

SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES FOR
NAMING OF PARKS

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It is the policy of the City Council that the guidelines below be followed in the naming of parks:

II. PARKS TO BE NAMED AFTER PLACES AND FEATURE NAMES - (Priority #1)

- A. The name should reflect a recognizable area, neighborhood, street, or school in the community.
 - 1. The name should aid a person finding the park and should relate to the location name.
 - 2. When parks are adjacent to schools, or are a part of the school property, the park does not necessarily take on the school name. In some cases, however, it may be to an advantage to continue with the same name in order to aid in its location.
- B. Avoid the use of assumed names.
 - 1. A park should be named previous to acquisition or immediately thereafter in order to avoid being named after an assumed name, which may not meet the criteria for the permanent park name.
 - 2. Continuing with assumed names often leads to difficulty in changing the name which more properly meets the criteria for the permanent name.
- C. Naming parks with horticultural type names.
 - 1. Horticultural type names or features should be encouraged for park naming. Names such as Ferndale, Woodland, Forest, etc., often provide good names for park areas.
 - 2. This type of name should be consistent with the horticultural appearance of the park so as to have some logical relationship to the name.

III. NAMING PARKS AFTER MYTHOLOGICAL NAMES - (Priority #2)

- A. The mythological name must fit the general design and concept for the total park.
 - 1. Oftentimes, elements within a park will receive a mythological name to identify that particular segment, such as Atlantis Play Center.
 - 2. The mythological names should have a wholesome connotation and one which can be acceptable by the general community.
 - 3. The name should describe the total area involved.
- B. Parks can be named after a general theme.

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1. The theme adopted for the park should logically describe the entire park area.
2. Oftentimes, theme names are utilized only for certain elements or play areas in the park, rather than the total park.
3. A theme name should be used only when the total park is constructed commensurate with the theme name.

IV. NAMING PARKS AFTER HISTORICAL EVENTS - (Priority #3)

- A. The historic event must be of a major local or national significance.
 1. Such events as space missions, early settlement sites, discoveries, etc., would be satisfactory.
 2. The name should definitely tie in the park site with the event, if of local significance only.

V. PARKS TO BE NAMED AFTER PERSONS, UTILIZING PERSONAL NAMES
(Priority #4)

- A. Park areas donated by persons.
 1. The park could be named after the person if the major area of the park is donated by the person, or family.
- B. Naming parks for persons not donating park areas.
 1. The park could be named after persons living or dead, providing the following criteria are met:
 - (a) The person should be a Garden Grove resident who has gained national significance resulting from his public service.
 - (b) He should be as non-controversial as possible and held in high regard by the community.
 - (c) If not a local resident, the person should be recognized nationally for his significant contribution to the national public.
 - (d) The person should not be a contemporary local official. Naming parks after contemporary local officials should be avoided.
 - (e) If deceased, memorials could be named after persons of local significance and/or national significance.
- C. Parks should not be named after commercial businesses, even if land is donated by the business for park purposes. Personal names of businesses should be avoided.
- D. Total park areas would not be named after civic organizations; however, individual units within a park can be named as donated by civic organizations.
 1. The civic organizations often participate in the construction of units or elements in the park. These elements could be named after the organization, or in some way designate the organization as the donor.

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2. The park names should avoid giving the impression that the park is for use by a particular group or organization, such as Rotaryland, Girls' Park, Scout Haven, etc.