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Subject: Newport Hills park naming followup

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Good afternoon:

Thank you for listening as I gave public comment last night re: the official name for the Tyler park property in Newport Hills. While I'm sad for the O'Neil family that it appears "Shannon's Glen" won't be a consideration going forward, I'm proud to have represented the interests of a family that has been so important to Newport Hills' history.

Alternate park names you discussed which might get good support in the neighborhood: "The Meadow at Newport Hills" or "Newport Meadow Neighborhood Park". I really liked the idea of "The Glen at Newport Hills" (variation of "Shannon's Glen"), but it might cause some confusion without the "Shannon" part (see #2 below).

Here's some things you need to know about other suggestions that were discussed:

1. Lakehurst Creek is not a marker of significance within the neighborhood. Few people would even know where it's at if you were to mention that name.
2. "Newport Glen" is already the name of a neighborhood subdivision in the SW quadrant (Councilmember Barksdale is familiar with it 😊) not far from the park. It may be confusing to give the park the same name.
3. "Newport Woods" is actually a Newcastle neighborhood bordering Newport Hills (on SE 69th St./Newcastle Way). This might be confusing for many people as they have a neighborhood park within their boundaries.
4. The Chinese words/lettering suggestions were NOT generated by our park naming survey or by Newport Hills residents. Scott VanderHyden shouldn't have misrepresented them as such. Those were general park name suggestions sent to Scott separate from our naming survey by Bridle Trails resident Pamela Johnston. Scott knew from whom those suggestions came (he contacted Pam for translation help) and he knew those suggestions were not submitted for Newport Hills. It was extremely dishonest of him to include them and that should be addressed by Mr. Shiosaki as Scott's supervisor.

If additional outreach is done re: park naming I respectfully request that CoB require respondents to include their full name and address to prevent people in other cities from driving our park naming as they drove our park planning.

Also, please ensure that Mr. Heilman in Neighborhood Outreach doesn't post the park naming survey link to Newcastle neighborhoods on Nextdoor as he did last time (he refused to fix the error when I made him aware of it). I'm happy to provide a list of Nextdoor neighborhoods in the Newport subarea if that would help. The Parks Planning department should ask Beth Kornegay, John Sutherin and Todd Wirig to refrain from using their dog park FB pages to encourage people from outside of Newport Hills/Bellevue to participate in any future naming surveys as those folks have done previously.

Thank you for considering my suggestions.

Sincerely,

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