

RESOLUTION R -3215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
SETTING FORTH POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND PROCEDURES
RELATING TO THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARK PROPERTY AND
FACILITIES.

Whereas, the City Council believes that the designation of names for parks, recreation and other public facilities should be approached with caution, patience and deliberation; and

Whereas, the City Council further believes that the setting forth by resolution, certain policy considerations and procedures relating to the naming of public parks, recreation and other facilities, is in the public interest, now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. In the selection of names, to be used to designate City of Kirkland parks, recreation and other public facilities, it is the general policy of the City of Kirkland to choose a name for a site based upon the relationship of that parcel of land or facility to one of several criteria:

(1) Neighborhood or geographical identification (i.e., Houghton, Bridle Trails, Rose Hill);

(2) A natural or geological feature (i.e., Forbes Creek);

(3) Historical or cultural significance (i.e., Peter Kirk Park);

(4) An individual (living or deceased) who has given outstanding civic service to the park system, or donated substantial funds or land, or who has been otherwise instrumental in the acquisition or development of critical park acreage (i.e., Marsh Park). Parks or facilities shall not ordinarily be named for a living person, unless that person has made a significant and outstanding contribution of land, money or civic service. A waiting period of at least one year should expire before naming of a park or facility under the policy of this subparagraph.

(5) The wishes or preference of residents of the neighborhood surrounding the public park or facility should in all cases be considered.

Section 2. In establishing or designating the name of a public park, property or facility, the final authority on name selection is the responsibility of the City Council. In making such selection the City Council will normally consider suggestions for names received from organizations, individuals or neighborhoods and may request the park department or the park board to solicit such suggestions. The City Council will not make its final selection until after it has received the recommendation of the Kirkland Park Board.

Section 3. Following selection of a park or park facility name by the City Council, the park department will identify the specific park or facility by appropriate signing specifying the established name.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular, open meeting this 19th day of August, 1985.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of August, 1985.

Loris Cooper

 MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tom J. Johnson

 Director of Administration & Finance
 (ex officio City Clerk)