

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 10151

A RESOLUTION establishing a new policy and procedure for naming public parks and park and recreation facilities, and repealing Resolution No. 8229.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the designation of names for public parks and park and recreation facilities, such as major public buildings and structures, should be approached with 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 park and recreation facilities is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to extend the opportunity for naming public parks and park and recreation facilities to individuals and figures who have made non-financial contributions to the parks systems or meets other city priorities such as diversity, equity, and inclusion; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is the policy of the City of Bellevue to choose names for parks and park and recreation facilities, such as major public buildings and structures, based upon the following criteria:

- (1) Neighborhood or geographical identification (e.g., North Bellevue, Lake Hills, Overlake);
- (2) A natural or geographical feature (e.g., Kelsey Creek, Mercer Slough);
- (3) An historical figure or name of historical or cultural significance (e.g., Bicentennial Park, Children's Park);
- (4) A corporation, non-profit organization, or an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land, monetary, or other contribution to the park system and who has a compelling connection to Bellevue and/or the park system; and
- (5) In naming parks and park and recreational facilities for individuals or historic figures, the City should consider how such name meets other City priorities, including diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Section 2. The City Council shall designate the names of public parks and park or recreation facilities. The City Council may seek a recommendation from the Bellevue Park Board, which is based upon public input from individuals and organizations.

Section 3. Following selection of a park or park and recreation facility name by the City Council, the Parks and Community Services Department shall identify the specific park or facility by appropriate signage specifying the name.

Section 4. The City Manager, or his or her designee, shall designate the names of smaller projects associated with individual elements within a park, such as benches, trails, garden rooms, and similar features.

Section 5. Resolution No. 8229 is repealed.

Passed by the City Council this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2022, and signed in authentication of its passage this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2022.

(SEAL)



Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk