

# **NEIGHBORHOODS' PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING**

## **Mira Mesa Recreational Council Welcomes Your Participation**

Dear Mira Mesa Community,

The Mira Mesa Recreation Council is asking for your support on a very important issue in our community of naming and renaming of our community parks.

### **Background:**

In March and April 2016 meeting of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council (MMRC), actions were taken to approve renaming of the following parks after (2) Mira Mesa community leaders and who are also sitting members of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council :

1. Walker Park will be renamed JULIUS HITCHENS PARK after it is merged with the expanded & renovated Wagenheim playing fields.
2. Maddox Park will be renamed STEVENS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK after it is merged with the new Salk School park site.

After careful consideration, the Mira Mesa Recreation Council is revisiting its action by inviting Mira Mesa residents to participate in the process by giving input on whether or not name changes are necessary or renaming or naming of the parks following Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 as follows:

No. 1001 (Revised 11115/01)

### **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY**

**SUBJECT:** Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities

**BACKGROUND:** The public sometimes suggests that parks and recreation facilities be named after persons, living or dead.

**PURPOSE:** To provide a systematic procedure for the naming of parks and recreation facilities which will assist in their location by the citizenry, and to develop a method for the retention of names of historical or fiscal significance.

**POLICY:** As a general policy, parks and recreation facilities should be named to identify their locations. Especially for parks, the name of the community area, the names of nearby geographic features, the names of adjacent schools and street names should be given first consideration. However, they may also be named for individuals, living or dead, who are of historical significance to the local area or who have made major financial contributions in the opinion of the appropriate. Recreation Councils and/or other advisory bodies, Board committees and the full Board. Facilities within parks, (such as buildings, gyms, courts, .etc.) are more appropriate for naming after individuals than are parks. Renaming a facility for a person, when that facility is

already named for a person, should only be undertaken with the utmost consideration. Every attempt should be made to contact the person or heirs of the person for whom the facility is currently named, to present their views verbally, or in writing, at a public hearing.

**PROCEDURE:** The Recreation Council effected by the proposed name change, shall hold a public hearing to review the request and the supporting documents and information, and shall make recommendations to the Area Committees and the Park and Recreation Board on any and all recommended changes to the renaming of existing facilities.

### **How can you help?**

Based on the Park and Recreation Board Policy, please submit your name suggestions on the attached survey form that you feel appropriate for the newly renovated park to any of the following location:

- **Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Sr. Center - 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd.  
Directors Mitz Lee or Sandy Smith – (858) 560 – 5355**
- **Gil Johnson Recreation Center - 8575 New Salem St.Center  
Director Christian Haupt – (858) 538 – 8122**
- **Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park – 7245 Calle CristobalCenter Director - Trena  
Bennett – (858) 538 – 8171**
- **Hourglass Field Community Park -10440 Black Mountain Rd.  
Center Director - Denise Lamb – (858) 538 – 8150**
- **Or you may bringing the form to the Mira Mesa Recreation Council meeting – the  
second Tuesday of each month**

The completed forms will be submitted to Bruce Brown, Chairman of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council, and name suggestions will be announced during the communication section of the agenda at the beginning of each Recreation Council meeting.

The names that are submitted will be considered by the Recreation Council along with all the improvements, changes and additions to the project's General Plan Description (GDP). All name changes and project improvements will be discussed at the following Workshops:

- **Wangenheim-Walker Joint Use Workshop - January 10, 2017 (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM**  
– workshop to be held in the **Wangenheim Middle School auditorium** located at **9230 Gold Coast Dr.** Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the planning of this future park project.

Following this workshop there will be at least one possibly two more workshops with the consultants. These additional workshops will be announced in advance and posted on the Mira Mesa Recreation Council's website.

Once the Community is satisfied with the new GDP the Mira Mesa Recreation Council will vote on any and all changes (**including the name change**) at the **final workshop**. If approved by the Recreation Council the new GDP will then go to the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board for the first approval.

Since this project has a joint use agreement with SDUSD (property is owned by the School District) we will also need approval from the SDUSD – if a name change is proposed we will also have to go through the School District’s procedure to make sure it is OK with them before any changes are final.

We want to obtain the final approval in late 2017 or early 2018. We are hopeful to start construction in late 2018 or 2019 with the park opening in late 2019 or early 2020.

- **Salk/Maddox Neighborhood Park – March 14, 2017 (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM.** This is a follow-up to the first workshop that was held in August 2016 in the Salk Elementary School auditorium. The consultants that lead the workshop were selected by the City to help the Community develop a new GDP. The input and ideas of what the park should look like were given to the consultants by those in attendance at the August workshop.

At the next workshop the consultants will bring a “first draft” back to the Community to see if the plan they developed is what the Community had envisioned. At the upcoming workshop we will again ask for input from those in attendance trying to tweak this new plan to make sure the Community is satisfied. If not or if there are new ideas the Community would like to see the Recreation Council can request that they return one more time. That meeting will be **May 9, 2017**. It will be at **this final workshop** that the Mira Mesa Recreation Council will vote on the final recommendations (**including the new name for the entire park site**).

The majority of this project sits on City owned property. However, there is also a joint use agreement on this site as well (with SDUSD) to use 2.0 acres of the existing campus for the park during non-school hours. Accordingly we will also have to obtain approval for the new GDP and any name changes from the School District to comply with the agreement.

All of the Salk/Maddox Neighborhood Park workshops will be held in the **Salk Elementary auditorium located at 7825 Flanders Dr.**

It is our hope that construction on this project will be at the end of 2018 or the beginning of 2019 – with the Park opening in late 2019 or early 2020.

Hope to see you at the workshops!!

**The Mira Mesa Recreation Council**

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**PARKS NAME SUGGESTIONS**

Park #1

A new park is to be built by seamlessly merging the existing Maddox Park with the undeveloped property behind Salk School. This new park will include restrooms and off-street parking as well as shaded areas in addition to the existing amenities.

A suggested name for this new park is;

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Park #2

A new park is to build by seamlessly merging the existing Walker Park with the partially developed Wangenheim Fields. This new park will include restrooms, off-street parking, playground shade and a new vehicle entrance from Flanders Drive in addition to the existing amenities.

A suggested name for this new park is;

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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