

Naming Process

- Naming of Parks and Park Facilities Process
- 12.62.050 Policy
- 12.62.060 Procedure
- Example: Karen Fraser Woodland Trail
- Cost



Squaxin Island Tribe

- Squaxin Island Tribe has occupied the lands and water in and around what is now known as the City of Olympia for thousands of years.
- The ancestral families who lived and thrived here named the area Steh-Chass.
- Tribe inhabited and valued the area that is now Priest Point Park for the many resources it offered.
- The Tribe's concern for stewardship of the park's natural and cultural resources continues today and in the future.



The Mission

- In 1848 French Catholic missionaries of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate established St. Joseph d'Olympia mission
- Led by Father Pascal Ricard with 3 other priests.
- Ricard filed a Donation Land Claim for 324 acres that encompassed the mission site and the current park lands.
- Built a school, dwelling, dining hall and a garden.
- Pascal left in 1857 Mission closed in 1860.



The Park

- Became a Park in 1905 for \$1,200
- In 1907 the State deeded the tidelands to the City.
- Current name is reflective of a brief period (12 years)
- Indigenous people were oppressed and forcefully removed from the area.
- *In 1854 approximately 530 Native Americans were moved to Squaxin Island.

*https://squaxinisland.org/government/historical-timeline/



Importance of a Name

- The park's central role has been as a place of community and gathering, rich with natural resources.
- The park's significance goes well beyond the early Europeans
- A name chosen by the Squaxin Island Tribe honors the importance of the people and culture that have inhabited the area for thousands of years.
- Undoing historical harm

An Accord between Squaxin Island Tribe & City of Olympia

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's habitation of what is now Olympia spans thousands of years. The ancestral families who lived and thrived here named it Steh-Chass and occupied prosperous villages along the shores. Archeological findings of ancestral artifacts in the area suggest habitation by Squaxin ancestors since the retreat of the glaciers during the last Ice Age; and

WHEREAS today, the Squaxin people continue stewardship of these ancestral lands, from the Deschutes watershed and what is now Budd Inlet. The Steh-Chass (Squaxin) continue to call themselves "People of the Water" because of the bounty of the region's waterways and artesian waters, which have sustained the people for millennia; and

WHEREAS, both the Squaxin Island Tribe and City of Olympia honor the Medicine Creek Treaty and have established a strong government-to-government relationship between the two sovereigns; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of Budd Inlet and the Deschutes River are necessary to restore treaty-protected salmon populations, a mutual goal of Squaxin and Olympia as demonstrated by our support for the restoration of the Deschutes Estuary and our collaboration with the restoration of West Bay; and

Now therefore the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia, in the spirit of understanding and mutual respect, commit to the following long-term actions:

- Coordinate and cooperate to support economic and infrastructure opportunities, protect natural resources, and respond to climate change.
- Create more opportunities for public art, education, and community service that will promote a healthy exchange of cultures.

Proposed Name

- On December 9, 2021 the Squaxin Island Tribal Council adopted a resolution (6-0) to recommend that "Priest Point Park be renamed as **Squaxin Park**."
- "Further recommends that all signage with the name Squaxin Park also include a reference to the Steh-Chass and the People of the Water, written in Lushootseed."
- "Tribal Council has a desire to participate in the naming of other paths and landmarks within the park."



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 21-74

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe (the "Tribe"), its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Counsel and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

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WHEREAS, Tribal Council has met and considered naming options and arrived at a decision

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby records its recommendation that Priest Point Park be renamed as Squaxin Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further recommends that all signage with the name Squaxin Park also include a reference to the Steh-Chass and the People of the Water, written in Lushootseed.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council indicates its desire to participate in the naming other paths and landmarks within the Park;

Public Hearing

- On March 17, 2022 PRAC held a Public Hearing
- Public comments at the hearing were in favor of a name chosen by the Squaxin Island Tribe.
- Written comments were mostly in favor of renaming the park.
- PRAC voted unanimously to recommend renaming Priest Point Park as "Squaxin Park" to City Council.



Welcome

- Charlene Krise, Vice Chair of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council and Director of the Squaxin Island Museum, Library and Research Center
- Rhonda Foster, Cultural Resources
 Director
- Margaret Seymour Henry, Cultural Resources Technician II



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