



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-080

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF CITY PARKS AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt a policy for the naming and renaming of City parks, recreational areas and other facilities owned and/or operated by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to ensure that the naming of parks, recreational areas and other facilities enhances and preserves a sense of community within the City; are consistent with the values and characteristics of the City; encourages and recognizes the contributions and donations made by individuals or groups and organizations; and considers the traditions and history of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the policy for the naming and renaming of City parks, recreational areas and other City facilities attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. All resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

ATTEST:



Amy M. Piukana/TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Bob Phelps, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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EXHIBIT "A"
Policy for the Naming of City facilities

1. Purpose: To establish consistent and systematic rules and procedures for the naming and renaming of parks, recreational areas and other City facilities by the City Council.
2. Scope: This policy shall apply to all City property, including buildings, parks, recreational areas and other facilities owned or controlled by the City (collectively "City facilities"). The naming of City streets is accomplished by the approval of plats in accordance with the subdivision regulations of the City. The renaming of a City street shall be done by ordinance approved by the City Council.
3. Process: The authority to name or rename City facilities is vested exclusively in the City Council. The City Manager, City staff and the boards and commission of the City do not have the authority to name or rename City facilities. The naming or renaming of City facilities shall be by resolution of the City Council. Citizens and the Parks and Recreation Commission may submit proposed names for City facilities consistent with this policy for consideration by the City Council on a form provided by the City staff. The City Council may, but is not obligated to, consider proposed names.
4. Qualifying Names and/or Criteria: The naming and renaming of City facilities by the City Council is restricted to the following criteria:
 - (a) Geographical location of the facility including descriptive names.
 - (b) An outstanding feature of the area. (example: hill, creek, vegetation)
 - (c) Commonly recognized subjects of historical significance such as: event, person (non-living), group, culture, or place.
 - (d) A person (non-living) or group who significantly contributed to the acquisition or development of City facilities.
 - (e) A person (non-living) who provided exceptional service to the City, the City park system, or the community as a whole.
 - (f) A person (non-living) whose contribution or significant gift is of a most extraordinary nature.
 - (g) Naming may not conflict with public grant funding policies established by state and/or federal grant funding programs.
5. Prohibitions:
 - (a) The naming of City facilities for, after, or in association with a living person, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, contraceptives, religious or political organizations, political candidates or persons with an adjudicated (conviction including probation and deferred disposition or deferred adjudication) felony or a crime of moral turpitude is prohibited.

(b) The naming of City facilities for, or after a living person is prohibited.

6. Renaming: The renaming of City facilities is discouraged but is considered appropriate when any existing name is inconsistent with Section 4 of this policy.