

Chapter 12.30
NAMING PUBLIC PARKS, FACILITIES, OR OTHER NATURAL FEATURES

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12.30.010 Policy.

A. It is the policy of the city to follow this procedure to establish names for parks and other facilities.

B. In naming parks and other facilities, consideration shall be primarily given to:

1. Neighborhood, geographic or common usage identification;
2. Significant historical or cultural attributes;
3. An individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land or monetary contribution to the park system and who has stipulated the name of the park as a condition of the donation;
4. An individual (living or deceased) who has contributed outstanding civic service;
5. An organization who has donated a significant parcel of property or facility, or has provided the major source of financing for the acquisition/development of the public facility.

C. Facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons.

D. Public participation and input will be encouraged throughout the process.

(Ord. O2003-009, Amended, 03/18/2003; Ord. O99-016, Added, 09/21/1999)

12.30.020 Procedure.

A. All portions of the park or facility shall have the same name as the entire park or facility; provided, however, elements or features within the park may be named separately as long as the name does not detract from the intended identity of the park or facility. An example would be: The Historical Park, Rotary Shelter.

B. All name suggestions will be reviewed by the parks and recreation director for appropriateness. The parks and recreation director shall also review existing building, facility and park names to avoid duplication, confusing similarities and inappropriateness.

C. The parks and recreation director shall forward all names deemed appropriate to the Tumwater parks board.

D. The Tumwater parks board will review all appropriate name suggestions and forward their recommendation to the Tumwater city council.

E. The city council shall make the final decision as to the name to be given to any park or facility. Provided, however, in the event the city council does not approve the recommendation of the parks board or if the council prefers a name or names not recommended by the parks board, the matter will be returned to the parks board for reconsideration and additional recommendations shall then be transmitted to the city council for further consideration.

F. Action by the city council in naming parks or facilities may be taken by majority motion.

(Ord. O2011-002, Amended, 03/01/2011; Ord. O99-016, Added, 09/21/1999)