

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 8921 renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to Burrows Park or Zumdieck Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

STAFF CONTACTS

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Council Policy direction:

Resolution No. 8229 sets forth policies and procedures for naming public parks and recreation facilities (*see Attachment 1*) based on the following criteria:

- Neighborhood or geographical identification;
- Natural or geographic feature;
- Historical figure or name of historical or cultural significance; and/or
- A corporation, non-profit organization, or an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system and who has a compelling connection to Bellevue and/or the park system.

BACKGROUND, PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Kasia Wilk approached City staff on June 2, 2014 to request that the name of Bovee Park be changed. She stated that she was a victim of abuse by Mr. Charles Bovee, the former Mayor for whom the park is named. The City had purchased the four-acre Bovee Park property, located at 1500 108th Avenue NE, from Bovee's widow in 1962. Staff met with Ms. Wilk in July 2014 to discuss the process for implementing a park name change. She then contacted Council on February 2, 2015 to formally request the name change. On March 9, Council directed the Parks and Community Services Board to begin the renaming process to rename Bovee Park.

The Parks and Community Services Board began reviewing the request and approved a public involvement process at their meeting on April 14. The Board's extensive public outreach effort included: media outreach; notifications via Neighborhood News, Parks e-newsletter, park signage, and social media; direct communications with the Northtowne Neighborhood Association and Eastside Heritage Center; a Special Public Meeting; and an online forum from May 1-10, which had a total of 1,400 respondents. In addition, they held a Special Meeting to gather additional public input on April 28.

At their meeting on May 12, the Parks and Community Services Board identified two proposed names for the Park, Burrows Park or Zumdieck Park, which are being forwarded for Council's consideration. The Chair of the Parks Board will provide a brief overview of the Board's deliberations at Reports of Boards and Commissions on Monday night. Both names being forwarded for Council consideration were identified through a community-based process and are consistent with the City's park naming policy.

The suggested name *Burrows Park* is for Roland (Rody) Burrows (1907-1986), a noted Eastside historian and grandson of Bellevue pioneer Albert Burrows, who came to Bellevue in 1882 and built a cabin at what is now the foot of SE 15th Street (where Burrow's Landing, a public dock, is located today.) Albert Burrows also established the city's first schoolhouse in 1883.

The suggested name *Zumdieck Park* is for Georgia Zumdieck (1941-1998), who served on the Bellevue City Council from 1992 through 1998. Zumdieck was a community activist who was a strong advocate for the Northtowne neighborhood.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by Council, this Resolution will become effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to **Burrows Park**.
2. Adopt the Resolution renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to **Zumdieck Park**.
3. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1 or Option 2.

MOTION – Option 1

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8921 renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to **Burrows Park**.

MOTION – Option 2

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8921 renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to **Zumdieck Park**.

ATTACHMENTS

Site Map

Proposed Resolution No. 8921

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N/A