

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-**

**A RESOLUTION** amending Resolution R-2005-51, establishing policies and procedures relating to the naming of public parks and parks and recreation related facilities, to allow parks and park facilities to be named after living individuals.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that the designation of names for public parks and parks and recreation facilities should be approached cautiously, with forethought and deliberation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further believes that the setting forth by resolution of policies and procedures relating to the naming of public parks and parks and recreation facilities is in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission took no position relating to the resolution amendment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Division, under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Manager, shall plan and implement parks and recreation programs and maintain and operate public facilities for use and enjoyment of the public, now, therefore;

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

The City Manager and City Clerk of the City of Yakima are hereby authorized and directed to implement the following "Policy Establishing Names for Public Parks and Parks and Recreation Facilities" for the City of Yakima.

Section 1. It is the policy of the City of Yakima to choose names for public parks and parks and recreation facilities based upon the site's relationship to the following criteria:

- a) Neighborhood, geographic or common usage identification;
- b) A natural or geological feature;
- c) An historical figure, place, event, or other instance of historical or cultural significance;
- d) An individual (living or deceased) or group who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the parks system or who has had the contribution made "in memoriam;" and when the name has been stipulated as a condition of the donation;

e) An individual who has contributed outstanding civic service to the City of Yakima primarily in the area of Parks and Recreation.

Section 2. The City Council shall designate the names of public parks and parks or recreation facilities. The City Council shall make its selection after receiving a recommendation from Yakima's Parks and Recreation Commission, based upon public input from individuals and organizations. If a contest or competition is to be held to determine the name of a parks or recreation facility, the Parks and Recreation Commissioners shall establish guidelines and rules for the contest.

Section 3. A park's interior features and/or facilities may have names other than that of the entire parks. These names are subject to criteria designated in Section 1 above.

Section 4. A name once adopted should be bestowed with the intention that it will be permanent.

Section 5. Following selection of a parks or parks and recreation facility name by the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Division will identify the specific parks or facility by appropriate signing specifying the name.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Janice Deccio, Mayor

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk