

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Parks Naming Subcommittee of the Park Advisory Commission

DATE: November 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the Park Naming and Re-naming process

Attached is the proposed procedure developed by the Parks Naming Subcommittee of the Park Advisory Commission entitled Park Naming and Re-naming Process for your consideration and approval.

In 2021, a subcommittee of the Parks Advisory Commission was formed to develop a process for the naming and re-naming of parks. The subcommittee spent roughly 10 months researching naming policies in other communities, identifying local priorities, and drafting the attached process.

The process takes into consideration several consistencies among other naming policies through the state and country as well as addressing local concerns related to the City's values and priorities. The sub-committee acknowledged that there are two main channels in which park naming comes to the forefront – City led, and resident led. While the public process for each of these channels will be the same, the committee set a series of steps for residents to take for their park renaming to take place. This will ensure that this process is not take lightly and will have support of other residents and neighbors.

Additionally, the sub-committee set forth criteria for who or what a park can be named after. Due to the significance of a park name, these criteria were important to ensure that the chosen name is consistent with City values and is likely to stand the test of time. Part of the criteria recommends that the naming of facilities be reserved for persons who have been deceased for at least 5 years.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PARK NAMING AND RE-NAMING PROCESS

Whereas, In 2021, PAC created a parks naming subcommittee to establish a process for the naming and renaming of parks when brought forth;

Whereas, The parks naming subcommittee devoted considerable time and effort to learn more about other naming policies in communities around the country, while focusing on the priorities and values of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, the subcommittee developed Parks Naming and Re-Naming Process to create a formal process for City or resident led requests for parks naming,,

Resolved, PAC accepts the Parks Naming Subcommittee final process as proposed to guide the process of naming and re-naming of parks in the City of Ann Arbor.