

Park Naming Ordinance – Revised 2010

ARTICLE II. NAMING OF PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES

12.62.050 Naming of Parks and Park Facilities – Policy

- A. It is the policy of the City to follow this procedure to establish names for parks and other park facilities.
- B. A working name for the park or park facility will be assigned by the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation staff at the time of land purchase. Suggested names will be historical, geographical, or the name of a boundary street.
- C. A permanent name for the park or park facility will be assigned at the time of the approval of the Interim Use and Management Plan or final park development, whichever occurs first.
- D. In naming parks and other park facilities, consideration shall be given primarily to:
 - 1. Neighborhood, boundary roads, or common usage identification;
 - 2. A natural or geographic feature;
 - 3. Significant historical events or cultural attributes;
 - 4. A historical figure;
 - 5. A name chosen by an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system;
 - 6. An individual who has contributed outstanding civic service to the City or has been instrumental in acquiring or developing parks properties and who has been deceased for a period of at least one year;
 - 7. Organizations having contributed to and influenced the betterment of the City.
- E. Parks and park facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons unless they have stipulated the name as a condition of donation.

(Ord. 6706 §1, 2010; Ord. 6650 §2, 2009. Formerly 12.62.010)

12.62.060 Naming of Parks and Park Facilities – Procedure

- A. Suggestions for names for parks or park facilities shall be solicited from organizations, neighborhood residents, individuals and the media. All suggestions, solicited or not, shall be acknowledged and recorded for consideration by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department.
- B. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall host a public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment on name recommendations.
- C. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will review names and make recommendations for the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department to present to the City Council.
- D. The department shall wait at least one year between receipt of a name proposal related to a current event before final recommendation of that name.
- E. Facilities shall be identified by the established name, and signs shall be maintained as a source of identity and civic pride.

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