

RESOLUTION 1350

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NAMING THE BOAT STORAGE BUILDING AT ANCICH PARK THE ALAN ANDERSON BOATHOUSE

WHEREAS, Alan Anderson founded the Gig Harbor Kayak Club in 2002, which later became the Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team (GHCKRT), and has served for more than 23 years as a volunteer leader, coach, and mentor to youth in the Gig Harbor community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long tenure, Mr. Anderson has coached and mentored hundreds of young athletes, emphasizing resilience, sportsmanship and lifelong connections while also creating a supportive and inclusive space for youth and strengthening the culture of recreation, teamwork, and water safety in Gig Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson recognized both the potential of Gig Harbor's waterways and the importance of giving young people access to healthy, disciplined, and skill-building activities that foster confidence, leadership, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Anderson's leadership, the GHCKRT grew from a small grassroots effort into a nationally and internationally recognized competitive organization, with athletes consistently representing Gig Harbor at regional, national, and world-level competitions; and bringing acclaim to local athletes including participation in the Olympic Games and the competitive pathways leading to them; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as a champion for the boat storage building at Ancich Park, and was instrumental in advocacy and fundraising efforts in partnership with GHCKRT leadership and the city to support the construction of a permanent facility for youth paddling programs; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council find that naming the boat storage building at Ancich Park in honor of Alan Anderson is a fitting and lasting recognition of his decades of volunteer leadership, mentorship, and contributions to youth development, community engagement, and competitive paddling in Gig Harbor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The boat storage building at Ancich Park is hereby named the "Alan Anderson Boathouse."

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 26th day of January, 2026.

Mary K. Barber
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Mayor

Attest:

Tiffany A. Stecker
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Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk