



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Online via Zoom and In Person at  
Tumwater Fire Department  
Headquarters, Training Room, 311 Israel  
Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA 98501**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: 02/15/2023 - Delayed
5. Public Comment
- [6.](#) Preserve Park Naming
- [7.](#) Trails End Park Master Planning
8. Next Meeting Date - 04/19/2023
9. Adjourn

**Meeting Information**

The public are welcome to attend in person, by telephone or online via Zoom.

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**Public Comment**

The public may submit comments by sending an email to [sklein@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:sklein@ci.tumwater.wa.us), no later than 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Comments are submitted directly to the Commission members and will not be read individually into the record of the meeting.

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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: March 22, 2023  
SUBJECT: Preserve Park Naming

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1) Recommended Action:

Select a park name and forward to the City Council for consideration.

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2) Background:

The City is nearing completion of the neighborhood park located within the Preserve housing development. In order to complete the project, a permanent name for the new park must be selected.

The park naming process is outlined in the City's municipal code. Staff have solicited names from the residents of the Preserve housing development as well as other neighborhoods surrounding this facility encouraging them to submit suggestions for their new park. Staff utilized direct mailings, social media posts, and signage at the park site. The submitted names will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commissioners and a recommendation for the permanent name will be forwarded to the City Council. The Commission may select one name or a few names listed in priority for preference.

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3) Alternatives:

None

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4) Attachments:

- A. Tumwater Park Naming Policy and Procedure
- B. Park Name Suggestions

## Chapter 12.30 NAMING PUBLIC PARKS, FACILITIES, OR OTHER NATURAL FEATURES

Sections:

[12.30.010](#) Policy.

[12.30.020](#) Procedure.

### **12.30.010 Policy.**

A. It is the policy of the city to follow this procedure to establish names for parks and other facilities.

B. In naming parks and other facilities, consideration shall be primarily given to:

1. Neighborhood, geographic or common usage identification;
2. Significant historical or cultural attributes;
3. An individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land or monetary contribution to the park system and who has stipulated the name of the park as a condition of the donation;
4. An individual (living or deceased) who has contributed outstanding civic service;
5. An organization who has donated a significant parcel of property or facility, or has provided the major source of financing for the acquisition/development of the public facility.

C. Facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons.

D. Public participation and input will be encouraged throughout the process.

(Ord. O2003-009, Amended, 03/18/2003; Ord. O99-016, Added, 09/21/1999)

### **12.30.020 Procedure.**

A. All portions of the park or facility shall have the same name as the entire park or facility; provided, however, elements or features within the park may be named separately as long as the name does not detract from the intended identity of the park or facility. An example would be: The Historical Park, Rotary Shelter.

B. All name suggestions will be reviewed by the parks and recreation director for appropriateness. The parks and recreation director shall also review existing building, facility and park names to avoid duplication, confusing similarities and inappropriateness.

C. The parks and recreation director shall forward all names deemed appropriate to the Tumwater parks board.

D. The Tumwater parks board will review all appropriate name suggestions and forward their recommendation to the Tumwater city council.

E. The city council shall make the final decision as to the name to be given to any park or facility. Provided, however, in the event the city council does not approve the recommendation of the parks board or if the council prefers a name or names not recommended by the parks board, the matter will be returned to the parks board for reconsideration and additional recommendations shall then be transmitted to the city council for further consideration.

F. Action by the city council in naming parks or facilities may be taken by majority motion.

(Ord. O2011-002, Amended, 03/01/2011; Ord. O99-016, Added, 09/21/1999)

## Preserve Park Naming Suggestions

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Park Name Suggestion	Why?
Bigfoot Park	Would be nice given the lore of WA state.
Charlie Park	In honor of Charlie Schneider, for all his hard work and dedication supporting our community. He worked tirelessly to follow up and follow through the many hurdles in seeing this project to completion.
Charlie Schneider Park	Charlie Schneider was instrumental in its creation and conception.
Charlie Schneider Park	Charlie Schneider seem to be very involved in every aspect of the community as a councilman and a good citizen. I've never met him or got the honor to meet Charlie and his wife. But they seem to be a very decent citizen in this community. I hope there's more folk like them, and I hope you will name the park after Charlie. He care everything about the community, and I care enough to look through what he has done, and I feel that the man deserve it name after him.
Charlie & Nancy Schneider Park	In honor of the councilman and his wife that live in the neighborhood and advocated for a city park within The Preserve.
Chinook Park	The word Tumwater came from the Chinook language.
Crockett Park	
Crocmania	
Debbie Sullivan Park	In honor of Tumwater's first female mayor.
Diversity Park	A place where everyone belongs.
Elizabeth Kindred Park	Michael T. Simmons wife, not often mentioned but most definitely a large player in the settling of Tumwater ... also, the name "Kindred Park" could allude to kindred friendships that may begin or grow in this new space. Elizabeth's parents, David and Talitha Kindred were also contributors to early Tumwater, so a generic "Kindred Park" could honor them too.
Fairybell Park	It's the name of the street that dead ends at the park and is whimsy and matches the zip line concept.
James Carter Memorial Park	
Kindness Community Park	
Kindred Park	Michael T. Simmons wife, not often mentioned but most definitely a large player in the settling of Tumwater ... also, the name "Kindred Park" could allude to kindred friendships that may begin or grow in this new space. Elizabeth's parents, David and Talitha Kindred were also contributors to early Tumwater, so a generic "Kindred Park" could honor them too.
Loomis Park	
New Market Park	The original name of Tumwater was New Market.
Preservation Park	
Preserve Park	
Preserve Park Place (PPP)	

Park Name Suggestion	Why?
Sally Eke Park	Selma Mary Lee "Sally" Eke born 1914 died 1995. Sally was the first woman to serve as justice of the peace in Tumwater. Sally was also the first woman police officer for the City of Olympia. If the City of Tumwater has not publicly recognized the contributions made by local women then here could be an opportunity.
Sasquatch Park	Would be nice given the lore of WA state.
Schneider Park	Charlie Schneider is the reason this park has come to fruition and has been advocating this for years. I feel it's only fitting that he is represented to some degree.
Schneider Park	Charlie Schneider worked so hard on getting this park in our community.
Schneider's Park	In honor of Charlie and Nancy who have done so much for our community and city.
Shallon Park	Shallon (an alternative name for salal) is a plant native to the Tumwater area that grows and blooms in the spring and summer, just as this park is coming to fruition in the spring and summer
Starflower Park	
Stella Hope Park	It's my daughter name. I like the meaning of her name.
The Preserve Park	Because it is in the Preserve at Tumwater Place.
Tumchuck Park	I read that was Tumwater's name in Chinook Jargon. Tum comes from Tumtum = heartbeat / Chuck = water. Tumwater = Falling water that sounds like a heartbeat = Tumchuck.
Tumwater Place Park	Because it is in the Preserve at Tumwater Place.
Tumwater Reserve Park	
William Owen Bush	William was George & Isabella Bush's son who took over the successful Bush farm after his parents died. He won many prizes for the crops raised on his farm which was roughly located at the site of the Preserve Neighborhood. He was the first State Representative for our district and helped to promote the new state agricultural college in Pullman, known today as Washington State University.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: March 22, 2023  
SUBJECT: Trails End Park Master Planning

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1) Recommended Action:

Information Item

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2) Background:

The City has contracted with Robert W. Droll, Landscape Architect, to design the master plan for a new neighborhood park at the site of the former Trails End horse facility. This process will involve participation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the public. At this first planning and design meeting, the commission will be updated on the park site, components of a neighborhood park, and information on the neighborhood planning meeting that will be held on March 29.

It is anticipated that the Commissioners will attend the neighborhood planning meeting to discuss park development with local residents. This will be the first of two neighborhood meetings to develop the park master plan.

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3) Alternatives:

None

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4) Attachments:

A. None