

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

Whereas, A U-M committee reviewed Winchell's work and noted that "by both contemporary standards and even in the context of Winchell's day, his most notable work — the 1880 book titled, 'Preadamites, or a Demonstration of the Existence of Men before Adam' — was unambiguously racist and out of step with the University's own aspirations in those times.";

Whereas, The U of M has acted to strip Winchell's name from their properties;

Whereas, Residents in the Winchell Park area have approached the City with concerns over the name of Winchell Park and wish to see it renamed;

Whereas, After review by City staff there appears not to be any binding reason why the park must remain named Winchell Park;

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;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission establish a special ad-hoc committee to be involved in the process of renaming Winchell Park;

RESOLVED, That the special ad-hoc Park Naming Committee shall advise the City Parks & Recreation Services Unit and the City Park Advisory Commission on the following:

- a. Further research the origins of the name Winchell Park
- b. Identify four potential park names for the park presently known as Winchell Park, with an emphasis on names that celebrate racial diversity and social equity
- c. Develop a method to engage the broader public to vote on choosing one of the four proposed names for renaming Winchell Park
- d. Bring to PAC a renaming recommendation in the form of a renaming resolution with results of the broader public vote

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission appoints the following individuals to the ad-hoc Park Naming Committee for a term of six-months, expiring February 3, 2021:

- Member, Park Advisory Commission
- Steph White, Resident, Winchell Park Neighborhood
- Youth Member, The Neutral Zone
- Community Member At-Large
- Galen Hardy, Sustainability and Innovations Engagement Specialist, City Office of Sustainability and Innovations
- Colin Smith, Director, City Parks and Recreation Services