

RESOLUTION NO. 717

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO PARKS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND CREATING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR NAMING/RENAMING CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council may have occasion to name or rename City parks and other facilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish criteria and procedures for the official naming/renaming of City parks and other facilities; Now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

A. The naming/renaming of City parks and other City facilities shall be in accordance with the procedures and criteria set forth below. Once adopted, name changes should occur on an exceptional basis only.

B. The following criteria shall be considered:

1. Neighborhood or geographical identification;
2. Natural or geological features;
3. Historical or cultural significance;
4. The articulated preference of residents of the neighborhood surrounding the public facility.
5. Facilities may be named for living persons provided they have made a significant contribution of land or money and the donor stipulates naming of the facility as a condition of the donation or when the individual has made an unusually outstanding public service contribution.

C. The following procedures shall be followed for naming/renaming of City parks and other City facilities (see subsection E below for the procedures to name a park less than two acres in a preliminary plat):

1. If the City Council determines that a City park or other City facility should be named or renamed, the City shall solicit suggestions for names. All suggestions, whether solicited or independently offered, shall be acknowledged and recorded by the City. The City Council may authorize the Park Commission to take public input and make a recommendation. For a park or other City facility in the city's Historic District, the city shall solicit names from the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society. Any recommendations to Council should be ranked by order of preference.

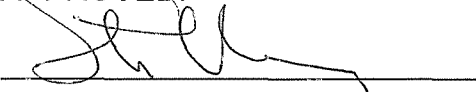
2. Following a review of recommendations, suggestions, and public comments, the City Council shall determine the name for City parks and other City facilities.

D. The provisions of this procedure shall not apply to the application of donor recognition for such minor items as benches, trees, refuse cans, flagpoles, water fountains, or similar items.


E. Pursuant to RCW 58.17.110(3), if a preliminary plat includes a dedication of a park with an area of less than two acres and the donor has designated that the park be named in honor of a deceased individual of good character, the City must adopt the designated name.

RESOLVED by the City Council this 11th day of June, 2007.

APPROVED:


Steven K. Ekberg, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM;
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