



COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Coon Rapids City Center
Conference Room 1

Call to Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Discuss Potential Renaming of Boulevard Park

Other Business

Adjourn



City Council Work Session

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Meeting Date: 07/18/2017

Subject: Discuss Potential Renaming of Boulevard Park

Submitted For: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INTRODUCTION

Later this year the space adjacent to the Coon Rapids Ice Center (working name "Boulevard Park") will be developed into a park and splash pad area. There has been some discussion to date about the final name for this new park and staff is seeking Council direction on the desired process for naming the park.

DISCUSSION

At the November 29, 2016 City Council work session Council provided direction on a process to solicit public input for the potential renaming of Boulevard Park. The policy for naming criteria (attached) and process for submittal was advertised through various City publications. A compilation of submittals is attached for consideration. This list was reviewed and discussed by the Park and Recreation Commission on July 10th, with their recommendation being the name Boulevard Community Park.

Their reasoning was that the park name should be welcoming and inclusive to the community as a whole, while still including the Boulevard component as a landmark location. They were not interested in naming this space after specific individuals and felt those would be better recognized in a future "volunteer memorial" or by the current practice of memorial trees, benches, or specific amenities within the park system. They further expressed interest in a future Veteran's Memorial in this park space along Coon Rapids Boulevard, but did not feel that naming the park in this manner was necessary. Ultimately, the naming policy gives final authority to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking City Council direction on the final process to advance the potential renaming of this new park space.

Attachments

Park Naming Policy

Naming Submittals

**City of Coon Rapids
Policy for Naming and Renaming of
Parks, Park Facilities and Trails**

I. Introduction

The selection of a property name for a park, park facility and trail is a thoughtful process which requires careful analysis. The policy and procedure has been adopted by the City of Coon Rapids to provide the proper procedure and guidelines for any naming or renaming of said amenities.

II. Procedure

Original naming of a park, park facility and trail will be done as part of the platting process guided by the City of Rapid's subdivision ordinance. Subsequent renaming will use the following procedure:

1. Staff, Council, Advisory Body or any Coon Rapids resident recognizes and requests the naming of a park, park facility or trail.
2. Staff will perform a background investigation of the request and then distribute the request to the City Council, upon review, send to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review.
3. The Park & Recreation Commission will discuss the merit of the name and make a recommendation to the City Council.
4. The recommendation will then be placed on the next regular City Council meeting for consideration.

III. Park, Park Facility and Trail Naming Criteria

Listed below are some of the criteria that may be used to determine the appropriate naming or renaming of parks, park facilities and trails.

1. The name of the subdivision associated with the park, park facility or trail.
2. The name of the neighborhood in which the park, park facility or trail is located.
3. The street name adjacent to or closely identified with the park, park facility or trail.
4. The name of a local interest point, or local focal point near the park, park facility or trail.
5. The name of an event or historical occurrence associated with the park, park facility or trail.
6. The name of a person who donates a major part or all of the land for the park, park facility or trail.
7. The name of a person of significant stature within the community (with the permission of the honoree, immediate family or designated representative). He/she must adhere to at least one of the following credentials and complete a waiting period of at least six months from the conclusion of service or time of death:
 - a. At least 10 years of local service to the community.
 - b. Shown outstanding assistance or support of the local park system.
 - c. Major financial donor to the park system.
 - d. A historical figure or family.
 - e. A local born or raised person of historic, statewide or national importance.

IV. Final Determinations

The City Council reserves all rights in the naming or renaming of all parks, park facilities and trails.

Suggested Park Name:	Significance of Name:	First Name	Last Name
Al Flynn Park BOULEVARD PARK	Al Flynn was a large part of the growth of Coon Rapids. It's on the Boulevard and that name will live on as long as the 'boulevard' is there.	Mississippi Ele. Caroline	4th Grade LaCoursiere
Boulevard Park (or Ice Center Park)	As a parent of 3 young children, having the name and address as one in the same makes life so much easier! Finding the other splash pads and parks in the city can be tough and they don't always show up on the map. If you can get to Blvd Park, you'll find it! Or call it Arby's park and see if they'll sponsor!	Alice	Congdon
Brick School Park	Named after the brick school built in 1876 at the intersection of Crooked Lake Blvd and Coon Rapids Blvd, near where the park is. This name will secure the history of our area also reminding the children playing at the park, that children of years past had played in the same area.	Elizabeth	Kelly
Cardinal Park	The mascot for the Coon Rapids High School has always been a Kalee Cardinal. I would like to carry on that tradition and name the park Cardinal Park to ensure continued support for our students and respected teachers.		Dawson
Cardinal Plaza	Since the park is near Coon Rapids ice center and the Coon Rapids Cardinals play there I feel Cardinal Plaza is very fitting	Jason	Chlebeck
Celebration Park		Eric	Strouse
Celebration Park (Jiikakamigad)	We will celebrate family reunions, picnics, parades, concerts and barbecues. Jiikakamigad is a Ojibwe word for "there is a celebration or happy event". The Ojibwe or Chippewa people lived in this area and surely used this area for celebrations!	Wendy	Burow
Chasing Waterfalls Park	The name reflects what the children will be doing and identifies it as a water park.	Janet	Flagg
Coon Rapids Millennial Park DANCING WATERS PARK	We are living in the millennial age. THE WATER LOOKS LIKE DANCING	Sheila M. TONY	Beutler Levercom

Diversity Park

Chuck

Phillipsek

As the newest park in the city and a park that will be used for large city wide events, I believe a name that acknowledges the city's commitment to both welcoming and serving our changing and diverse population is warranted. Rather than recognizing past contributors or events, the name "Diversity Park" establishes an inclusive and progressive theme; a theme that is already being incorporated with the plan to include a splash pad to serve the needs of our young families.

Donna Naeve Park

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Stephenson

Donna Naeve's history of contributing to the city of Coon Rapids is just incredible. Most notably, she was a member of the city's Planning Commission for an astonishing 42 years including serving for 32 years as its chair. Naeve was also a member of the Coon Rapids Police and Civil Service Commission, president of the Coon Rapids Mortgage Assistance Foundation, and a contributor to countless other civic efforts. She loved this city, and gave more to it than any other person I am aware of. A full accounting of her life and achievements can be found in this 2014 Coon Rapids Herald article <http://abcnewspapers.com/2014/12/11/longtime-volunteer-advocate-for-coon-rapids-dies/>.

In short, it is hard for me to imagine a person more worthy of this honor than Donna Naeve.

I also think it would be fitting to name this park after a woman. The city has several wonderful parks named after men, and many more named after the natural characteristics of our city, but there is not one park in Coon Rapids named after a woman.

Dunham Splash Pad	I thought this was interesting- In 1835, the Red River Ox Cart Trail was laid to establish military and trade connections between Minneapolis and Anoka. The first industries of Coon Rapids sprung up around the road, including the prominent Anoka Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Company, founded by Dr. D.C. Dunham in 1881. The clay excavation site is known locally as the clay hole is one of the lasting reminders of Coon Rapids' industrial history. Today, the vital Red River Ox Cart Trail is known as Coon Rapids Boulevard and remains an important commercial corridor for the city	Janine	Brandt
FOUNTAINS OF YOUTH PARK	different water spouts looks like fountains and the youth would so much enjoy..	TONY	Levercom
Independence Park		Eric	Strouse
Isaacson/Perez Community Park	Two great contributors to the local youth programs in the community.	Bruce	Frank
Jerry Nelson Park	Jerry Nelson was a police chief for many years and council member who had great dedication to the community and was a great public servant.	Anonymous	Anonymous
Joe Cook Park	In memory of former council person and ice arena.	Patrick	Sullivan

Kaleidoscope Park	<p>My mother, Donna Naeve, was the Chair of the City Planning Commission, and many other boards, for over 40 yrs. she passed away November 2014. One of her favorite things to collect were kaleidoscopes. I think it would be a fitting tribute to her love of not only kaleidoscopes but also her love and dedication to the city of Coon Rapids.</p> <p>Kaleidoscope comes from the Greek word meaning "beautiful, beauty". They are reflecting tubes that are used in the observation of beautiful and symmetrical forms. They show the inner beauty of all shapes, sizes and colors. I think my mom would love to see a beautiful park filled with people of all sizes, colors, and shapes. She truly dedicated herself to this city. I have so many fond memories of my years spent in Coon Rapids. I know that even if the park doesn't get named in memory of her, I will forever think of Coon Rapids as a town that my mother helped develop and grow into the amazing city it is now. Thank you for reading this and I look forward to the finished park and the name that it will called.</p> <p>Laura Naeve</p>	Laura	Naeve
Lily Pad Park	The splash pad (water) and Lily Putt is down the street on Coon Rapids Blvd.	Wendy	Burow
Little Squirts Park or Water Cycle Park	It looks like it is primarily for little children (called Squirts also) and the water squirts all over too..... as it recycles as well..	Judy	Schuler
Old Trail Park	I liked the name because there are several trails in the area of the new park.	Mississippi Ele.	4th Grade
Ox Cart Trail Park	the road leading to Mpls. was called the Ox Cart Trail.	Barbara	Asmussen

Ox-Cart Trail Memorial Park	River communities like Coon Rapids area have long been involved in the westward development of our country. The Ox-Cart Trail used mainly by settlers and intrepeneurs to transport their goods west to Dakota Territory, and West, developed later into Old Highway 10, and finally, into Coon Rapids Blvd... Certainly deserving of memorializing.	Robert J	Fuller Sr.
Patriots Park	Honor USA and home of our 4th of July celebration	Lynn	Peterson
Phoenix Park	The city is working hard to revitalize Coon Rapids Blvd and this park represents a core area to do that.	Stephanie & Jim	Masteller
Pine Ridge Park	The park is edged by large pines and sits on what is a Mississippi River bluff (ridge). Alternates: Pine Bluff Park. Pineview Bluff.	Eric	Simmons
Pioneer Trail Park	Pioneers used the trail to trade.	Mississippi Ele.	4th Grade
Playland Park	We live in Coon Rapids and my 3 year old daughter picked out the name. We are looking forward to the Grand Opening	Tom	Guerre
RAPIDS SPLASH PARK	RAPIDS for Coon Rapids, SPLASH because its a unique park feature and RAPIDS do Splash. There is no other City Park in Coon Rapids with Rapids in the name.	Mike	Ostry
Red Otter Park	We chose Red Otter Park because Red is in front of everthing.	Mississippi Ele.	4th Grade
Red Ox Cart Park	The Red River Ox Cart Trail was a pioneer trail for early travelers.	Mississippi Ele.	4th Grade
Red River Ox Cart Trail Park	This was the name of Coon Rapids Boulevard in 1835	Brad W.	Peterson
Red River Park	Red River Trail ran through the area.	Mississippi Ele.	4th Grade
Red River Trail Park	Part of Coon Rapids Blvd was the original Red River Ox cart trail, the most traveled road in the country in the mid to late 1800's.	Patty	Reuter
Red River Trail Park	Because it is located on what used to be known as the "Red River Trail", which was a route used by travelers in the 1800's from Canada to Fort Snelling.	Corey	Bowes

Refresh	What a better way to get outside and Refresh. This is a place to get away from your busy day, Spending time with your family, splash in the water or walk on the beautiful trails. What a nice way to bring a community together . Everyone needs time to refresh!	Debbie	Blesi
Stalin Park of Freedom And Democracy	Yee yee	Jason	Chlebeck
Talbot Park	Buster Talbot, "Sheriff" also Busters brother had a farm 1 mile east on coon rapids blvd. Busters niece still lives there today.	MIKE	Howard
Veterans' Memorial Park	The city of Coon Rapids has nothing to honor the contributions and sacrifices of its veterans or all veterans that have served in war and peace anywhere in the city. It is about time. The service organizations of the city and area may wish to contribute to a memorial of some kind on this site as well.	Bruce	Sanders
Waaboo park	Ojibwe/Chippewa in this language it means(water) park.= Water park	Peggy	Peltier
Water Works Park		Eric	Strouse