



CITY OF KIRKLAND

Department of Parks & Community Services

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To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director
Michael Cogle, Deputy Director

Date: August 27, 2015

Subject: Recommendation to Formally Name the North Juanita Open Space Tract as Josten Park

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Board and the Council Parks, Public Works, and Human Services Committee recommend that the City Council adopt the attached resolution formally naming the North Juanita Open Space Tract as Josten Park.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Over the past two years the Department of Parks and Community Services, including the Park Maintenance Division and Green Kirkland Partnership staff and volunteers, have been working to reclaim the North Juanita Open Space Tract for neighborhood use. Restoration work is ongoing, and installation of a small children's playground is scheduled for this fall.

In keeping with the City's Park Naming Policy (**Attachment A**), the Park Board and Department of Parks and Community Services solicited naming suggestions from the community for the City-owned property. **Attachment B** is a compilation of the correspondence that was received.

The following is a list of the names that were suggested:

- Josten Park
- Brambly Park
- Cavalier
- Cavalier Garden Park
- Cavalier Grove Park
- Cavalier Woods
- Elaine Cummins
- Escuchame or "Schoochy"
- Flowering Plum Park
- Friendship Park
- Generations Park
- Happy Church Park
- Happy Park
- Hidden Park
- Hubbard Play Field
- Juanita Garden Friendship Park
- Juanita Gardens
- Juanita Pocket Park
- Kids Community Park
- Langdon Park

- Neighborhood Park
- North Juanita Open Space Park
- One Acre Park
- Pharaoh Head
- Red Cedar Park
- Restoration Park
- Sather Park
- St. Elk

At their regular meeting in June, the Park Board reviewed the naming suggestions and voted to recommend Josten Park as the preferred name for the open space. The name is in honor of an early pioneering family in the Juanita area who originally owned the land where the open space is located.

The Park Board's recommendation was reviewed by the Council's Parks, Public Works, and Human Services Committee on August 5. The Committee concurs with the Park Board recommendation.

Once a name is approved, staff will proceed with procuring a park sign and will work with the neighborhood on a naming ceremony, to occur in conjunction with the Green Kirkland restoration efforts currently underway.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Park Naming Policy
Attachment B – Correspondence
Resolution

Attachment A

RESOLUTION R-4799

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS AND FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution R-3215, establishing policies and procedures relating to the naming of public park property and facilities on August 19, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board recommends updating the park naming policy to: (1) include procedures for naming a park or facility after a civic group or organization; (2) provide that a numeric designation will be used for new parks and facilities until a permanent name is selected; and (3) clarify that the naming of a park or facility should be considered permanent under ordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to set forth the policies and procedures for naming public parks and facilities by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. It is the general policy of the City of Kirkland to choose a name for a public park or facility based upon the relationship of the land or facility to one of several criteria:

1. Neighborhood or geographical identification (e.g. Houghton, Bridle Trails, Rose Hill, etc.);
2. A natural or geological feature (e.g. Forbes Creek);
3. Historical or cultural significance;
4. An individual (living or deceased) who has given outstanding civic service to the Kirkland park system, or has donated substantial funds or land to the Kirkland park system, or has been otherwise instrumental in the acquisition or development of critical park acreage (e.g. 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 a park or facility under the policy of this subparagraph;

5. A civic group or corporation whose mission statement is compatible with City goals and objectives and that has made a significant contribution of land, money or civic service to the Kirkland park system;
6. 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 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 Parks 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.

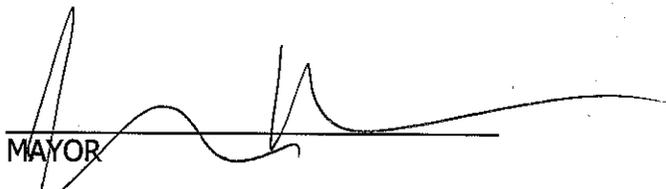
Section 3. Until a park or facility name is selected for a new park or facility, a numeric designation shall be used to identify the park or facility.

Section 4. Under ordinary circumstances, the naming of a park or facility should be considered permanent. Any proposal to change the name of a park or facility shall be subject to the procedures set forth in this Resolution.

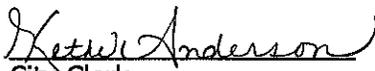
Section 5. Upon selection of a park or facility name by the City Council, the Parks Department shall identify the park or facility with appropriate signage specifying the established name.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of January, 2010.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of January, 2010.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk



HELP US NAME THE NORTH JUANITA OPEN SPACE

The Kirkland Park Board is seeking suggestions from citizens for the naming of the North Juanita Open Space Tract. The one-acre property, located on N.E. 129th Street between 111th Place N.E. and 112th Place N.E., has recently been reclaimed for neighborhood use through the restoration activities of local volunteers.

Neighbors and volunteers of all ages, organized by the [Green Kirkland Partnership](#), have spent several months clearing and cleaning up the site, removing invasive plants and planting native trees and shrubs. Children's play equipment will be added later this year.

Name suggestions should be submitted by email before June 1 to parkboard@kirklandwa.gov. Suggestions should be consistent with the City's park naming policy, which states that the name of a park or open space should be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) neighborhood or geographical identification;
- (2) a natural or geological feature;
- (3) historical or cultural significance;
- (4) an individual who has given outstanding civic service to the Kirkland park system, or has donated substantial funds or land to the Kirkland park system; and
- (5) a civic group or corporation whose mission statement is compatible with City goals and objectives and that has made a significant contribution of civic service, land, or money to the Kirkland park system.

The Park Board will forward a naming recommendation to the City Council for final approval this summer.

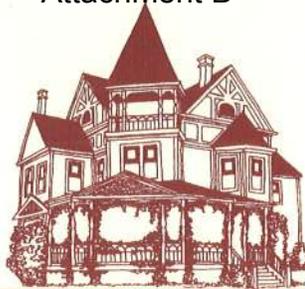


For more information contact Michael Cogle, Kirkland Parks & Community Services, at mcogle@kirklandwa.gov.

For more information about how you can volunteer at this Open Space, visit the City of Kirkland website at www.kirklandwa.gov and search "Green Kirkland Partnership".

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July 24, 2015



Kirkland Heritage Society

Kirkland Heritage Society supports the naming of the North Juanita Open Space Josten Park. Annie Josten, sister of Ole Josten, was the original homesteader of the land that contains the North Juanita Open Space.

Ole immigrated from Norway in 1868, settling in Chicago and establishing his trade as a Master Wood Carver. Marit joined him in 1869. After 10 years of engagement, they married in Chicago.

The 1971 Chicago fire not only destroyed Ole's tools but also his livelihood. Chicago was interested in rebuilding and not embellishing.

It was then that Ole and Marit took out a homestead in Minnesota. Both Ole and Marit grew up on farms and were able to provide for their growing family. But both summers and winters were harsh and Ole's health was a concern. With a family to support, they sold their farm in 1882 and moved to Hubbard as Juanita was called at that time. Because Ole was a Master Wood Carver he fell back on that occupation. There was a job waiting for him when he arrived.

Because Ole had already filed on a homestead in Minnesota, his sister Annie H. Josten filed a homestead for the family. It was then sold to Ole and Annie moved from the area.

As Ole and Marit's children grew up, they worked the land while Ole commuted to Seattle to work as a master wood carver. The Green Mansion in Seattle is a fine example of his detailed work. The 1889 Seattle fire destroyed much of his work as well as his tools ... for a second time.

The Josten family eventually owned even more land in Juanita and descendants of Ole and Marit Josten remain in the area. They are graduates of the Kirkland School District and the Lake Washington School District.

The Josten's are a pioneering family that remained and became the part of the fiber of this community. It would be wonderful to have the Josten family remembered by naming the park in their honor and memory.

Sincerely,

Loita Hawkinson, Past President

Kirkland Heritage Society



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NORTH JUANITA OPEN SPACE PARK NAMING SUGGESTIONS

From: Kelly Rovegno [mailto:kerovegno@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: North Juanita Open Space Name

Having grown up on 111th PL NE, I would like to suggest the name "Happy Church Park" to the Park Board. The Happy Church was a small non-denominational church that stood on the land that became 112th PL NE. Even for those who did not attend (I did not) The Happy Church was a landmark within Totem Lake, known for the funny and positive messages on their readerboard. Many of us in the neighborhood were sad to see it demolished. Naming the park after The Happy Church would be a good way for the City of Kirkland to honor the local history of the area.

Regards,

Kelly Rovegno

From: Kent Jonson [mailto:kjonson@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7:14 PM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: Naming of North Juanita Open Space

Dear Park Board Members: Please consider the names: Hubbard Play Field or Langdon Park

Thank you.
Janet Jonson

From: Bonnie Harpel [mailto:gidget142@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 12:06 AM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: NJOS Name Suggestions

Hello!

My name is Bonnie Harpel. I am one of the stewards of the NJOS. I would love to submit some suggestions for this lovely green space behind our house. They are in order by my preference. :)

Restoration Park- because of how drastic a change has taken place. What used to be an eight-foot thick mat of Himalayan blackberry canes is now open space and native plantings. I also like this name because it suggests healing for a neighborhood that was conflicted about the development of this space.

One Acre Park- Naming the park for its small size emphasizes how special and unique it is.

Red Cedar Park- for the well-established and beautiful Western Red Cedars in the space that are decades old.

Generations Park- for our hope that not only will all generations use and enjoy this park together, but that it would also *be enjoyed* for generations to come.

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Flowering Plum Park- for the large number of native Indian plums that actually survived the inundation of Himalayan blackberry.

Neighborhood Park- pretty generic, but has a sense of unity.

Cavalier Garden Park- super pretentious, but perhaps we could call it Caga (cah-gah)) Park for short? For the names given to the parcels by developers: Garden Gate and Cavalier.

-Bonnie

From: Dawn [mailto:maridwells@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 3:17 AM

To: Cheryl Harmon

Subject: Open Space park name reco

To whom it may concern,

Please find below a naming suggestion for the Juanita open space.

Suggested park name: Juanita Garden Friendship park

Why: the open space park is the connecting portal between the Juanita HS neighborhoods and Garden Gate community. The Garden Gate community was built into the established Juanita HS neighborhood in 2009. At the time of construction and into 2010/2011, Garden Gate homeowners encountered some negative sentiment from the established homeowners bordering the new build. The new homeowners were not embraced or welcomed to the neighborhood with open arms. However, with time and the mutual goal of developing the open space into a beautiful and safe community park, the neighborhoods began to blend, align & unite. Neighbors and other volunteers came together and spent several months clearing and cleaning up the site, removing invasive plants and planting native trees and shrubs. The result is a lovely community park where friends & family can gather. Naming the park 'Juanita Garden Friendship' is a tribute to both neighborhoods coming together as one in the name of friendship & community.

Suggested name is based on neighborhood or geographical identification AND historical or cultural significance, as per policy.

Alternative name suggestions:

- Friendship Park

- Juanita Gardens

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

M. Dawn Wells

13031 112th Ave NE

Garden Gate homeowner

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From: Connie Winter [mailto:cwinter@pacrimaero.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 8:31 AM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: name for North Juanita park

I suggest you use Cavalier – for the original plat name of the neighborhood.

Kind regards,

Connie Winter
Office Manager
Pacific Rim Aerospace
11321 NE 120th ST
Kirkland, WA 98034 USA
p 1.425.284.7300, f 1.425.284.7337

From: mansoor [mailto:mansoor.jafry@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: Suggestion on naming public open space in Juanita

Hello Park Board!

Hope all you guys are doing well. Saw [this article](#) on the Kirkland Reporter and wanted to pitch in with my suggestion.

Personally I think Pharoah Head is a fine name. It is a unique name that has relevance. I think it will intrigue people and lead them to finding out more about the story behind the name, and make them go "Oh yeah, it does look like a pharoah's head. How cool!"

Just my 2 cents.

Thank you once again for your persistent efforts in transforming it from an unusable piece of land to a natural escape where the neighbors can come together.

Thanks,
Mansoor

From: dougrough@aol.com [mailto:dougrough@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 9:43 PM
To: Michael Cogle; Cheryl Harmon
Cc: ken.albinger@gmail.com; edcolio@gmail.com; ejdarling@yahoo.com; brianmagee24@live.com
Subject: Re: Kirkland Neighborhood News: Kirkland Park Board seeks name for North Juanita Open Space

Michael Cogle and the Parks Board,

At the May 11 meeting of the Juanita Neighborhood Association names were suggested and a vote was taken on possible names for the "North Juanita Open Space" park: The winner, with nine votes was:

Happy Park

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(recognizing the former Happy Church at the site)

Runners Up:
Juanita Pocket Park
Hidden Park

--Doug Rough 425-821-5529 RoughHouse.org -- RetreatsAndReunions.com

From: c.bart@frontier.com [<mailto:c.bart@frontier.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Michael Cogle
Subject: North Juanita Open Space Name

You could name it Sather Park after the Pastor of the Happy Church.
Thank you,
Candice Bartleson

From: jaynamason@comcast.net [<mailto:jaynamason@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2015 8:37 PM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: North Juanita Open Space Park-Name Suggestion

Hello,

Our submission for the name of the North Juanita open space is St. Elk. We have come up with the this unique name for our lovely park from the history of this area. We have chosen the title "St." because the of Happy Church that was next to the park's land. We have chosen the term "Elk" because elk are native to Western North America. Also, elk tend to eat berries which means that they would also consume blackberries, and blackberries are very abundant in our neighborhood park.

Have a fantastic day! –North Juanita Open Space's dedicated volunteers :)

From: Jocelyn Sauze [<mailto:jocolato11@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2015 8:43 PM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Subject: Name Submission for North Juanita Open Space

Hello!

Our submission for the name of the North Juanita open space is St. Elk. We have come up with this name for the flourishing park based on the history of this area. We have chosen the title "St." because the of Happy Church that was next to the park's land. We have chosen the term "Elk" because elk are native to Western North America. Elk also eat berries including blackberries, and blackberries are abundant in our neighborhood park.

Have a great day!
- volunteers of the North Juanita Open Space

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From: "Whitney Taylor" <livin4liv@gmail.com>
To: "Michael Cogle" <MCogle@kirklandwa.gov>
Subject: naming Pharaoh Head Open Space

Dear Park Board,

I'd like to propose that Pharaoh Head Open Space be named after a community advocate who helped lead the efforts to secure the land as a green space - Elaine Cummins or the dog she walked that helped inform her views of the need for a more walkable community with open green space - Escuchame (Spanish for Listen to Me), aka "Schoochy". Elaine helped shape and lead the community based efforts to clear the land for the green space.

As a longtime resident of 26 years, Elaine was a continual presence in the city working on efforts to better Kirkland for all. In 2003, she along with city staff started the design of a walking map through her job at Public Health. The former city manager had seen walking maps in Europe and wanted something similar for Kirkland. As Elaine and the team mapped various neighborhoods, it became apparent that all of Kirkland wasn't equal in walkability (there weren't walkable areas to map!). Elaine teamed up with various city departments to increase the city's walkability and create a walking map of Kirkland (see attached).

Elaine began her advocacy for Pharaoh Head Open Space in 2003 from discussions with the Kirkland City Manager's Office on how to make available land into a green space. There was neighborhood opposition, but Elaine went to the City Park Board meetings monthly and coordinated with neighbors in favor of the open space. When word got out that Happy Church was selling the property to a developer and many of the neighbors surrounding Pharaoh Head rallied to stop the development.

Ms. Cummins knew that the neighborhood was out of compliance with their long range strategic plan of having open space within a quarter mile of each resident. Stopping growth was counterproductive to the city, and Elaine took a different stance during the public hearings on the development. She knew that green space was critical to residents' health. Elaine understood that in order to reduce obesity in the populations, having connected neighborhoods increased walkability.

Elaine spoke at the Council meeting the same evening that the Garden Gate developers presented the plans. She proposed that the developers reserve funds to develop the limited green space. This public airing of her opinion was a minority position. She was now walking a thin line between advocating for healthy environment and appeasing her neighbors.

In Summary, Elaine:

- * Advocated and followed the process to make Pharaoh Head Open Space for over 12 years,
- * Recognized the need for open space on a personal and policy level,
- * Educated neighbors on governmental processes, including long range planning and public hearings, city code and parks department standards,
- * Encouraged and informed neighborhood advocates on effective strategies to support city efforts,
- * Identified and resolved neighbors' concerns about the open space, and
- * Coordinated with city representatives.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal. Whitney Taylor

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From: Cheryl L. Harmon [mailto:raindigger@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 5:12 PM
To: Michael Cogle; Cheryl Harmon
Subject: Naming suggestion

Mr. Cogle and Park Board,

I wish to submit the suggestion of Brambly Park for the North Juanita Open Space. This name is submitted in honor of former Park Board Member Sue Keller and the young ladies who addressed the Board requesting that the "brambly" space be cleared of invasive blackberries so that it could be used as a park by those who live nearby.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Harmon
Juanita resident

From: Helen Rasmussen [mailto:hkatrat@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Cheryl Harmon
Cc: Marc Sauze; Helen Rasmussen
Subject: Name North Juanita Open Space

Hello,

I think NJOS should be named 'Kids Community Park' because the children of this neighborhood really helped to make this park an enjoyable and accessible green space. It is a park for everybody powered by kids, from toddlers to high school students.

Not only did the neighborhood children advocate for the open space to be developed into a park at various community and park board meetings, but these children work at many of the Volunteer Events, alongside their parents to remove blackberry root balls and to mulch and plant the area. We have kid-sized tools and gloves on-site, so they can help safely. The name 'Kids Community Park' would also be a nod to the 80 goats (kids are also baby goats!) that consumed the invasive Himalayan Blackberries, which prevented access to the open space.

The name 'Kids Community Park' would serve to remind everybody that anyone big or small can make a contribution to his/her neighborhood and the whole community benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helen Rasmussen

From: Loita Hawkinson [mailto:hawkdsi@ix.netcom.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Michael Cogle
Subject: RE: Kirkland Neighborhood News: Kirkland Park Board seeks name for North Juanita Open Space

Email content unrelated to park naming has been redacted.

Now...the Juanita Open Space. As near as I can tell, this was Annie Josten's homestead. I hope we have the homestead records at the hall. The Jostens came in 1882 and left a big print on Juanita. They married into the Langdon family and there are Josten descendents around. Would be lovely to have something named in their honor. So...I am thinking. The homestead record has Annie H Josten. We have history for an Annie R. Josten. Want to know if this was a transcribing error. If we have the actual record, we will be able to tell I hope.

Have a happy Saturday. Loita

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From: Bryce Figdore [mailto:brycefig@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2015 12:12 PM

To: Cheryl Harmon

Subject: Naming North Juanita Open Space

Hello,

I am submitting name suggestions for the North Juanita Open Space. My suggestions are "Cavalier Grove Park" and "Cavalier Woods". "Cavalier" is the legal description for neighborhood homes built during initial development in the 1970s.

Sincerely,

Bryce Figdore

12923 111th Pl NE

RESOLUTION R-5146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
NAMING A CITY OPEN SPACE AS JOSTEN PARK.

1 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is the owner of King County
2 Parcel Number 143790-0440, referred to as the North Juanita Open
3 Space Tract; and
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5 WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's policies for the naming of park
6 and recreation facilities the Park Board and Department of Parks and
7 Community Services solicited suggestions from interested citizens for an
8 official name for the North Juanita Open Space Tract; and
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10 WHEREAS, the City Council has received from the Park Board a
11 written report and recommendation on the proposed name for the North
12 Juanita Open Space Tract; and
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14 WHEREAS, in public meeting the City Council considered the
15 written report and recommendation of the Park Board.
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
18 of Kirkland as follows:
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20 Section 1. The Kirkland City Council adopts the name Josten
21 Park for the parcel formerly known as the North Juanita Open Space
22 Tract.
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24 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
25 meeting this ____ day of _____ 2015.
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27 Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____,
28 2015.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk