

PAC Resolution – October 19, 2021

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THAT WINCHELL PARK BE RENAMED DR. HAROLD J. LOCKETT PARK.

Whereas, Winchell Park may be named after Alexander Winchell, a U-M professor of physics, civil engineering, geology and paleontology;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission strives to provide exceptional experiences for all Park visitors and residents, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, income level, ethnicity, or ability;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission believes everyone should feel safe, welcome and respected in the City Parks and that renaming Winchell Park is consistent with this goal;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission established a special ad-hoc committee for the purpose of recommending a renaming of Winchell Park;

Whereas, The special ad-hoc committee met multiple times, identified numerous candidates for renaming consideration, and developed a method to engage the broader public to vote on the renaming;

Whereas, A renaming survey was released for a month, and residents within a ¼ mile of Winchell Park were notified by postcard of the renaming survey and the park was signed with the same information;

Whereas, The survey generated 321 votes;

Whereas, Dr. Harold J. Lockett received the most votes by a significant margin; and

Whereas, The special ad-hoc committee met on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and passed a resolution recommending to the Park Advisory Commission that Winchell Park be renamed Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends that Ann Arbor's Mayor and the Ann Arbor City Council officially rename and rededicate Winchell Park as Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park; and

RESOLVED, That, upon completion of the Park renaming, the City of Ann Arbor join with Park neighbors in convening an appropriate Park dedication ceremony.