

CPRS District II
Recreation, Park and Leisure

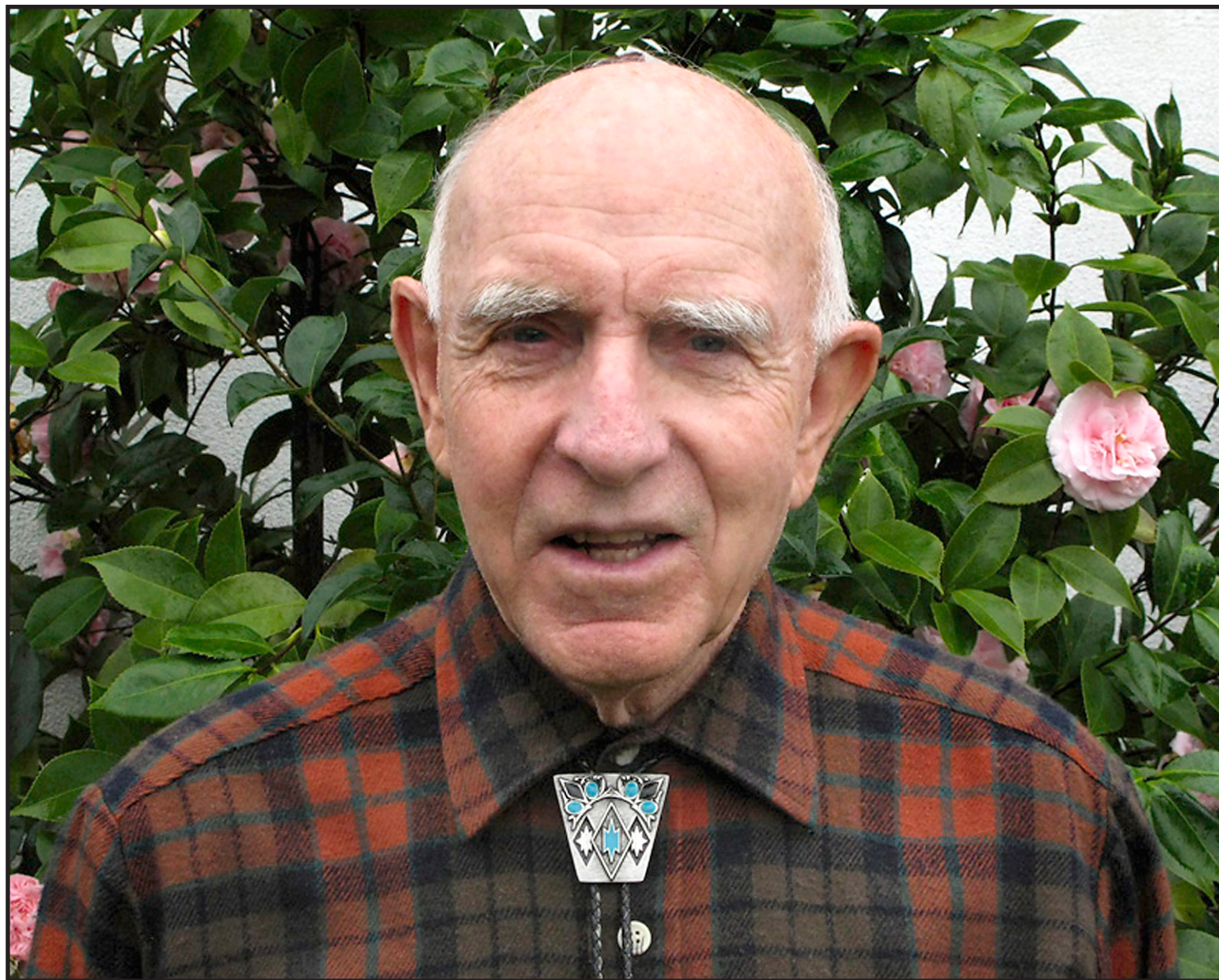
2007 Hall of Honor

Professional Category

Ed Mahany

CITY OF ROSEVILLE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



- Retired Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Roseville, 28 years, 1964–1992.
- Instrumental in setting the foundation and vision for the department that it is today.
- Directed 52 improvement projects during his tenure.
- Initiated over 25 joint use facility agreements with local school districts on combined development and use of school and parks.
- Vision and foresight instrumental in the development of Maidu Regional Park and Mahany Park.
- Founding Member of the Maidu Interpretive Center.
- 1994–2006 Placer County Parks Commission.
- Member of CPRS since 1960.
- CPRS “Presidents Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service,” 1986.



Parks & Recreation Department

316 Vernon Street

Roseville, California 95678-2649

January 31, 2007

Hall of Honor Selection Committee

Attn: Lisa Rudlof

7801 Auburn Blvd.

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Dear Hall of Honor Selection Committee

It is my true honor to submit the nomination of Ed Mahany as a potential member of this exemplary group of Park and Recreation individuals. It would truly be fitting for Ed to be an initial member of the Hall as his contributions to the Park and Recreation profession go back five decades.

As Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Roseville for 28 years Ed was instrumental in setting the foundation and vision for the department that it is today. At one time a small department with 12 full time employees has emerged as one of the premier agencies in California with 54 developed parks and more than 4,000 acres of open space and 255 full time employees. Ed, who retired in 1992 laid the foundation for Maidu Regional Park and the now named for him, Mahany Park. These facilities each include more than 160 acres in what has turned into a very urbanized area. His vision and foresight was instrumental in protecting unique recreational and cultural sites including the Maidu Indian historic site, with artifacts on site that are over 3,500 years old. Upon Ed's retirement in 1992 he was appointed to the Placer County Parks Commission and served from 1994- 2006.

A member of CPRS since 1960, Ed exemplifies what the Hall of Honor is all about including dedicated service and leadership to the community. He would be a fitting entry into this inaugural class of 2007. Please contact our department for any additional information or questions regarding the nomination of Ed Mahany, Director of Parks and Recreation (retired) from the City of Roseville.

Most Sincerely,

Jeff Dubchansky

Asst. Director Parks and Recreation

Hall of Honor Nomination Form

All CPRS members are encouraged to make nominations for the Hall of Honor. Each nominee must have a qualified sponsor in one of the following categories: District II Board Members, Hall of Honor Executive Committee, Hall of Honor History Committee or Prior Hall of Honor Committee Members. Please submit a copy of this form along with the following: history of work or association with the profession, specific examples of significant contributions and a formal letter of support from the sponsor. Mail entries to: Lisa Rudloff, Sunrise Recreation & Park District, 7801 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2007.

Position Applying for:

☒ Professional Category

☐ Legacy Category

NAME OF NOMINEE Ed Mahany

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP Roseville, CA 95678

PHONE _____

E-MAIL n/a

NAME OF PERSON MAKING NOMINATION Mike Shellito, Assistant City Manager and Community Services Director, City of Roseville

PHONE (916) _____

NAME OF SPONSOR Jeff Dubchansky, Assistant Park & Recreation Director, City of Roseville

HALL OF HONOR AWARD – PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Edmund Oliver Mahany – (A.K.A. Ed Mahany)

Retired Director of Roseville Parks and Recreation Department

Background:

- Worked for various parks and recreation departments in San Mateo County from 1955–1957.
- 1957 Graduated from San Jose State with a Bachelors Degree in Parks and Recreation, with honors.
- 1957 – 1960 – 1st Job in Oakland Recreation and Parks Department. Worked with teens and in neighborhood programs and was liaison between the Parks and Recreation Department and Police Department.
- 1960 hired as the first Parks and Recreation Director for Del Norte County. Developed youth programs throughout the county.
- 1962 hired as City of Novato's first Recreation and Parks Director – worked on facility acquisition among other responsibilities.
- 1964 hired as 2nd Director of Roseville Parks and Recreation Department, served in that capacity until his retirement in 1992. (See Accomplishment section below and information following)
- 1993 – Was founding member of the Maidu Interpretive Center foundation and was active with that organization until it dissolved in 2003.
- 1994 – 2006 served for 12 years on the Placer County Parks Commission

Professional Memberships and Awards:

- Member of California Parks and Recreation Society since January 1, 1960 (48 years)
- 1967 received the CPRS Certification in Administration, Supervision in 1968, and Park Management in 1976.
- 1972, Applied for and received on City's behalf the National Gold Medal Award for All American City, from National Recreation and Parks Association (see information attached)
- Involved in various District II activities: Board of Directors, various committees, and in 1976 given the District II "Professional Award".
- 1986 – Given the "Presidents Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service" from California Parks and Recreation Society
- 1991, City of Roseville "Pride of Roseville" Award
- 1992 – The largest urban park in Roseville named after Ed Mahany

Accomplishments:

Highlights listed below – also please see attached information packet.

Ed Mahany contributed substantially and improved the quality of life in Roseville through dedicated service as the Director of Parks and Recreation by:

- Employed in public service as a parks and recreation professional for over 50 years;
- Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Roseville for 28 years.
- Ed felt strongly about the importance of the City's tree maintenance and preservation program which allowed the Park and Recreation Department to be recognized as a Tree City USA recipient by the National Arbor Day Foundation for ten consecutive years
- Through Ed's vision, he established Roseville's first park development standard of 9 acres per 1000 population – nearly twice the standard in the Quimby Act. This has enabled the City to ensure the quality of life and that has enriched the lives of thousands of Roseville residents, and has resulted in a premium park system for the City over the years.
- Ed's vision for developing park and recreation facilities has enabled the City of Roseville to develop 52 improvement projects during his tenure; including parks, pools, bikeways and buildings with a value in excess of \$20,000,000 and future improvements estimated at \$35,000,000.
- Ed capably supervised hundreds of full and part time employees through four decades of growth in Roseville that include opportunities for the staff to develop professionally in areas of park development and recreation program administration.
- Ed's leadership as Director provided the City of Roseville the honor of being recognized as a National Gold Medal recipient for excellence in the park and recreation profession for five consecutive years, and National Gold Medal Award in 1972;
- Ed worked tirelessly with community groups to expand recreation serviced within the City utilizing existing park facilities and planning for new parks in the specific plan development areas
- Ed worked cooperatively with local school districts on combined development and use of school and parks, initiating over 25 joint use facility agreements that are still in existence today. Saved a total of \$8,000,000 on land and facility costs thorough these agreements.

- Ed worked with countless Parks and Recreation Commissioners and City Council members during his tenure as Director and was always well prepared for meetings and reports or presentations.
- Ed's humanistic approach towards dealing with people and life's challenges through his caring attitude, creative energy and down to earth sense of humor, touched everyone that had any association with him.
- Ed has always been the ultimate professional in approaching his job and profession for which he received recognition as a "Pride of Roseville" recipient from the City of Roseville and the "President's Award for Dedicated Service" from the California Parks and Recreation Society
- Filed 26 applications for \$1,000,000 for park development through
 - California State Bonds - Roberti Z'berg
 - Federal Land and Water
 - Federal Legacy Funds
 - Federal Public Works Project Funds (\$400,000 in 1976 for Oakmont Community Swimming Pool, \$650,000 for Eich Intermediate School joint use and built gym in 1981.)
- Start of the Adventure Club child care program in 1987 with 2 sites and 200 children. The program now is located at 16 sites throughout the City and serves 1600 children.