

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution to adopt Ashwood Park as the name for the park property located at 10875 NE 12th Street.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This proposed action adopts the preferred name of Ashwood Park based on community engagement feedback, the recommendation of the Parks & Community Services Board, and direction given by the Council in April 2025. As initiated by Council, a planning process to update the 1990 adopted Ashwood Park Master Plan has been conducted. Establishing a formal name for the park was included as part of the process.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10562

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City Council reviewed the community-supported and Parks & Community Services Board recommended Ashwood Park Master Plan update (Attachment A) and park name at the April 22 meeting. Council identified a preferred design and park name and directed staff to proceed with environmental review on that preferred master plan design. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review (Land Use permit 25-110354 LM) is now complete, with a Determination of Non-Significance issued on November 5. Concurrent with approving the new master plan, the Council is asked to formally adopt the park name "Ashwood Park".

Ashwood Park Property

Ashwood Park is located at 10875 NE 12th Street in the northeast quadrant of Downtown Bellevue (Attachment B). Uses surrounding the park include the King County Regional Library to the east, dense urban housing to the west and south and McCormick Park and single-family housing to the north. Ashwood Park is located on a portion of the former Ashwood Elementary School site that the City of Bellevue and the King County Library District jointly acquired from the Bellevue School District in 1986. The purpose of the acquisition was to provide a library and public park space.

Naming Process

In December 1990, Council adopted a master plan with a development program that was never fully realized. At that time no name for the park was formally adopted by Council. The park has been informally referred to as Ashwood Park or Ashwood Playfield since that time. Consistent with Resolution 10151, the policy for naming public parks (Attachment C), community engagement was conducted to collect park naming ideas and name preferences through the master plan update

engagement surveys. That feedback resulted in significant (92 percent) community support to formalize the name Ashwood Park.

Park & Community Services Board Recommendation

After careful deliberation over multiple meetings, at their February 19 meeting, the Parks & Community Services Board unanimously recommended the name Ashwood Park to the City Council for consideration. This recommendation was presented to the City Council on April 22.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

PA-17 Use a community informed planning process to guide substantial development or redevelopment of a park property.

CE-10 Encourage and support engagement with the entire community, including residents, employees, business owners and visitors to the city or area of the city under consideration.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution to adopt Ashwood Park as the name for the park property located at 10875 NE 12th Street.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2025 Preferred Ashwood Master Plan
- B. Vicinity Map
- C. Resolution 10151: Policy and procedure for naming public parks
Proposed Resolution No. 10562

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N/A