

The Parks & Community Services Board approved these minutes on June 9, 2015.

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
April 28, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Grindeland, Boardmembers George, Heath, Kumar, Powell, Van Hollebeke

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Vice-Chair Evans

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Robin Haaseth, Nancy Harvey, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Brallier, Betina Finley, Arnold Gunderson, Steve and Sue Herber, Steve Kasner, Brandon Maxwell, Pam Toelle, Keith Ulrich, Rebecca Wiester, M.D., Kasia Wilk

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grindeland at 6:10 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Powell and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paul Brallier, 11021 NE 14th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Brallier requested that Bovee Park be renamed after something or someone local. He suggested that the park be renamed to Rhodie Burrows Park. Mr. Brallier explained that Mr. Burrows was the original owner of the park property and eventually subdivided the property. Mr. Brallier discussed Mr. Burrows' long legacy in the Northtowne community. In addition, Mr. Burrows was in the Battle of the Bulge; he was a Prisoner of War who escaped his captors; suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome from wartime, and was a true inspiration.

Although Mr. Brallier has the deepest respect for former Councilmember Nan Campbell, he feels that her legacy should be recognized with a larger-scale acknowledgement—not

a neighborhood park. In addition, Mr. Brallier clarified that Ms. Campbell's community was more the Crossroads neighborhood and not the Northtowne neighborhood.

Keith Ulrich, 11055 NE 14th Street, Bellevue, WA

At the time the Bovee Park was named, the area was known as the Ashwood neighborhood. Mr. Ulrich suggested that the Bovee Park be renamed to have a connection with the neighborhood. Therefore, he suggested renaming the park to Ashwood Park. However, he also expressed his support for Rhodie Burrows Park.

Steve Kasner, 1015 – 145th Pl. Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Kasner suggested that the Bovee Park be renamed to Nan Campbell Park to honor Ms. Campbell's impact on the community. Mr. Kasner shared a personal story about Ms. Campbell and views naming a park after her as a proper tribute to her legacy, particularly since opportunities for naming/renaming Bellevue parks are rare.

Arnold Gunderson, 11005 NE 15th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Gunderson expressed his support for renaming Bovee Park to either Ashwood Park or Rhodie Burrows Park.

Sue Herber, 1615 – 109th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Although Nan Campbell has done many wonderful things for the community, Ms. Herber explained that Ms. Campbell was not part of the Northtowne community. On the contrary, Ms. Campbell was a strong advocate for the CBD, which was against the Northtowne community. Ms. Herber expressed her support for renaming Bovee Park to the Georgia Zumdieck Park to recognize Ms. Zumdieck for being such a strong advocate for not only the Northtowne community but also for Bellevue.

Steve Herber, 1615 – 109th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Herber expressed his support for renaming Bovee Park to Georgia Zumdieck Park.

Kasia Wilk, 2425 SE 322nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Wilk expressed her appreciation for the decision to rename Bovee Park. She does not think that the park should be renamed after a person, particularly due to past circumstances. She suggested the following names: Pioneer Park, Founders Park, Holiday Hill Park, Heritage Park, Justice Park, Redemption Park, Children's Park, Hero's Park, Veterans Park, Survivors Park, Bellwoods Park, 108th Avenue Northeast Park, Evergreen Park, Artists Park, or Breadstick Park, to name a few.

Pam Toelle, 14541 SE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Toelle recommended that Bovee Park be renamed to Campbell Park to honor Bellevue's first woman mayor, Nan Campbell. Ms. Toelle discussed many of former City Councilmember Campbell's accomplishments and honors while on the City Council and encouraged Boardmembers to support this recommendation.

Dr. Rebecca Wiester, 2008 – 166th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Dr. Wiester recommended that Bovee Park be renamed in memory of Naomi Sugar, MD. Dr. Sugar dedicated her life to keeping children safe in her fight against child abuse. Dr. Sugar died from ovarian cancer in 2013. Dr. Wiester explained that Dr. Sugar was an attending physician at Harborview Hospital and Seattle Children's Hospital. She was nationally recognized and throughout her career took great pleasure in mentoring hundreds of professionals (police, social worker, lawyers, and child welfare advocates) involved in child health and welfare. In addition, Dr. Sugar wrote the Washington State guidelines for sexual assault evaluation and was well published. She also testified at dozens of criminal trials on behalf of her young patients, impressing juries with her knowledge and caring.

Betina Finley, 1216 – 108th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Although Nan Campbell had a wonderful legacy throughout the community, Ms. Finley does not feel that Bovee Park would be the appropriate venue to recognize her accomplishments. Ms. Finley feels that Former Councilmember Campbell deserves a greater legacy than a small neighborhood park.

Ms. Finley suggested that the Bovee Park be renamed to Holiday Hill Area Park. She also expressed her support of renaming the park to Rhodie Burrows Park or Georgia Zumdieck Park.

Ms. Finley requested that the Northtowne community be informed of the top three park name suggestions before a final decision is made.

Chair Grindeland reviewed Resolution No. 8229 which sets forth policies and procedures for naming public parks and recreational facilities. Criteria for choosing names listed in Resolution No. 8229 are:

- Neighborhood or geographical identification;
- A natural or geological feature;
- A 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.

Ms. Haaseth noted that the online survey for taking naming suggestions will be open from May 1-10. The top three selections will be reviewed at the next Park Board meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Kumar to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).