

## Memorandum

Community Services



**Date:** December 27, 2010  
**To:** Neighborhood Quality of Life & Revitalization Committee  
**From:** Bob Pohlit, Community Services Department  
**Subject:** Birchett Park Amenities

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Birchett Park is dedicated to the Birchett Family in recognition of the many contributions to the beautification of the City of Tempe. The City acquired the land for \$10 through a quit claim deed from the Board of Regents of the Universities and State College of Arizona on June 24, 1960 for street and alley purposes. The park was developed to its current configuration during the early 1970s through a cooperative effort between the City, the Tempe Garden Club, Tempe Beautiful Committee and the Birchett Family. The park has remained largely unchanged since that development.

Birchett Park was developed as a small (1 acre), passive, garden park. The park is located on a triangular piece of land between Mill Avenue (west), Apache Blvd. (east) and 13<sup>th</sup> Street (south). The park's amenities consist of:

- Central Plaza Area with custom seating original to the park;
- Slump block masonry planting beds and short retaining walls;
- Sidewalk along the west side only and connecting to the plaza;
- Security lighting and associated electrical service;
- Flood irrigation and some limited sprinkler irrigation;
- Turf, trees, palms, rose bushes and other shrubs; and
- Signage and dedication plaque.

Community Services Department staff will be present to discuss Birchett Park, and any potential impacts of the Mill Avenue Street Car Project.