



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Development & Neighborhoods Committee
FROM: Rick Still, Parks & Recreation Director
BY: Robert Eaton, Parks & Recreation Manager
CC: Mayor Ekberg
DATE: October 15, 2019
SUBJECT: Park Naming

ISSUE

Naming of a park parcel currently referred to as the S. 128th St Parcel.

BACKGROUND

On December 5, 2016 the City Council accepted a donation of certain real property located on the corner of South 128th Street and 37th Avenue South as seen on Attachment A – Aerial Photo. Since acceptance, the .37acre site has been unofficially referred to as the S. 128th St Parcel and is one of the three initial sites included in the implementation phase of the Green Tukwila Program. The site has an active stewardship group making significant improvements. This effort is led by local neighbor and Planning Commissioner Watters, who is the official park steward for the site. Parks and Recreation staff have been working closely with Ms. Watters to support her stewardship efforts. Park Commissioners have also been advocates and champions of the site and excellent work happening by the stewards.

Ms. Watters and the stewardship team asked that consideration be given, to name the site helping further identify it and set it apart as another public City of Tukwila park. Ms. Watters and her daughters, presented a list of names to the Park Commission at the October 9, 2019 meeting, they have been working on the site for the last two years, and highlighted their top two preferences. One of their recommendations is being forwarded by the Park Commission.

DISCUSSION

City Council Resolution 1400 addresses the process for naming City property. For facilities within the Parks & Recreation Department, the names shall be recommended by the Park Commission to the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee. The following unranked criteria are 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 names at the October 9, 2019 meeting and voted unanimously in recommending the name "Cottonwood Corner" as suggested by the park stewards of that site, and forwarding the recommendation to the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

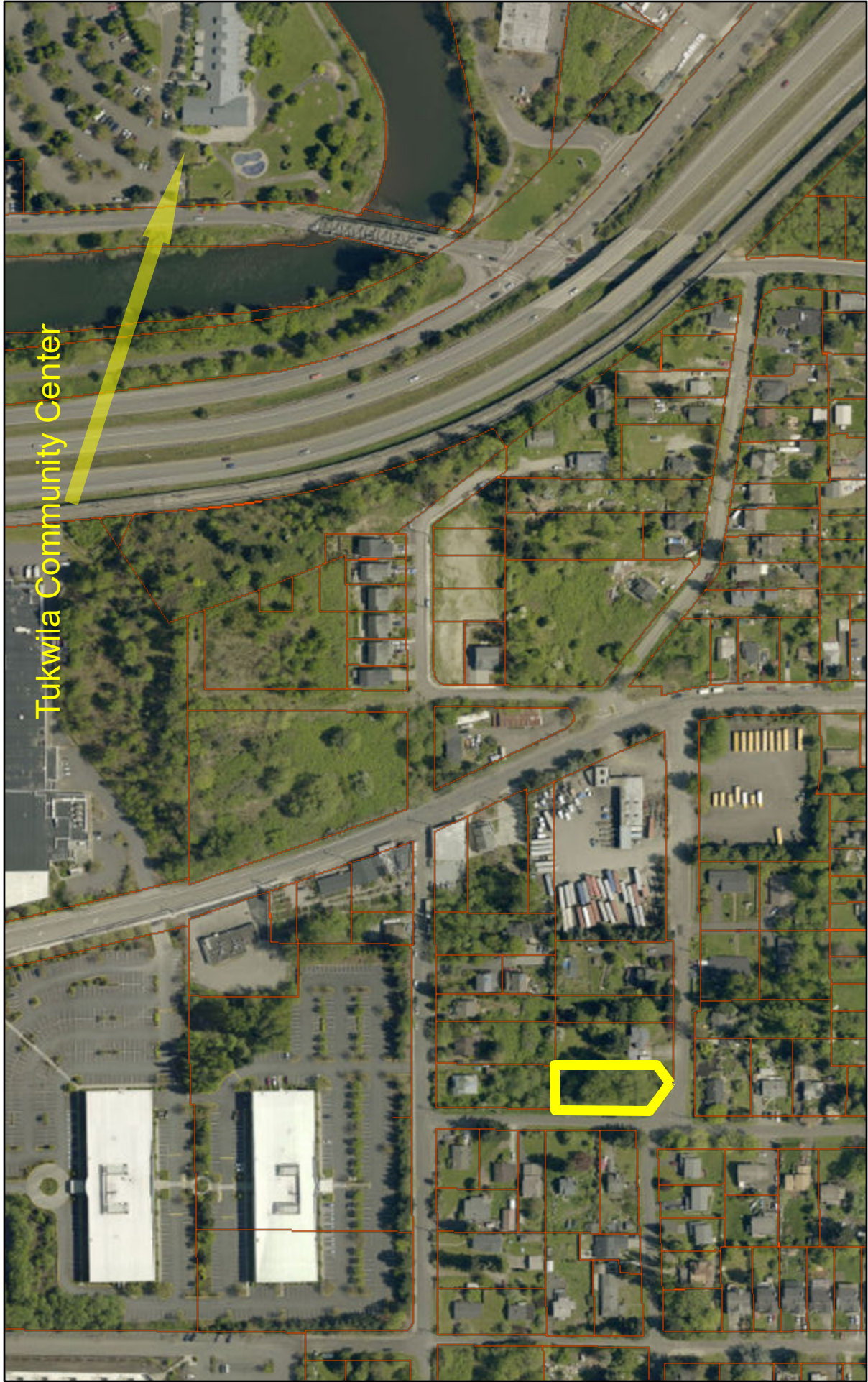
Estimated expenditure is \$2,500 for a name sign that will be funded from the Park Commission budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is being asked to consider naming the parcel located on the corner of S. 128th St and 37th Ave S. "Cottonwood Corner" and forwarding to the November 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole and January 6, 2020 Regular City Council Meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Aerial Photo
- B. Aerial 3D Photo
- C. Policies for Naming City Property - Resolution #1400
- D. Draft Park Naming Resolution



Tukwila Community Center

10/15/2019, 2:52:18 PM

Override 1 Override 1 Parcels

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Pictometry International Corp.

Large Cottonwood Trees are present on this corner parcel site.





City of Tukwila

Washington

Resolution No. 1400

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING POLICIES FOR NAMING CITY PROPERTY; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 981.

WHEREAS, Resolution 981 was passed in 1985 to set policies for naming City property; and

WHEREAS, since 1985 the City has grown, development has increased, and Resolution 981 no longer applies as effectively as it once did; and

WHEREAS, Tukwila has a rich history, an important location, and a number of individuals who have contributed to the City's development and enrichment; and

WHEREAS, naming of remaining property in Tukwila should be done in a fashion that is responsible and reflects a thoughtful and meaningful process;

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

Section 1. Authority to Name City Property.

A. The Tukwila City Council shall be the final authority in approving the names of City-owned real property.

B. New streets in the central business district and business/industrial areas shall be given grid numbered names in order to enhance quick response by public safety officials in emergencies and in order to facilitate access by the general public.

C. The City's Fire Marshal will approve the names of numbered City streets. The Administration will inform the Council of these names when approved.

D. The names of parks in the City shall be recommended by the Park Commission. Their recommendation will be forwarded to the Community and Parks Committee for consideration.

E. In all cases other than parks and numbered streets in the central business district, the Community and Parks Committee will recommend a name or alternative names for City Council consideration and approval.

Section 2. Criteria for Naming City Property.

A. Named City property and facilities including streets, parks, bridges, and facilities shall use the following unranked criteria to guide their naming decision:

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

B. 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.

C. When the name of City-owned real property or of a City facility is being changed, the City Council will delay a final decision for thirty (30) days after a recommendation from a Committee of the Whole is made.

Section 3. Repealer. Resolution 981 is hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 15th day of June, 1998.



Pamela Linder, Council President

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Jane E. Cantu, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

Office of the City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: 6-11-98
Passed by the City Council: 6-15-98
Resolution Number 1400

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, NAMING TAX PARCEL NO. 7345600722, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH 128TH STREET AND 37TH AVENUE SOUTH, AS "COTTONWOOD CORNER."

WHEREAS, Tax Parcel No. 7345600722, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of South 128th Street and 37th Avenue South, was accepted by donation in 2016 by the City into the City of Tukwila park system; and

WHEREAS, said parcel is a location providing natural play, exploration, and respite that has a high density of mature cottonwood trees on site and is ready to be identified and promoted as an open public space within the City of Tukwila park system; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1400, which established policies for naming City property, includes "geographical location" and "geological features" among the unranked criteria that may guide naming decisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila Park Commission made a unanimous recommendation of the name "Cottonwood Corner" to the Community Development and Neighborhoods Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the unranked criteria listed in Resolution No. 1400 and the Park Commission's recommendation before naming the park "Cottonwood Corner";

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

Tax Parcel No. 7345600722, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of South 128th Street and 37th Avenue South, shall be named "Cottonwood Corner."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at
a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, City Clerk

Kathy Hougardy, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

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Rachel B. Turpin, City Attorney