

**CITY OF BOULDER  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**MEETING DATE:**

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Name the Park at the Former Washington School Site (Outlot B, Washington Village II Subdivision, 2901 13<sup>th</sup> St.)

**PRESENTERS:**

Yvette Bowden, Director, Parks and Recreation  
Therron Dieckmann, Deputy Director  
Jeff Haley, Parks Planning Manager  
Tina Briggs, Parks Planner  
Sarah DeSouza, Community Outreach Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The department requests that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) make a recommendation to either approve or disapprove the recommendation to name the park at the former Washington School Site (Outlot B, Washington Village II Subdivision, 2901 13<sup>th</sup> St.), Washington School Park (**Attachment A**).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Suggested Motion Language:**

Staff requests PRAB consideration of this matter and action in the form of the following motion:

**Samples:**

Motion to support the Department of Parks and Recreation's recommendation to name the park site located at B, Washington Village II Subdivision, 2901 13<sup>th</sup> St., Washington School Park per the majority opinion of the neighboring community.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

**Fiscal:** The cost associated with naming the park is approximately \$2500. The Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") has identified funding in its 2015 budget to cover these costs.

## **COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND IMPACTS**

**Economic:** None apply

**Environmental:** None apply

**Social:** Using social media, listservs and on-site park signs, the neighboring community has been contacted to solicit their input on the naming proposal.

### **BACKGROUND**

City Council approved the Washington Village II project on February 25, 2009. This approval permitted 33 dwelling units and 2,950 square feet of office/commercial space on the ground floor of a new building along Broadway and community facilities on the 3-acre site. On February 7, 2013 the Planning Board unanimously approved the request to extend the existing Washington Village II project approval, which was set to expire on February 25, 2013. The approval permitted three additional years to complete the project consistent with the original conditions of approval.

The 1215 Cedar Avenue property is bounded by Broadway to the west, Cedar Avenue to the south, 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and a mix of multi-family and single-family development to the north. It consists of three acres and is currently occupied by the vacant Washington Elementary School that was closed in 2003 by the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) due to school consolidation. Its closure prompted a comprehensive process to consider how the site should be developed. While there was initial interest from several groups to develop the site, Wonderland Hill Development Company was the only group that proceeded with a site design for city consideration. The Washington School property was the subject of two Concept Plan and two Site and Use Review applications during the years 2007 and 2009. All were ultimately approved.

On March 2015, a Special Warranty Deed (**Attachment B**) was filed by Washington School Developments, LLC formally granting the park property to the City of Boulder's Parks and Recreation Department.

### **ANALYSIS:**

In June and July 2015, Department staff worked with the neighboring community to determine a name for the park. After conducting an extensive public input process (**Attachment C**) to solicit potential park names (**Attachment D**), 22 out of the 69 responses (32 percent) requested the park be named Washington School Park (**Attachment E**). Additionally, six individuals, representing nine percent of the responses, requested the park be named Washington Park, a derivative of Washington School Park. The name Washington Village Park received nine votes representing 13 percent of the total.

The following quote from one of the park neighbors captures the essence of the majority of feedback about this recommendation:

“Many families in Boulder have decades-old connections to Washington Elementary School, a.k.a. Escuela Bilingue Washington. Our children grew up in the is neighborhood and attended school in this now landmarked building (one of three identically-constructed schools in Boulder). It is fitting that the park bear the original name of the historic school, since that plot of land was a children’s playground and also functioned as a neighborhood park for nearly 100 years.”

In December 2010, the City of Boulder adopted a Policy on Commemorative Naming of City Facilities (**Attachment F**). The purpose of the policy was to allow, in appropriate circumstances, the naming or renaming of facilities, owned and operated by the City, in commemoration of persons that have made unusually significant contributions to the City. Since the community overwhelmingly supported naming the site a non-commemorative name, Washington School Park, it is not necessary to proceed with the requirements of the Commemorative Naming Policy.

**NEXT STEPS:**

The department requests that the PRAB support the department’s recommendation to name the park site located at Outlot B, Washington Village II Subdivision, 2901 13<sup>th</sup> St., Washington School Park per the majority opinion of the neighboring community.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A: Site Map
- Attachment B: Special Warranty Deed
- Attachment C: Public Input Process and Timeline
- Attachment D: Proposed Park Names
- Attachment E: Park Name Data
- Attachment F: Commemorative Naming Policy

# WASHINGTON SCHOOL PARK



For Administrative Purposes Only  
Property Address: 2901 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grantor: Washington School Developments  
Grantee: City of Boulder

### **SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED**

**THIS DEED**, dated this 1st day of March, 2015, between WASHINGTON SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS LLC, a Colorado limited liability company; Grantor, and the CITY OF BOULDER, a Colorado home rule city, Grantee, whose legal address is 1777 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

**WITNESSETH**, that the Grantor, for and in consideration of LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, all the real property, together with improvements, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, described as follows:

Outlot B, Washington Village II Subdivision,  
City of Boulder, County of Boulder, State of Colorado

**TOGETHER** with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the Grantor, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances;

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said premises above bargained and described with the appurtenances, unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever. The Grantor, for itself, its personal representatives, successors and assigns, does covenant and agree that it shall and will **WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND** the above-bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, against all and every person or persons claiming the whole or any part thereof, by, through or under the Grantor.

The singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this deed on the date set forth above.

GRANTOR:  
Washington School Developments LLC,  
a Colorado limited liability company

By: *[Signature]*  
James W. Leach, Manager

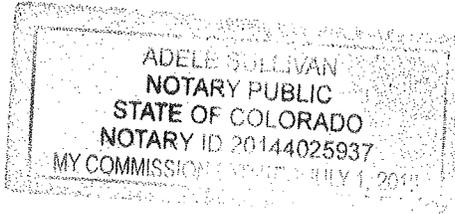
STATE OF COLORADO            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BOULDER         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2015,  
by James W. Leach as Manager for Washington School Developments LLC, a Colorado limited liability  
company.

Witness my hand and official seal.  
My commission expires: July 1, 2018  
Adele Sullivan

Notary Public

(SEAL)



## Washington Park Recommended Naming Process

- **June 22 to June 29**
  - Open period for park naming suggestions ( ¼ mile radius postcard, park signage, neighborhood association messaging)
    - Reduced from 2 weeks to 1 week
  
- **June 1 – July 12**
  - Suggested names will be posted on web page and open for neighborhood input.
    - Reduced from 2 weeks to 12 days (can't reduce to 7 due to holiday)
  
- **July 13 – July 20**
  - Recommended name posted on web page for input, also post draft memo to PRAB which helps outline how the name was chosen
    - Reduced from 2 weeks to 1 week
  
- **July 22- July 27**
  - Recommendation on park name made to PRAB and open for public comment/public hearing
    - PRAB Memo available for public review on July 22
    - PRAB Agenda 27

### **If not a commemorative name:**

- **Aug 6 - Aug 18**
  - If recommended name is not commemorative, park name will be shared with City Council through an information packet – August 18 (at the earliest, prelim memo due Aug 6)

### **If commemorative name:**

- **Aug 6 - TBD**
  - Community members will be encouraged to begin the commemorative naming process (with city staff) – August through October

[Park and Plaza Naming and Dedication Policy](#)

[Policy on Commemorative naming of City Facilities](#)

## Washington Village Park Name Suggestions

### Q1 What is your park name suggestion?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Meyer's Park	6/29/2015 6:27 PM
2	Washington School Park	6/29/2015 12:26 PM
3	Washington School Park	6/29/2015 10:59 AM
4	Washington School Park	6/29/2015 10:31 AM
5	Washington School Park	6/29/2015 9:45 AM
6	Washington School Park	6/29/2015 8:30 AM
7	Washington school park	6/28/2015 9:31 PM
8	Washington School Park	6/28/2015 9:10 PM
9	Esquelita Park	6/28/2015 7:21 PM
10	Washington Park	6/28/2015 7:13 PM
11	Washington School Park	6/28/2015 6:03 PM
12	Washington School Park	6/28/2015 5:00 PM
13	Hootee Vii Park	6/28/2015 2:04 PM
14	Cedar Commons	6/28/2015 12:05 PM
15	Washington School Park	6/28/2015 11:19 AM
16	Old North Boulder Commons	6/28/2015 6:26 AM
17	Washington Park	6/27/2015 4:40 PM
18	Washington School Park	6/27/2015 3:44 PM
19	Historic Washington School Park	6/27/2015 2:29 PM
20	Ronald Reagan Park	6/27/2015 11:06 AM
21	Old Nobo Park	6/27/2015 8:32 AM
22	George and Martha Park	6/26/2015 9:14 PM
23	Washington Village Park: In Honor of the Hendricks family	6/26/2015 7:55 PM
24	Washington School Park	6/26/2015 11:46 AM
25	Historic Washington School Park	6/26/2015 11:44 AM
26	Big Ash Park	6/26/2015 10:49 AM
27	Washington School Park	6/26/2015 10:44 AM
28	Washington School Neighborhood park	6/26/2015 10:38 AM
29	Washington School Park	6/26/2015 8:53 AM
30	Washington School Park	6/26/2015 8:46 AM
31	Millionaire's Front Yard Park	6/26/2015 8:39 AM
32	Washington School Park	6/26/2015 8:06 AM
33	Washington Village Park	6/26/2015 7:39 AM

## Washington Village Park Name Suggestions

34	Washington School Park	6/25/2015 10:28 PM
35	WASHINGTON SCHOOL	6/25/2015 9:59 PM
36	Washington School Park	6/25/2015 7:55 PM
37	Washington School Park	6/25/2015 7:20 PM
38	Gless Park	6/25/2015 7:17 PM
39	Gless Park	6/25/2015 7:05 PM
40	Washington school park	6/25/2015 4:54 PM
41	Someone Else's Front Yard	6/25/2015 3:07 PM
42	I not sure of their name?	6/25/2015 1:44 PM
43	#5 -- "GEORGE GLESS HONORARY PARK"	6/25/2015 1:29 PM
44	Washington Park	6/25/2015 11:09 AM
45	Washington Village Park	6/25/2015 11:01 AM
46	Four Tree Park	6/25/2015 10:55 AM
47	Gless Park	6/25/2015 10:53 AM
48	Washington Village Park	6/19/2015 1:57 PM
49	Washington School Park	6/19/2015 12:45 PM
50	Washington School Park	6/19/2015 12:19 PM
51	Washington School Park	6/19/2015 6:51 AM
52	Washington Community Park	6/18/2015 11:08 PM
53	Washington Park	6/18/2015 10:21 PM
54	Washington Village Park	6/18/2015 8:42 PM
55	Washington Village Park	6/18/2015 7:01 PM
56	Washington School Park	6/18/2015 9:59 AM

## Washington Village Park Name Suggestions

### Q2 Why would you like this to be the official park name?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	There are so many people with the name of Meyer who have contributed in a significant manner to the history of Boulder, CO and indeed the USA	6/29/2015 6:27 PM
2	It recognizes and honors the long history of the property as part of Washington School.	6/29/2015 12:26 PM
3	To honor the thousands of children and hundreds of teachers that were the Washington School community.	6/29/2015 10:59 AM
4	For the same reasons set forth by Michael Hibner and Fran Brown.	6/29/2015 10:31 AM
5	This name reflects the heritage of the site and the deep ties many in the area have to that heritage. I am extremely opposed to naming the park after "Washington Village." Along with others, I had previously advocated the park be named after George and Jean Gless. After discussion with their son, I no longer wish for that name.	6/29/2015 9:45 AM
6	Many families in Boulder have decades-old connections to Washington Elementary School, a.k.a. Escuela Bilingue Washington. Our children grew up in this neighborhood and attended school in this now landmarked building (one of three identically-constructed schools in Boulder.) It is fitting that the park bear the original name of the historic school, since that plot of land was a children's playground and also functioned as a neighborhood park for nearly 100 years. We feel that the city's working name "Washington Village Park" should not be adopted because it reflects a contentious commercial venture that was strongly opposed by so many citizens of Boulder that political means were required to secure this pocket park for us all to enjoy. Additionally, the dedication of a bench honoring the late Dr. George and Mrs. Jean Gless for their steadfast neighborly stewardship is appropriate and should be included at the formal dedication of our park.	6/29/2015 8:30 AM
7	Because it sits on the grounds of the Washington school site	6/28/2015 9:31 PM
8	Because it best fits the history of the site.	6/28/2015 9:10 PM
9	Esquelita is Spanish meaning Little School. It is a reference to the bilingual school that was once a rich part of Washington School history .	6/28/2015 7:21 PM
10	Includes the school and the village.	6/28/2015 7:13 PM
11	Many families in Boulder have decades-old connections to Washington Elementary School, a.k.a. Escuela Bilingue Washington. Our children grew up in this neighborhood and attended school in this now landmarked building (one of three identically-constructed schools in Boulder.) It is fitting that the park bear the original name of the historic school, since that plot of land was a children's playground and also functioned as a neighborhood park for nearly 100 years. We feel that the city's working name "Washington Village Park" should not be adopted because it reflects a contentious commercial venture that was strongly opposed by so many citizens of Boulder that political means were required to secure this pocket park for us all to enjoy. Additionally, the dedication of a bench honoring the late Dr. George and Mrs. Jean Gless for their steadfast neighborly stewardship is appropriate and should be included at the formal dedication of our park. see: <a href="http://www.dailycamera.com/guest-opinions/ci_25087543/honor-jean-and-george-gless">http://www.dailycamera.com/guest-opinions/ci_25087543/honor-jean-and-george-gless</a>	6/28/2015 6:03 PM
12	Historical reasons.	6/28/2015 5:00 PM
13	Arapahoe word for camp - shout out to native peoples who used this area as a winter camp. With the park surrounded by homes, seems fitting to save an open space in memory of earlier inhabitants.	6/28/2015 2:04 PM
14	Sits on Cedar Ave.	6/28/2015 12:05 PM
15	It honors the school on the site.	6/28/2015 11:19 AM
16	The word "commons", in this application, offers two meanings: 1.) Land or resources belonging to or affecting the whole of a community. 2.) Occurring, found, or done often; prevalent. Both definitions describe some of the very most wonderful aspects of living in Boulder. Your "common" local resident holds a deep appreciation for our land and spaces, natural resource, community. Referring to this park as a common space, located in its' historic Old North Boulder, also acknowledges the growth that is currently underway, while nodding to our predecessors who were the first to establish it.	6/28/2015 6:26 AM

## Washington Village Park Name Suggestions

17	Its immediate connection is to the Washington School. The baseball backstop used to be right in the corner of 13th and Cedar. The Washington name also connects to the adjacent Washington Street Neighborhood. Please don't rekindle the neighborhood conflict with contentious names.	6/27/2015 4:40 PM
18	Washington School was an important Boulder facility for a long, long time. The building is still right there.	6/27/2015 3:44 PM
19	By including the word "Historic" it emphasizes the value placed on History and what Boulder has done to maintain open spaces in our community.	6/27/2015 2:29 PM
20	Boulder is in dire need of diversification and to commemorate someone who did so much for Boulder and the entire country. It would also help to make the city more inclusive and mainstream while helping to repair the city's tainted image.	6/27/2015 11:06 AM
21	There isn't a great name for this whole neighborhood. I have heard 3 different names for this part of town, and none of them stick (including Skyline?)....so it'd be nice to have a geographical name for the park that can solidify the identity of this neighborhood. Old North Boulder seems to be pretty good.	6/27/2015 8:32 AM
22	This refers to the Washington school, and is more neighborly.	6/26/2015 9:14 PM
23	Washington Village Park could have only happened for two reasons: The first reason being Jim Leach from Wonderland Hill Development Company took a chance to develop a new housing product that is not only innovative but healthy for all the stakeholders involved; and the second reason is that Kirk Hendricks a Master Builder and lender. Kirk Hendricks is the ONLY reason why this development has succeeded. He invested in the idea of cohousing enabling Jim Leach to succeed. Kirk Hendrick loaned Wonderland Hill well over 6 million dollars and purchased two units totaling 2 million dollars. During the toughest periods in Washington Village's history, the recession and the floods, Kirk stayed committed to loaning on the property when most would have bailed, giving the developer one break after another. Not only did he loan on the land, provide construction loans, and purchase units within the development, he also worked the land with his tractor and constantly give thoughtful advice to the architects, structural & civil engineers, landscape architect, and the general contractors and their subs. Kirk has been building in Boulder for over 40 years and is now 75 years of age. He has built many residence in Pine Book Hills, North Field Commons, Spring Creek, and the list goes on. It is nice to celebrate those who have passed; but my question to you is, why are we not celebrating those who are still alive? There is absolutely no way, no way, this project would have survived if Kirk wasn't apart of it. As a lender he didn't receive a penny for the donation the park land, but he appreciates the value it has for the project, the greater neighborhood and the city. It is time to start to honor those who participate at the level he does not only for the project he has committed himself to, but for what he is doing for the city; as a lender he is launching projects that employ people so that they can support their families. We should be honoring the Hendricks family name because he has done so much and has asked for so little in return. After all, honoring him in this way will only encourage him, to move in a positive direction with his investments.	6/26/2015 7:55 PM
24	1) The park is for the use and enjoyment of ALL of the people of the neighborhood, not just residents of Washington Village. 2) For over 100 years, that site was Washington School. 3) We've lived in our house across the street from the school for 36 years and have always referred to that property as Washington School.	6/26/2015 11:46 AM
25	It is a nod to the history of the site.	6/26/2015 11:44 AM
26	There are some big, beautiful ash trees on the property	6/26/2015 10:49 AM
27	Honors the 100-year significance of the school as the heart of our neighborhood and the educational start for our children. It recalls the names of stable, outstanding faculty who served, including Betty Reeves, Elmer Sandrin, Gerry Gregg, and others.	6/26/2015 10:44 AM
28	It has been this name for over 100years	6/26/2015 10:38 AM
29	It honors everyone connected with the school for the 100 years it functioned as such - not some stupid property development that was executed under very questionable circumstances.	6/26/2015 8:53 AM
30	The park should be named for the school that was a centerpiece of the neighborhood for almost a hundred years (and certainly not for the housing development we're left with in its place).	6/26/2015 8:46 AM
31	It's very accurate, and is just a patch of grass. The houses sold for over a million dollars!	6/26/2015 8:39 AM
32	This name honors the historic importance of a school that was a part of Boulder for one hundred years. It may be a village now, but that is recent history.	6/26/2015 8:06 AM
33	It honors the school	6/26/2015 7:39 AM
34	It represents its history.	6/25/2015 10:28 PM

## Washington Village Park Name Suggestions

35	MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO GIVE HONOR TO GEORGE GLESS AND INCLUDE HIS NAME IN THE PARK NAME BUT AFTER REVIEWING NOTES AND REFLECTING ON PAST YEARS THAT WE HAVE KNOWN JEAN AND GEORGE GLESS, I THINK THAT THEY WOULD LOVE TO KEEP THE NAME AS "WASHINGTON SCHOOL". THEY BOTH WERE VERY HAPPY WITH THE ORIGINAL NAME AND I KNOW THAT GEORGE WOULD NOT WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY.	6/25/2015 9:59 PM
36	It belonged to the school before the development. This would keep some of the history.	6/25/2015 7:55 PM
37	Historical	6/25/2015 7:20 PM
38	The Glesses built their home across from the school (there is an interesting but of history there) and were important figures in the neighborhood and at CU. Their son, John Gless, should be consulted.	6/25/2015 7:17 PM
39	George and Jean Gless lived across the street from the Park, are original pioneers to this neighborhood, were universally admired by all of us, and would be more than perfect namesakes.	6/25/2015 7:05 PM
40	I am living in Washington village school as a member of the Washington village community. I love the history of the school and would love the park holding that history and memories	6/25/2015 4:54 PM
41	I would like "Someone Else's Front Yard" to be the name of the park because you feel like you are in the front yard of the people who live in the houses that surround the park. If you want to play ball or frisbee you worry that the ball might break a window. Or that you will disturb their privacy with loud noises. Why is the city spending our money to take care of someone else's front yard? P.S. All those Ash trees will get Emerald Ash Beetle disease if they are not treated.	6/25/2015 3:07 PM
42	I think you should name the Park after the longest serving Teacher that taught at Washington School. Because she or he spent more time on the old playground than anyone else and seems fitting they should be recognized. Great idea allowing the community to take part.	6/25/2015 1:44 PM
43	GEORGE AND JEAN GLESS WERE THE EARLY SETTLERS THAT MOVED INTO THE LARGE LOT JUST ACROSS THE STREET AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AVID SUPPORTERS IN BOULDER AND BEEN VERY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES HERE. THEIR ORIGINAL HOME ON 13TH ST. CAME IN THE FORM OF THE LOG CABIN CARRIED ON THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK. TO US, THEY WERE LIKE "ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU -- WIN & JEANNE NOLIN 1324 CEDAR -- 3034491315 winje@comcast.net	6/25/2015 1:29 PM
44	It is historic and simple.	6/25/2015 11:09 AM
45	To commemorate the old Washington School.	6/25/2015 11:01 AM
46	Because of the four large magnificent trees there.	6/25/2015 10:55 AM
47	George and Jean Gless were the pioneers of this neighborhood, lived across from Washington school for decades, built the cabin there by hand, raised their kids at that school, and we're a representative of that block it's important to keep HISTORY in neighborhoods, Washington School is historic, NOT Washington Village. The neighborhood has used that space for 100 years.	6/25/2015 10:53 AM
48	I believe the land was part of development lot for the Washington Village Cohousing Community, and the community has decided to donate the park to the city for everyone to enjoy. I think their generosity should be considered in naming the park.	6/19/2015 1:57 PM
49	This park is the former site of the Washington School. I would like to see the school honored and acknowledged for its stately presence in Boulder since 1903.	6/19/2015 12:45 PM
50	Because the school pre-dates almost everything else in the neighborhood, and naming the park after the school honors everyone who was ever connected with this school - which should have never closed and never been sold off for development.	6/19/2015 12:19 PM
51	Because the park is on the grounds of the former Washington School. This preserves a bit of the history and honors the 100+ year connection.	6/19/2015 6:51 AM
52	This name represents the park as being a place the entire neighborhood can use and enjoy.	6/18/2015 11:08 PM
53	It keeps the historical significance of the school, and it can be equally appreciated by both the Washington Village Community, and the greater neighborhood. Plus, it is reasonably short.	6/18/2015 10:21 PM
54	It is a fairly neutral name that ties to the historic school and the neighborhood community that donated the site.	6/18/2015 8:42 PM
55	Because it has the name Washington in it and it was given by Washington Village to the city of Boulder	6/18/2015 7:01 PM

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56	To tie the name to the historic school house on the adjacent property	6/18/2015 9:59 AM
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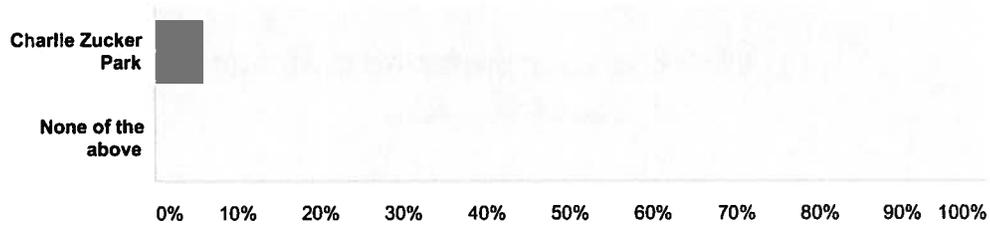
# Washington Village Park Re-name List

## Q1 Which is your preferred park name?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0



## Washington Village Park Re-name List



Answer Choices	Responses	
Big Ash Park	2.90%	2
Cedar Commons	2.90%	2
Esquelita Park	2.90%	2
Four Tree Park	0.00%	0
George and Martha Park	0.00%	0
George Gless Honorary Park	2.90%	2
Gless Park	1.45%	1
Historic Washington School Park	5.80%	4
Hootee Vii Park	1.45%	1
Meyer's Park	1.45%	1
Millionaire's Front Yard Park	0.00%	0
Old Nobo Park	2.90%	2
Old North Boulder Commons	4.35%	3
Ronald Reagan Park	1.45%	1
Someone Else's Front Yard	10.14%	7
Washington School Park	31.88%	22
Washington Park	8.70%	6
Washington Village Park	10.14%	7
Washington Village Park (in honor of the Hendricks Family)	2.90%	2
Charlie Zucker Park	5.80%	4
None of the above	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>69</b>

## Washington Village Park Re-name List

### Q2 Comments: (comments submitted may become public record)

Answered: 20 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	Great name	7/12/2015 7:22 AM
2	Cedar Commons is a brilliant name! Please choose it because it is the BEST!	7/9/2015 5:46 AM
3	Name elicits inclusion and honor.	7/8/2015 3:34 PM
4	Any recognition of the decades of service George Gless provided to the neighborhood would be suitable and well-deserved! The legacy of his family should be preserved!	7/3/2015 1:30 PM
5	I am wondering why three names I recommended before the timeline were not included: Jim Leach Park; Leach-Gless Park; and "Our" Park. Can you please respond?	7/2/2015 5:38 PM
6	I would like to have the park name reflect the fact that the land was the playground for the historic school for 100 years... Even though it's a little more cumbersome to have "School" in the name, I believe it's important to include that word - so it's clear that the park is named after the school, and only indirectly after George Washington. I would prefer that the park name NOT be reminiscent of the bitter battle against the development that was fought in public hearings for over 2 years... Even though George Gless was clearly a well-loved and appreciated member of the neighborhood, naming the park after one of the leaders of the battle would feel like the neighborhood is sticking a permanent reminder that "we didn't want you here" in the face of the residents of Washington Village, who are making a concerted effort to add their own value to the neighborhood. I would be in favor of there being a set of plaques - or even some kind of weather-proof informational signs - maybe on the back of the park sign - that tell the "good neighbor" story of George Gless... or the "urban planning" story of Charlie Zucker... or the story of the developer, Jim Leach's contributions to affordable housing and the historical preservation of the school, or the financial generosity of the Hendricks family, who (I believe) donated the land for the park... Combined, those four represent a positive story of how people can resolve conflicting personal interests by hearing each other out and focusing on finding a solution that best serves the interests of the public as a whole. I am hopeful that those who criticize the park as being "someone else's front yard" will eventually appreciate the fact that the "millionaires" who happen to have the park on their front door step are very welcoming and friendly toward the many neighbors, children, and dogs who take advantage of the park on a daily basis, because it is, in fact, a public space. I appreciate the humor of whoever suggested Big Ash Park... I would seriously consider the name if we could somehow be assured that the four big ashes will always be there... I am extremely hopeful that the City will consider the park trees to be worthy of being treated against ash borers.	7/2/2015 4:13 PM
7	Without Charlie, this site might still be in litigation. His special gift for bringing people together is sorely missed.	7/2/2015 11:31 AM
8	This name honors the 100 years that this property was a public school.	7/1/2015 9:41 PM
9	This is a nice name.	7/1/2015 5:57 PM
10	Let's honor the property's legacy—the Washington school. Let's not honor those who would have stopped the project from ever occurring (Gless).	7/1/2015 5:56 PM
11	Meets criteria 1 thru 4 above. A name that all neighborhood factions can identify with, and agree upon. Short and historic.	7/1/2015 5:40 PM
12	How about UAP - Ugly Architecture Park	7/1/2015 3:32 PM
13	I thought I suggested "< An Acre Park" - that didn't make the cut? so sad. . . . But Escuelita Park is even better! Great name for since it was a bilingual school!	7/1/2015 1:53 PM
14	Neutral. Accurately reflects the parcel's use and place in the community for over 100 years. By referencing the school, it honors the parcel's historical use and ties it to the old building.	7/1/2015 11:21 AM
15	Please don't cause more problems between neighbors with your choice.	7/1/2015 11:07 AM
16	Charlie Zucker Park	7/1/2015 10:17 AM
17	None of the above, but that wasn't an option - Charlie Zucker Park	7/1/2015 10:08 AM

## Washington Village Park Re-name List

18	After all the things the city has gotten wrong over the life of this project, please, please get this one correct. The property served the city for 100 years as Washington School, so it is fitting that the sorry rump that remains be called Washington School Park. It does not correct any of the underhanded things that happened in the process, but maybe we, the neighborhood, can begin to heal. Do the right thing.	7/1/2015 10:02 AM
19	Historic commemoration	7/1/2015 9:08 AM
20	George and Jean Gless, the best friends Washington School and the neighborhood ever had. They need to be remembered in the name of the park, any and all combinations, The Gless Memory Park is my best idea	6/30/2015 6:46 PM

**CITY OF BOULDER**  
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**POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

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**Policy on Commemorative Naming of City Facilities**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**December 1, 2010**



**Jane S. Brautigam, City Manager**

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**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the City of Boulder (“City”) to allow, in appropriate circumstances, the naming or renaming of facilities, owned and operated by the City, in commemoration of persons that have made unusually significant contributions to the City. This allowance extends to facilities that are owned by the City but leased to, and used by, another entity.

**II. PURPOSE**

City facilities are built and maintained at public expense and for the purpose of carrying out city business. The naming of such facilities can have long lasting implications and raise political, legal and equity concerns both within the City organization and with the public at large. The purpose of this policy is to attempt to anticipate these concerns and to provide a uniform, transparent and citywide process for addressing them.

**III. SCOPE**

A. **Policy Limited to Naming in Response to Commemoration of Persons** - The scope of this policy does not extend to other practices of naming city facilities, including:

- 1) Naming of facilities in response to sponsorship (addressed in *Policy on Sponsorship Naming of City Facilities*).
- 2) Naming for purposes of public identification (i.e., “North Boulder Park” and “East Boulder Recreation Center”), or
- 3) Naming after landmarks, including naming after local resources, geographic feature, or identifiable community characteristics.
- 4) Naming after past or present owners of the property, property donors, or after the name historically used for identification of the property.

B. **Applicability of Existing Department Policies** - Some City departments, including the Parks and Recreation and Community Planning and Sustainability, have policies and procedures already in place that guide the consideration of naming of City facilities within their purview. To the extent that such policies incorporate requirements that are at least as strict as this policy, including specific adherence to all five procedural steps outlined in Section VI of this policy, such department-specific policies shall continue to take precedence over this policy and be the sole documents to be adhered to with regard to naming.

### III. DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used in this policy:

**Commemorative:** The term “commemorative” or “commemoration,” as used herein, refers to the practice of naming a facility to honor persons who have over an extended period of time: demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City, the State of Colorado or the nation; provided extensive community service; worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination; made a significant financial donation or in-kind contribution to a City facility with such contribution significantly benefiting the community that the facility serves (i.e. the facility may not have otherwise been possible without the financial assistance), or who have; historical significance to the community, the City of Boulder, the State of Colorado or the nation.

**Donation:** The term “donation” describes financial or in-kind contributions that are made without restrictions on how the money or resources are to be used and without expectation of reciprocal benefit by the donee. When a contribution is made with a clear expectation that an obligation is created or that the recipient will provide something of value in return, the contribution is considered a “sponsorship,” not a donation.

**Facility:** The term “facility, as used herein, means any City-owned land and buildings, and any features affixed to the land including components of the property such as rooms, parks, fields, trails, shelters and other components of the facility. The term “facility,” however, does not extend to city streets, alleys or amenities such as trees, benches and fountains.

**Person** – The term “person,” as used herein, refers to any living or deceased human being. It does not extend to the name of any organization, including but not limited to, a business, sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

### IV. CITY RETENTION OF RIGHT TO RENAME

The City retains the right to rename facilities at any time.

### V. LIMITATIONS

A city facility cannot be named or renamed:

A. After an elected or appointed City official, or family member thereof, that is currently serving, at the time of application or consideration of such application.

Commemorative naming immediately after termination of a city official's terms of service, while not prohibited, is discouraged.

B. After a currently employed City staff member or volunteer, that is currently employed or volunteering, at the time of application or consideration of such application. Commemorative naming immediately after termination of a city staff member's employment, or volunteer's tenure, while not prohibited, is discouraged. Furthermore, commemorative naming for former City staff members is not appropriate when based only on tenure or performance of normal job duties.

C. After a person which has a quasi-judicial matter pending, or expected to be pending, before the City at the time of application or consideration of such application.

## **VI. PROCEDURES**

- Step 1 Consideration for naming or renaming of a City facility begins with the completion of a Commemorative Naming Application
- Step 2 The proponent of the naming/renaming will be required to solicit and summarize feedback from impacted stakeholders in order to capture controversies associated with the proposal. Depending on the nature of the facility and whether the proposed name would replace a previous commemorative name, this process could include extensive outreach to nearby property owners or constituency groups associated with the facility.
- Step 3 The Commemorative Naming Application, along with a summary of public comment, must then be submitted to the City Manager's Office for consideration.
- Step 4 The application will first be reviewed by the **city's naming committee**; a standing committee created by this policy composed of representatives from the City Manager's and City Attorney's Office, along with a representative of the facility to be named. The focus of the committee's work can include developing a recommendation for the City Manager's consideration and documenting that recommendation.
- Step 5 After reviewing all information provided, the City Manager will make a determination on whether to approve or disapprove the naming proposal. The city manager will then submit his or her decision, along with all supporting documentation, to the city council in a Weekly Information Packet (WIP) as a call-up item that allows council the ability to reconsider the city manager's decision. Until council has had that opportunity, a decision on the naming or renaming shall not be considered final.

## **VII. CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION**

Employees who have questions concerning the interpretation or application of this policy are directed to contact the City Manager or his/her designee.

**VIII. EXCEPTIONS/CHANGE**

These guidelines may be reviewed and changed at any time.

**IX. CITY MANAGER DESIGNEE**

December 1, 2010 - Carl Castillo, Policy Advisor