



## Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: March 5, 2024

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action on renaming East Gate Park to Walton East Gate Park

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

In conversation, Russ Walton had requested the renaming of East Gate Park to Walton East Gate Park. After the Park Board requested additional information, Russ provided a formal written request outlining his desire to have the park renamed. He cited the donation of 4 park properties as reason for the desired name change to recognize the contributions the Walton family has made to the city of Whitewater. The 4 park locations are Walton Oaks Park, East Gate Park, Meadowsweet Park and Skyway Park. East Gate Park is located in the Walton Pine Bluff Subdivision, which was constructed by the Walton Family.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

January 17, 2024 Park Board discussed renaming East Gate Park to Walton East Gate Park and requested more information and deferred action to a future meeting.

February 21, 2024 Park Board made a motion to endorse East Gate Park to be renamed to Walton East Gate Park in appreciation of the generous contribution of four park properties within the City of Whitewater and recommends that the cost of the new sign would be the responsibility of the Walton Family. Motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote. Ayes: Ryan, Weberpal, Matthews, Kilar, Hicks. Nays: None

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Cost of signage replacement will be covered by the Walton family.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION/SUGGESTED MOTION

Approve renaming East Gate Park to Walton East Gate Park with the Walton family responsible for the cost for new signage, no future park renaming be considered and all new park property naming must follow the procedure set forth in the City of Whitewater Park Naming Policy.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Park Naming Policy
2. Park location map
3. Letter from Russ Walton