent/teacher of Chumash cultural history

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Peter Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 8:23 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Supervisor Das Williams; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 4 - Rocky NookPark County Nistoric Landmark consideration  
**Attachments:** plant list Rocky Nook Park 1993.pdf

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January 19, 2023

RE: Agenda Item: 4, P & D 23-00056, Hearing to consider Rocky Nook County Park designation as a County Historic Landmark

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

**Please vote to approve Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark as so designated in the Resolution unanimously approved by the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission.** In the words of the late Kellam de Forest in Public Comments before the HLAC. "It is long overdue". Rocky Nook Park is a historic site and should be considered as the first, and most natural part of the City's Mission Historical Park. This is where it all began. This is the County's contribution - the missing link by virtue of location and use.

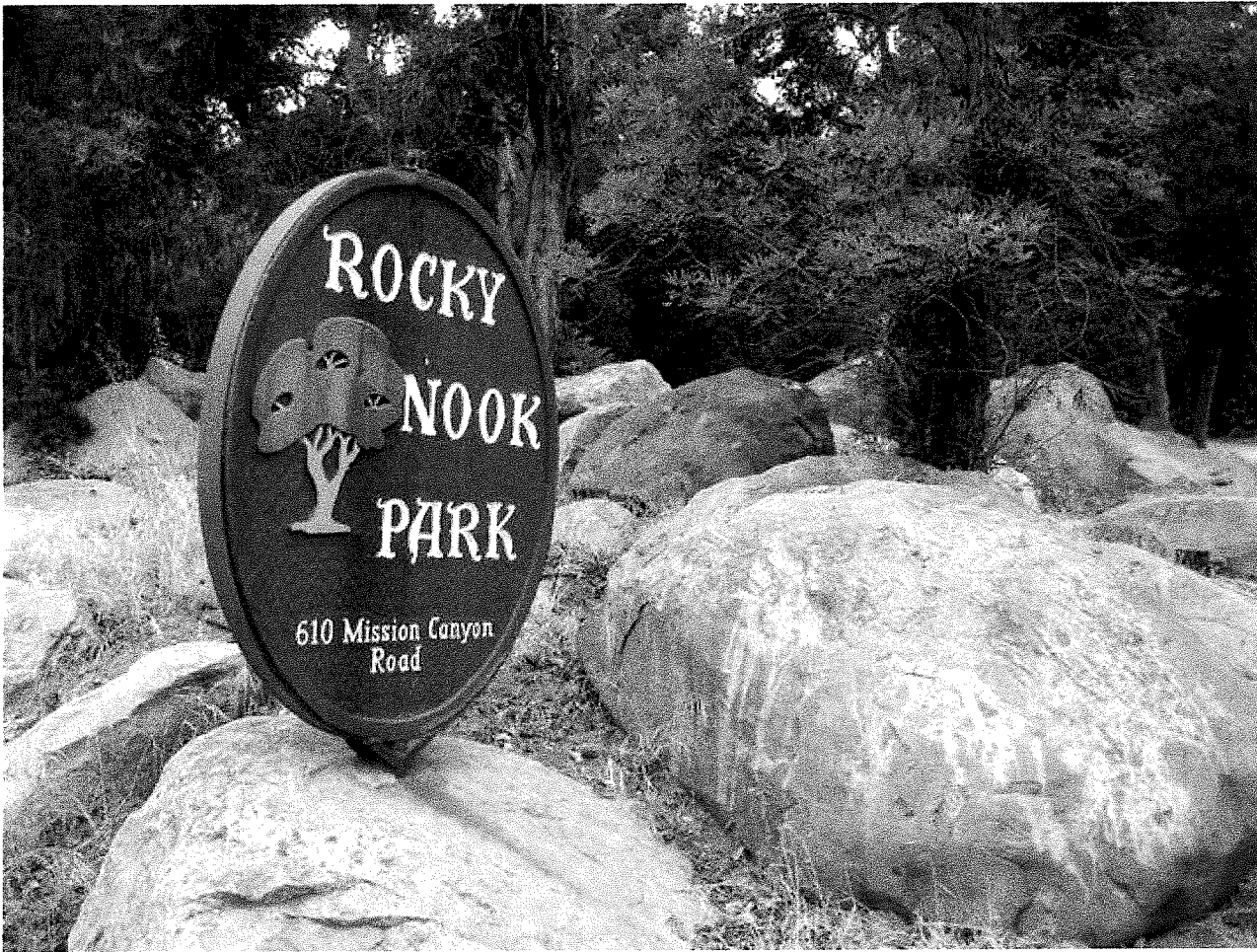
**Attached is a Rocky Nook Park Planner's native California plant list.** Since its inception, the park staff has planted native California plants that are consistent with oak woodland and riparian ecology. This list is from 1993 when the ADA area etc. was put in. The Mike referred to is County Parks' Director Mike Pahos.

Also, attached are nine (9) photos of some historic natural and man-made features in Rocky Nook Park that tell the history of Santa Barbara from ancient times to the present.

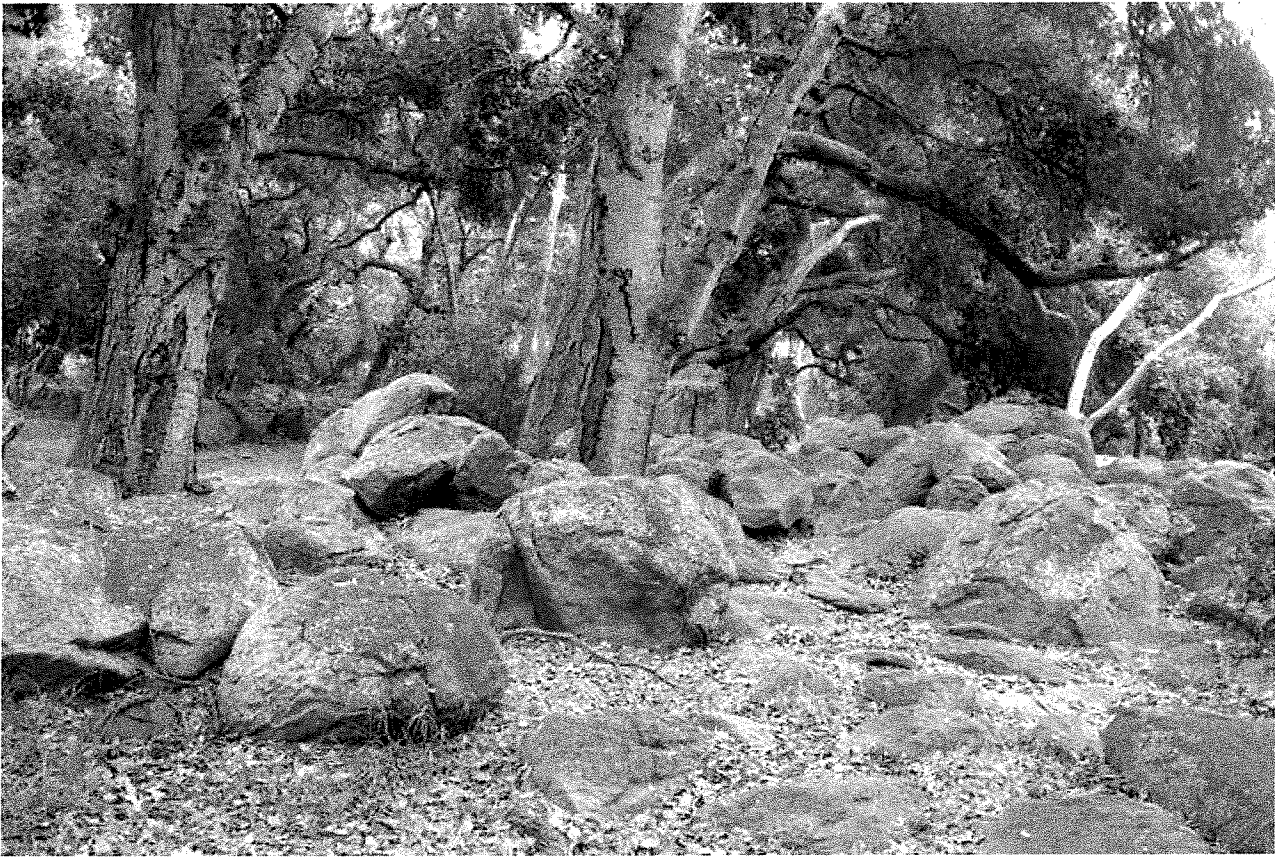
Sincerely,

Peter and Paulina Conn  
50 year Mission Canyon residents

**Plant List:**  
**Nine (9) Photos:**



Local wood carver, Rica Coulter created the sign. The boulder entry with the County's official tree, the Santa Cruz Island Ironwood, (*Lyonothamnus floribundus*) was designed in 1972 by landscape architect Mike Pahos, County Parks Director for 22 years (1972-1994).



This old natural oak woodland ecology as experienced by the First Peoples and the Chumash is in an ancient debris flow boulder field, a character defining feature of Rocky Nook Park.



This deep, year round pool in the riparian habitat of this Rocky Nook Park section of Mission Creek is one of the few places where landlocked endangered Southern CA steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) can still survive.



Hundreds of feet of finely handcrafted, unobtrusive, durable and functional historic sandstone retaining walls line Mission Creek's Creek, native CA Riparian habitat, and sections of the Park's driveway. Flowers are CA native Canyon sunflower (*Venegasia carpesioides*).



Spanish/Mexican Period stone foundation was saved and incorporated into the caretaker's cottage in 1932 and kept as part of the Co. Parks' Dept. Office addition/renovation in 1984. This is an important and unique historic feature.



This is one of two remnant stone barbecue pits left in Rocky Nook Park. These were made in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration (Depression Era WPA).





When Rocky Nook Park was created as a public park in 1928, as little of the landscape was removed as possible. Over the years driveways became asphalted while leaving special islands of Native CA oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) and boulders. Pocket parking also contributes to the thoughtfully designed historic cultural landscape of this site.



Mission Canyon Road was laid out in 1876. Frances Dabney Oliver and her husband George S.J. Oliver purchased their little ranch from the Bishop of Monterey in 1881, which they named "Rocky Nook". The half-buried historic sandstone curbing defines the border between Rocky Nook Park and Mission Canyon Road. This historic curbing is along the entire front edge of Rocky Nook Park. The path, which is actually on Rocky Nook Park property works in a symbiotic relationship. It is a park path from the entry to the re-entry at the southwest corner bordering the Woman's Club and it is also a path for people going elsewhere. The Park's Deed Restriction has made this symbiosis a practical and ethically binding **solution** since 1928.



Solar flashing pedestrian activated crossing lights are, since December 2022, aiding pedestrians feel more comfortable crossing Mission Canyon Road between Rocky Nook Park and the Museum of Natural History.

**REMEMBER: No vehicle is going faster than 20 to 25 MPH here. The brilliant road design prevents a faster speed.**

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**From:** Jake Owens <jakeo92@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 9:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Designation of Rocky Nook Park as a Historic Landmark

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you after hearing about the possibility of Rocky Nook Park's land being encroached on by development companies. I'd like to share my own memories of it as someone who was born and raised in SB in hopes that my experiences along with others will convince you to protect this quintessential Santa Barbara location.

The first memory that comes to mind is the countless bike rides my father would take my brother and I on as we were growing up. Pedalled our way up toward Foothill Road, weaving in and out between rocks and dirt paths, all under the blanket of oak trees scattered throughout the park. It always seemed to be on a brisk Saturday morning, the dew still undisturbed on the plants and the silence of the world still asleep. A calming escape from the busy world right down the road.

The second memory that comes to mind is the school field trips that we would take as students of Roosevelt Elementary. The park served as a playground for our young, rambunctious minds, with every rock and stick a tool for our limitless imagination. And like a one two punch of entertainment and education, right next door to the park lies the Natural History Museum. For when our energy is finally winding down from running around the park and our mind is now calm enough to absorb the mysteries of the old world and new.

I didn't realize I appreciated these memories as much as I do until I actually wrote them out right now... Suffice to say I really hope my memories of Rocky Nook Park aren't a special case and that others cherish the opportunity for happy moments that the park has brought to everyone's lives.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Owens

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**From:** Cecilia Harris <cecilia.harris6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 10:19 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Save Rocky Nook Park for Generations to Come

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I read a notice about efforts to designate beautiful Rocky Nook Park as a Historic Landmark. I strongly support this and I am sending this email to respectfully ask for your support as well.

Rocky Nook Park is a scenic, historical and environmental treasure that should be saved for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Respectfully,

Cecilia Harris  
1140 Garcia Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
8477728034

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**From:** Barnesy Barnes <lifesaversb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 11:53 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park

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Dear Board Members,

I am very surprised that Rocky Nook Park is not already declared a Historic Landmark considering the stagecoach stop next door! I feel this entire area should be designated as such.

I will do whatever it takes to promote this as a Historic Park. This is a highlight to walk through and be in such lovely surroundings within our city.

Please take action to create this as it is historical.

Thank you

*Deborah Barnes  
PO Box 91441  
Santa Barbara 93190*

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**From:** Cody Cammbell <1stcodala@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park

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Members of the Board of Supervisors;

I support making Rocky Nook Park a Historic Landmark, as proposed by the Committee to Preserve Rocky Nook Park and for all the reasons outlined in their proposal to you.

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Cody Cammbell  
Santa Barbara 93103

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**From:** Craig Morrison <craigsmor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 12:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Support for Rocky Nook Historic Landmark

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Board Of Supervisors;

Rocky Nook is a beautiful, cultural, and historic part of the Mission. It is an important part of Santa Barbara's heritage which should not be lost to development pressures. Santa Barbara is know for it unique culture and historical site. Please don't take that away.

Craig Morrison

1912 Mission Ridge Road



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**From:** Kathryn Marin <marinsandstar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob

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Save Rocky Nook Park!!!

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**From:** Tina Messineo <tinamessineo@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 12:48 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rock Nook Park

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you in support of Rocky Nook Park being considered as a historic landmark. I was born in Santa Barbara and grew up on Foothill Lane. Rocky Nook was a part of growing up for me. My family visited the park on many occasions and enjoyed hosting barbecues and birthdays there. Please give this park the honor that it deserves.

Sincerely,

Tina Merlo Messineo

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** pdidier@cox.net  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Support Historic landmark Designation for Rocky Nook Park

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Supervisor:

In my more than fifty years as a resident of Santa Barbara County I have used several County parks, many times each. With well over 1,000 hours spent just at Rocky Nook Park, I can attest to it being a source or respite, refuge, and rejuvenation. A few of my visits included some with Mike Pahos, former Director of County Parks. If he were alive today, he would be speaking strongly in favor of this designation for this specific park.

This is a most special place, for tourists and locals alike, that has a history dating back to Chumash and Mission days. This area is not just a park. It is an integral part of the very fabric of Santa Barbara. Adjacent or very nearby is the Mission, the Rose garden, the Museum of Natural History, water system remnants from the 1700's , and many other unique historical and geographical standouts.

To ensure that this one county park stays true to its adjacent and nearby surroundings, as well as its rich history in perpetuity, I urge you to designate Rocky Nook Park as a historic landmark.

Sincerely,

G. Paul Didier

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**From:** Julie DeAngelis <justsayjulie@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook park

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Hello,  
I support and would like Rocky Nook Park to become a historic landmark. I visit the park often.  
Kindly,  
Julie DeAngelis

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**From:** mcwolf3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** please protect our Rocky Nook Park

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Supervisors please protect this Santa Barbara gem for future generations to come.

Our children have played there and enjoyed the pristine nature. It is a quiet spot in our bustling city.

Let us keep it as nature intended for those to come.

Thank you ,

Diana Wolf---1929 E. Las Tunas rd, S.Bar, 93103

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**From:** Sara Pelton <thefep3s@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I am writing in support of designating Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark.  
Sara Pelton

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**From:** Atsela <atsela@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park as a historic landmark

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Hello,

I would like to support having Rocky Nook Park designated as a historic landmark. It is one of the few parks left in Santa Barbara that is in an almost natural state.

I grew up in Mission Canyon and spent many hours with my friends exploring Rocky Nook and Mission Creek. It is a place that should be kept for future generations to discover the wonders of the natural beauty of Santa Barbara. The proximity to the Museum of Natural History, the Mission and nearby ruins will inspire visitors and locals for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ann

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**From:** Nina Gross <ninagross@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Designate Rocky Nook Park and bridge as a protected historic landmark

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**From:** Ben Minton <trails369@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** RockyNook Park vote for Historic Landmark.

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Anyone who enters Rocky Nook has to be astounded by the number and size of the huge boulders. Most are but half exposed. A moment's reflection when you are standing next to Mission Creek, thinking of the recent storm you must imagine the history. Those rocks did not grow there. Measured less in centuries, more in millennias, compared our recent rain is a drizzle; "storm" is minimal to described the forces that moved them there.

The park is a teaching tool to help us focus on the scale of our life on the planet. Added to known human history the park is an historic treasure.

Vote it so.

Respectfully,  
Ben & Nancy Minton  
234 Calle Manzanita, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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Ben Minton

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**From:** Eric Conn <eric@independentmastering.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 2:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park Landmark

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Dear SBCOB -

Please make Rocky Nook Park a County Landmark.

I'm a Santa Barbara Native—and I don't know if that means anything. I also don't live in SB anymore, so I don't know if that means anything either, or if my native son status is negated by my absentee status. I'd love to come home, but, SB isn't affordable. But this isn't why I'm writing.

I am writing because I grew up in Mission Canyon. I walked or rode my bike to Roosevelt School, SBJH, and SBHS, and every single day from the time I was 8 or 9 years old I went through Rocky Nook Park. That's at least 275 days a year, sometime twice a day, times 10 years. (A conservative estimate would be that I've been in that park around 3000 times) The choice always was: which way to go? Do I go up to Mission Oaks Ln and walk behind the Fire Station? Or do I cut through to one of the long driveways and get back on Mission Canyon before getting home to Foothill Rd.

That park was my giant backyard, but not just my backyard, every kid from Laguna St to Tunnel Rd ran around in there. Climbing trees, climbing boulders, catching tadpoles, pretending to fish, etc. I can't speak for anyone else, but for me? That park was paradise between home and school. And on the weekends? I'd be off somewhere between the natural history museum and Botanic gardens, usually in the creek. I'd hiked every inch of mission creek from the museum to 7 falls by the time I was 12, and I knew every rock in Rocky Nook. And even now, at 53 years old and not having been down in the creek for 30 years, I bet I can still lead you to the Chumash mortar holes above the Mission Canyon bridge—assuming someone hasn't chilled them out as a souvenir. Those are the easy ones to find. But who here knows where the others are? ...walk the creek and you'll find out too.

There used to be a trail from SB Tennis Club that criss-crossed Mission Creek, hugging the hill under Mountain Dr that led down to Rocky Nook, and as kids, we'd hike that. I think one of my childhood cohort tried to take a bike on it once, and as I recall it didn't end well for the bike.

Roosevelt School would do field trips up the park for lunch a couple times a year, I don't know that they're allowed to do that anymore, but, in the 1970s it was ok.

Who would oppose landmarking a park? A park. I think a 95 year old park deserves to be preserved, and in my opinion, opposition to the landmark of a park equates to an agenda, and that agenda is almost always includes the freedom to develop something, maybe not now, but, eventually, because "God ain't makin' no more land", as they say.

But the fact is, Rocky Nook Park was given to the community by Frances Oliver. What a gift! Let's landmark the gift and keep it around so that your great grandchildren can find the mortars and marvel at (or climb) the giant boulders.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Conn



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**From:** jc-sb@juno.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Landmark designation - yes!

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Dear Supervisors,

As a third generation SB native I highly recommend the Historic Landmark designation for Rocky Nook! What a treasure that has so many historical elements of interest and delight to tourists and locals alike. It is certainly time to protect it as an historic site. Please vote in favor of this issue!

Thank you,  
JoAnn Chenovick

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**From:** judy seborg <seborgj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** I support the designation of Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark1

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am a longtime Santa Barbara resident, and strongly support the unanimous recommendation of the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission to designate Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark. At your earliest opportunity, please honor this recommendation and the worthy efforts of the Committee to Preserve Rocky Nook Park.

Yours sincerely,  
J. L. Seborg

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**From:** malloy Renee <sbmalloy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 2:50 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Historical Landmark!!

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Thank you 😊 for preserving our beautiful cherished Rocky Nook Park and Bridge as our historic Treasure!

God Bless you!!

Renee Malloy  
1085 Tunnel Road  
Santa Barbara  
93105

Sent from my iPhone

## Brianda Negrete

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**From:** Darcy Sylvester <densy@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park Designation

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

This is being written in support of having you follow the recommendation of the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission. From my personal perspective of being a very native Santa Barbaran I can recall spending many happy hours in Rocky Nook Park as a child with my Brownie Scout troop from Jefferson School. In the park we would make small crafts using the acorns and leaves we collected from the ground, one of which I treasure today; a glazed clay dish with oak leaves imprinted in it. As parents my husband and I often picnicked in the park with our daughters, or celebrated birthday breakfasts there with friends. As a fifth grade teacher in near-by Roosevelt School my husband took his classes there to eat lunch when they were on field trips to study the Mission and it's history.

My hope is that you will designate Rocky Nook Park as a Historic Landmark and preserve it for future families to appreciate and enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Darcy Sylvester

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**From:** French Festival <frenchfestival@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park

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I see that Rocky Nook Park is proposed to be a Historical Landmark. Well, why not? That seems like a good idea to me.

I bet Mike Pahos, belloved former County Parks Director and founder of the Greek Festival, would be all for this, too.

I love taking people to Rocky Nook to show them the mosaic crocodiles lurking over the stream.

I often go there after pouring rains, like our recent storms, just to watch and hear the surging flow of the chocolate-brown water.

I used to take my step-daughter there to play in the stream on springtime afternoons.

While we're at it, please work with the City to PRESERVE the lovely arched stone bridge, as is. Not all upgrades are improvements. We need to keep the history, the charm, and the SOUL of our town intact.

Thank you,

Steve Hoegerman  
Lifelong resident of Santa Barbara, since 1950



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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fwd: Rocky Nook Park Historic Landmark Designation

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**From:** Mark Preston <preston.mark7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:18:06 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>; Supervisor Das Williams <SupervisorWilliams@countyofsb.org>; Laura Capps <lcapps@countyofsb.org>; Bob Nelson <Nelson@bos.countyofsb.org>; Lavagnino, Steve <slavagnino@countyofsb.org>  
**Cc:** Villalobos, David <dvillalo@countyofsb.org>  
**Subject:** Rocky Nook Park Historic Landmark Designation

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Members of the County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Rocky Nook Park as an historical landmark.

1. The Rocky Nook Park designation would be very consistent with the other 53 sites with that designation.
2. It includes many artifacts of Santa Barbara history. Of particular interest are the vestiges of infrastructure associated with the Santa Barbara Mission founded in 1786. There are many other aspects of the property that tie into our shared history.
3. I believe it is an important designation because Rocky Nook Park is partially in the County, and partially in the City of Santa Barbara. I do not know if the County/City line, that runs through the southern portion of the park, is a problem. If it is a problem, then better to resolve any issues now, and move forward.

I respectfully ask for your support of the Rocky Nook Park Historic Landmark Designation.

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Mark Preston  
162 Kingston Ave  
Goleta Ca  
805 403-3706