

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, NAMING

NAMING PARKS AND FACILITIES

The City Council adopted the Palm Bay Recreation Advisory Board's recommended criteria and guidelines for naming public parks and recreational facilities within the City. (RCM 2003-06; 02-06-03)

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

A. Written recommendations, petitions, etc. requesting the naming of a park site or recreation facility are to be submitted to the Palm Bay Recreation Advisory Board for consideration. The Board will review the request and make a recommendation to the City Council. If more than one recommendation for a name is received, the names will be prioritized by the Board in its recommendation to Council.

B. The Board will consider all proposals and make a recommendation to Council as to whether the requested name should be approved or rejected. The Council shall make the final decision.

C. Names proposed for a park site or recreational facility shall adhere to one or more of the following categories:

- 1) Honoring a Living Person – A living person whose contribution or significant gift is of the most extraordinary nature;
- 2) Memorializing a Deceased Person – An individual whose service or gift to the parks/recreation system was extraordinary, and a period of at least twelve (12) months has passed from the time of the person's death;
- 3) Services Rendered – A name which reflects the nature of the services logically rendered at the park or facility;
- 4) Geographic Location – Immediate geographic location logically associated with the park or facility;
- 5) History – An historical person, place, culture, or event logically associated with the physical location;
- 6) Donor – The name of the donor or a name specified by a donor who donated the land or facility to the City;
- 7) Group Recognition – An organization for outstanding contributions and services to the community;
- 8) Geography – A geographical characteristic of the park or facility with special consideration given to archeology, geology, topography, botany, zoology, or man-made geographical characteristics;
- 9) Adjacent Street, School, Subdivision – A street, school, or subdivision adjacent to the park or facility.

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D. Renaming a Park or Facility. Out of respect for the current name, only under extraordinary conditions (shortened, inappropriate, ineffectual names) will a park or facility be renamed.

E. Plaques, Markers, Memorials, or Identifying Structures– Recognition structures must complement existing signage. Costs and maintenance of the structures will be determined by the City Council. Structures should designate history related to the park or facility or recognize groups or individuals who contributed significantly through donations or their efforts to the City.

RESOLUTION

Upon approval by the City Council of a name for a park or facility, a resolution shall be adopted to officiate Council's action.