



## **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Development & Neighborhoods Committee

**FROM:** Rick Still, Parks & Recreation Director

**BY:** Marlus Francis, Parks & Recreation Coordinator  
Robert Eaton, Parks & Recreation Manager

**CC:** Mayor Ekberg

**DATE:** September 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Park Naming Resolution

### **ISSUE**

Naming of an existing ball field at Joseph Foster Memorial Park at 13919 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South

### **BACKGROUND**

Councilmember Seal proposed the idea of naming a ball field at Foster Memorial Park to honor Councilmember Duffie's years of service on the council and to the community. Councilmember Duffie has served on the Tukwila City Council for 35 years and was a dedicated employee of the Tukwila School District for 21 years. As a City of Tukwila resident, he has been a steadfast advocate for Tukwila's parks as well as recreational activities. Because Councilmember Duffie lives particularly close to Foster Memorial Park and has always taken an active prideful role in the park, it seems as though this would be the perfect site to name a field in his honor. This idea was presented to the Parks Commission by Mayor Ekberg on April 12, 2017.

### **DISCUSSION**

City Council Resolution 1400 addresses the process for naming City property. For Parks, the names shall be recommended by the Park Commission to the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee. The following unranked criteria is used to guide the naming decision:

1. Geographical location
2. Historical considerations
3. Names of persons
4. Geological features
5. City identity and image

Where persons' names are used, they should be people who have made an outstanding contribution to the community, or whose names are of historical significance to the area, or who the City would like to recognize as an important influence in the area.

The Park Commission discussed this at the June 14, 2017 meeting and voted unanimously in recommending the name "Joe Duffie Field" to the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee.

It was also discussed that along with name signage of the field, that an additional sign referencing why the field was named after Councilmember Duffie be posted as well.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Minimal cost would include signage and possibly dedication ceremony.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is being asked to consider naming the field at Joseph Foster Memorial Park, "Joe Duffie Field" in honor of Councilmember Duffie's years of service to the community and forwarding to the September 25, 2017 Committee of the Whole and November 6, 2017 Regular City Council Meetings.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Aerial Map of Joseph Foster Memorial Park



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## **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, NAMING THE NORTHEASTERN BALL FIELD AT JOSEPH FOSTER MEMORIAL PARK AS "JOE DUFFIE FIELD."**

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Joe Duffie is retiring from the Tukwila City Council after 35 consecutive years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Duffie has served the Tukwila community with great compassion, enthusiasm, and devotion for over three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Duffie has been a tireless advocate for parks, recreation, and the children and youth of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 1400, which established policies for naming City property, requires that facilities only be named after people who have made outstanding contributions to the community, or who the City would like to recognize as an important influence in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Duffie has been both an outstanding and influential contributor to the City of Tukwila; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tukwila Park Commission has agreed that Councilmember Duffie should be honored by the naming of a City facility in his honor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The Northeastern Ball Field at Joseph Foster Memorial Park shall be named "Joe Duffie Field."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at  
a Regular Meeting thereof this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, City Clerk

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Dennis Robertson, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

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Rachel B. Turpin, City Attorney

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