POCAHONTAS PARK NAME CONVERSATION

FEEDBACK AND ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Feedback Provided by Native Americans groups or individuals with expertise:

- Shannon Geshick, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council/Roseville Resident
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes, December 1, 2020.
 (Attachment 1)
- Wayne Ducheneaux, Native Governance Center
 - Notes from staff conversation (Attachment 2)
- John Bobolink, St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program
 - o Email submitted February, 2021 (Attachment 3)
- Roseville Area School American Indian Parent Advisory Committee
 - o Notes from staff attending meeting April, 2021 (Attachment 4)
- Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Group
 - o Letter from February 3, 2021 (Attachment 5)
- Feedback from Jerry Dearly, Lakota Elder
 - o Notes from conversation in August, 2021. (Attachment 6)

Several other groups and organizations were contacted but were not able to participate in the process.

Resources Compiled Related to this issue

- Research on who Pocahontas, the Person Was
 - o September 1, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting (Attachment 7)
- Reclaiming Native Truths Report: A national research project to foster cultural, social and policy change by empowering Native Americans to counter discrimination, invisibility, and the dominant narrative that limit Native opportunity..." (Attachment 8)
- Webinar: Why Treaties Matter, and How They Shape our Communities Today: Dr. Kate Bean, Martin Case.
- MN Historical Society Webinar: Reclaiming Bde Maka Ska.

Individual Feedback Collected

- Comment cards collected at various summer events (Attachment 9)
- Forms submitted from website (Attachment 10)

In-Person Engagement

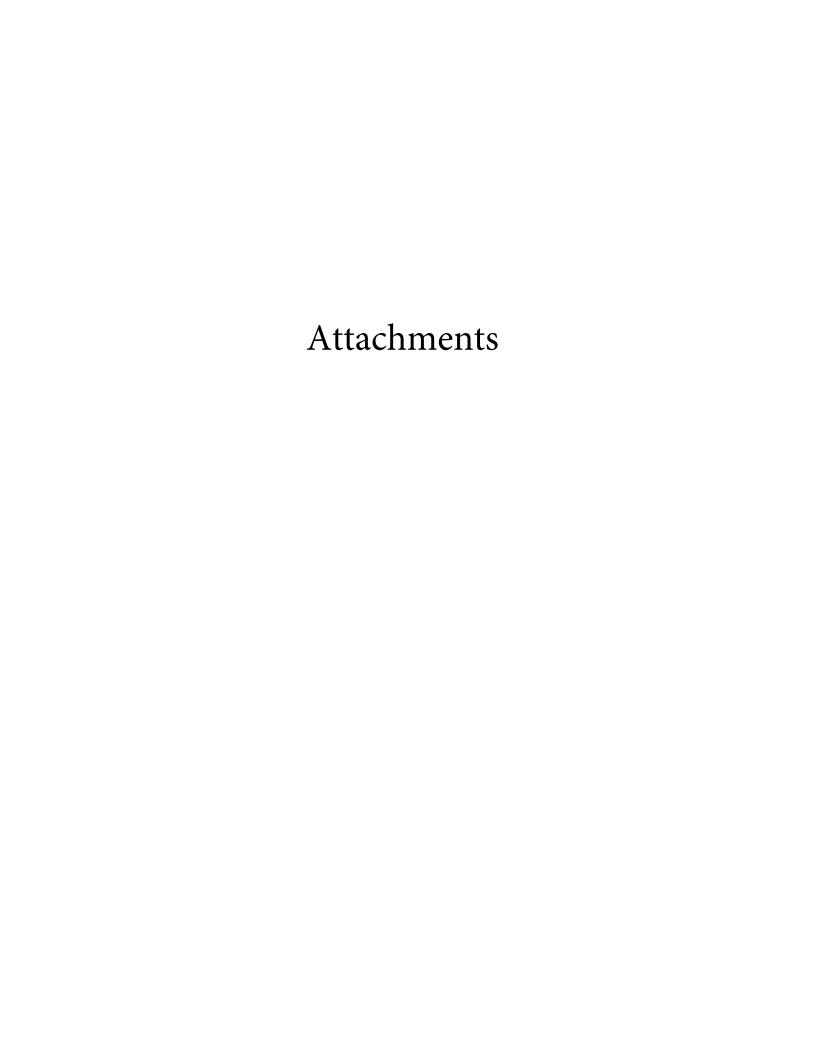
- Commissioners and staff were present at each Discover Your Parks event to provide information and hear feedback about the Pocahontas Name Conversation. Many of the feedback cards collected were from these events.
 - June 23 Villa Park
 - June 25 Central Park School
 - June 30 Applewood Park
 - July 7 Pioneer Park
 - July 21 Owasso Hills
 - o July 28 Evergreen Park
 - August 4 Pocahontas Park
 - o CP Victoria West
- Staff were present with an information board and flyer at the July 25 Indigenous Roots concert (Native American performance and dance) at Central Park.
- Boards, flyers and comment cards have been on display at facilities this summer.
- Commission plan development/discussion: September, October, November, December (2020), January (Joint meeting with City Council), February, April (2021).

Information/Notification

- www.cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark
- Article in City newsletter (Attachment 11)
- Press release/news update, July 21, 2021 (Attachment 12)
- Flyer included in Discover Your Parks Mailing (Attachment 13)
- Mailing to residents near Pocahontas Park, August 27, 2021 (Attachment 14)
- Press
 - o Fox 9, March 22, 2021 (Attachment 15)
 - o Star Tribune, August 3, 2021 (Attachment 16)
 - Other smaller news sources such as Patch have run items.

Other Relevant Items

- Roseville Racial Equity Narrative (Attachment 17)
- Roseville Community Aspirations and Inclusion Statement (Attachment 18)
- Pocahontas Park Engagement and Analysis Plan (Attachment 19)
- Roseville Parks and Recreation Naming Policy (Attachment 20)



ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR December 1, 2020, 6:20 m m

December 1, 2020 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Carlson, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Kim,

Lenhart, O'Brien, Stoner

ABSENT:

STAFF: Brokke, Christensen, M. Johnson

1) INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hoag introduced the virtual Zoom format for the meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. State Law allows for an exception to in-person public meetings during pandemics to ensure the safety of commissioners, staff and the public. The public was still encouraged to participate in the meeting using the Zoom platform.

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Carlson, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Kim, Lenhart, O'Brien, Hoag, and Stoner.

Chair Hoag called for public comment by members of the audience. No one indicated a desire to speak.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING

Vice-Chair Dahlstrom moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lenhart seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, O'Brien and Stoner.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Heikkila.

4) POCAHONTAS PARK NAME DISCUSSION

Staff began with a review of the previous background that the Commission has completed on the Pocahontas Park name discussion, including:

- Reviewing the history of Pocahontas
- Utilization of the Government Alliance of Racial Equity (GARE) Racial Equity Toolkit as the framework to examine the issue
- Identifying and agreeing upon engaging the communities that are directly impacted by the name

 Utilizing the process as a potential opportunity to educate the Commission and community on Native Americans in Minnesota

As part of the process it was identified to reach out to members of the Dakota Tribe as the land would have been theirs historically.

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director of the MN Indian Affairs Council, founding member of the Roseville Indian Affairs Parent Committee, a consultant with the St. Paul School District Indian Education Program as well as a Roseville Resident was introduced to the Commission by staff. Ms. Geshick thanked staff for the introduction and also added that she is a mother, grandmother and a member of the Bois Forte Band from Northern Minnesota. She relayed that she was very appreciative of the outreach that the Commission has already done. In addition, she reiterated that the Dakota should be included in the discussion as Pocahontas Park would be on their ancestral land.

Geshick relayed that Pocahontas is not a villainous character. However, there is a concern of historical inaccuracies, as the victor has the advantage of telling the story. To address this there has been a push for updating stories with truth telling that would highlight multiple perspectives. In addition, she shared that a conquered people can sometimes be seen as "mythical people" instead of modern people. However, indigenous peoples are doctors, lawyers, etc. all living current lives. She explained that this could be a good opportunity to tell a shared story and bring indigenous peoples into modernity.

Commissioner Stoner asked if the name should honor an indigenous person.

Ms. Geshick relayed that she only speaks on behalf of herself, she acknowledged that she feels that reclaiming the name and honoring what it once was is a good idea. She stated that she did not know Roseville's naming policy. However, she offered using the name of a Dakota person such as Lieutenant Governor, Peggy Flanagan. She also added the idea of "#landback" which would give the land back to the Dakota people.

Chair Hoag questioned if the name needed to be changed if an educational component was added at the park.

Ms. Geshick responded that she does not find the name Pocahontas personally offensive. However, she noted that there is a thriving Native American community/culture and history in MN that could be reflected in the name and this could potentially be a good opportunity for this teaching.

Commissioner Dahlstrom asked Ms. Geshick how you give historical significance to a place without losing the education of modern indigenous people.

Ms. Geshick responded that there are multiple avenues to historical knowledge. However, an acknowledgement that indigenous people are still here is important with projects

Commissioner Baggenstoss added that indigenous people are not only modern but are a valuable piece of the world. He acknowledged that Roseville has the opportunity to do the right thing and get in front of the discussion as it pertains to the name Pocahontas.

Commissioner Arneson suggested having a QR reader at the park to connect park-goers with educational information about the native people who originally lived on the land.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that she has read much of the information put out by the Roseville Historical Society. However, she relayed that it generally all starts with Rose Township. She stated that she would like to read about the Dakota people who were here originally. She added that partnering with indigenous communities to provide educational experience at the park would be a great opportunity.

Ms. Geshick commended the Commission for the work they have done already. She said that any recommendations that she would have offered (include the native voice, contact native agencies, include the Dakota Tribe) have already been addressed by the Commission.

Staff asked Ms. Geshick what Parks and Recreation can do to further the narrative that indigenous people are still here as a modern people.

Ms. Geshick responded that the Commissioners has already discussed some great ideas such as: Using the QR code to connect to a website that has historical and current information, include tribal nation information, and highlight current indigenous people. She noted that Roseville could be a model for other cities.

Commissioner Heikkila recognized Youth Commissioner Andrew Kim who brought this topic to the Commission originally.

Former Mayor, John Kysylyczyn, provided a review of Roseville City Code 204 and 205 to the Commission. He relayed that it appears to him that much of the information in the Pocahontas Name Process falls under 205 and may fall under the Human Rights Inclusion and Engagement Commission (HRIEC). In addition, he noted that he does not believe that a Commission has the authority to engage other sovereign government bodies, discuss reparations or land donations. In addition, he noted that historical research would be done by the Roseville Historical Society.

Kysylyczyn noted that he does not have any evidence of historic settlements on the specific piece of land that Pocahontas Park sits on. He acknowledged that per the Roseville Park Naming Policy parks

are only named after fallen Roseville officers. Kysylyczyn brought up different examples of parks that would need to be revisited if the park naming policy is no longer followed and parks are named after people other than fallen Roseville officers. He noted that there is a specific naming policy and he feels that the Parks Commission is obligated to follow that. Finally, he cautioned the Commission that he feels members of the City Council may not appreciate the Commission engaging other sovereign governments without approval.

K. Vandre, Thanked Ms. Geshik for being at the meeting. She relayed that she lives in the Pocahontas park neighborhood and she does not feel comfortable using the name of the park. She relayed her appreciation to the Commission for taking up the issue. Also, she pointed out that if we are worried about policies, Pocahontas was a real person. Therefore, if we are worried about having parks named after people, and following policies, the park name should be changed. She also relayed that the HRIEC should be involved in this process. In addition, she felt that the public should be allowed to have a voice. She concluded by stating that the people whose land was taken should especially have a voice in the discussion and not including them would be wrong.

Commissioner O'Brien reconfirmed that the Commission is thinking about a strategy that would be proposed to the City Council and is currently in the information gathering stage. Staff confirmed that is where the Commission is at with gathering information to present at a joint meeting with the City Council in early 2021.

Commissioner Baggenstoss added that there is nothing wrong with bringing new voices to the table and asking questions. He added that if in the end, the worst thing to come out of all of this is that more people believe in government, the Commission is on the right track.

The Commission discussed next steps in the process, including reaching out to representatives of the Dakota Nation and the Roseville Historical Society. They also discussed meeting with the City Council and if any additional information was needed prior to that meeting.

Commissioner Stoner noted that he would like to potentially have this as a topic next month, if possible.

Staff clarified the process and reasoning for having a joint meeting with the City Council as a next step, as it will ensure clear communication, guidance and support for the renaming of Pocahontas Park to the Commission.

5) ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION EDUCATION PRIMER

Commissioner O'Brien suggested updating the reference to "pocket parks" on page 6 to the specific names of the parks (Midland Gardens Park and Unity Park).

6) **STAFF REPORT**

a) NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS

- As part of the four week pause that started on November 20 all park buildings, facilities and inperson programs are closed until December 18. Parks, playgrounds and trails are still available for residents to use.
- Cedarholm Golf Course is still open and will remain open, weather permitting.
- Cross country ski trails will be groomed at Cedarholm and Acorn Park once the weather allows. Ski and snow shoe rentals will begin out of City Hall at that time as well.
- The outdoor neighborhood skating rinks are beginning to be flooded by maintenance staff. The determination has not yet been made on opening warming houses. Extra benches will be placed outdoors at the rinks.
- Virtual programs are still taking place during this pause time.
- Deer reduction letters have gone out to residents to notify them of the program with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program will begin in the coming days with the USDA baiting and monitoring the sites.
- The winter/spring brochure will be included in the City Newsletter again. It is anticipated to be in houses around January 1, 2021.

7) **OTHER**

Commissioner Arneson asked how the snow and ski rentals will work with COVID-19. Staff responded that residents would call in and pay via credit card to confirm their rental. Once they arrive their rental order would be brought outside and placed there for them to pick up. Staff noted that this process is in the finalization stage and may have some updates prior to going live.

Commissioner O'Brien inquired if the Commission would be reviewing the Natural Resources Program in January. She added that it may be a good idea to invite the four volunteer leaders to the meeting.

Chair Hoag asked staff if Cedarholm has been open in December previously. Staff confirmed that it has.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION WITH WAYNE DUCHENEUX, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIVE GOVERNANCE CENTER

Notes taken by Matthew Johnson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Phone Conversation, December 1, 2020

Comments made by Wayne:

- The Parks and Recreation Commission deserved praise for taking on this issue and that that showed a level of cultural awareness.
- Emphasized that the most important thing is that the Commission is transparent with their process. In his experience, trying to hide anything when discussing an issue like this, regardless of whether well-intentioned, will yield distrust.
- Also emphasized that it is important that the commission is accurate and thoughtful when sharing why this is being considered and with all messaging.
- The name Pocahontas is not necessarily offensive to him personally, but the Pocahontas imagery that most people know is based upon mis-information or stereotypes and is likely not helpful to native communities. He also mentioned that Pocahontas has no ties to Minnesota, so the name doesn't seem to make much sense in Minnesota, regardless of original intention.
- Recommended review of Reclaiming Native Truths research study on native identity and representation in modern media.
- Recommended hearing from Dakota representatives since the land that the park is on was likely Dakota land.
- Cautioned that although this issue is important, the Commission should be respectful of Native American's time. This likely will not be as high of a priority for Native American representatives as it is for the Commission, though that shouldn't be interpreted to mean they do not care or support the efforts. He also mentioned that the COVID-19 Pandemic has hit the Native American Communities hard and that that may be impacting some people's ability to respond or participate in the conversation.
- Cautioned that these issues inflame tension and no matter where the commission lands, there will likely be unhappy people on both sides. Encouraged the commission to follow their process, make a sincere effort to understand the native American perspective and be transparent when making their recommendation.
- In closing, Wayne reiterated his appreciation that the Commission is examining this issue and for the thoroughness of the proposed process.

From: <u>Darrell Baggenstoss</u>

To: Lonnie Brokke; Matthew Johnson

Subject: John Bobolink at Saint Paul Public Schools

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 3:09:57 PM

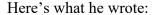
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Hello Lonnie and Matthew,

In December, I was able to communicate with John Bobolink at SPPS. First of all, he is awesome. Call me if you need or I would imagine you can feel free to contact him as well. Cheers and Happy New Year!

Darrell

Contact Info: John Bobolink



Boozhoo Darrell,

My apologies for the delayed response, but thank you for reaching out and for your efforts to include unheard perspectives.

I am happy to share my personal perspective on the idea of renaming the park and hopefully can direct you towards others that may share their perspectives as well.

I personally do not see anything offensive about the name Pocahontas Park, Pocahontas was an actual person and by naming the park after her only serve to memorialize her. Although I do wonder why her name was chosen to name a local park as I know she is not a member of any local Tribe but rather, originates from the East Coast.

I do however understand how other Native perspectives may view the park's name as offensive. The image of Pocahontas and her social representation within our society has been grossly distorted and highly sexualized through American media to the point that her name can trigger a sense of offensiveness for some Native people.

That's one end of the spectrum, on the other end some Native people may not

feel any offense at all, but rather view it as an honoring in some way.

As you explore this renaming idea, I would suspect you will hear strong opinions from both side of the spectrum. This is not that dissimilar from the recent name change from the Washington Redskins to the Washington Football team. Strong opinions were expressed from both sides, but all have seemed to accept that change once it had been made.

Roseville and Pocahontas Park exists on the traditional homeland of the Dakota people. I could see an argument made that Pocahontas is not local and that the Roseville Parks and Rec wishes to honor the local Native Community as a rational for a name change. This would bypass any debate surrounding offensiveness as a rational, that is at least among the Native perspective.

I would further suggest that the park's name be replaced with a name originating from the Dakota language. Local Dakota historians and language speakers can be a resource for identifying an appropriate name and spelling. If you do chose this option, be prepared to hear strong opinions from outside of the Native community.

A local example of this name change can be found in the name change from Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska or the addition of the Dakota language to Fort Snelling to include at Bdote. Two excellent examples of places that struggled with the complexities of a simple name change.

My advice would be to pursue the name change, but be clear with the rational for this change and articulate that rational well, you will face opposition from all sides. By changing the name, it demonstrates the Roseville Park and Rec's desire to be more inclusive of all cultures, conversely if Parks and Rec does not choose to pursue a name change it could send the message that Park and Rec accepts and condones the historical misrepresentation of Native American people.

Others Native American groups you may seek out for their opinions are the Roseville Area Schools Indian Education Office and the Parent Committee they work with, the state office of Indian Education at MDE, or the MN Indian Affairs Council. These are just a few suggestions off the top of my head, I can assist to identify other groups if needed.

I do hope this response helps you in your efforts, please feel free to call or email if you have any question or need further assistance,

Notes from Roseville (ISD623) American Indian Parent Advisory Meeting Regarding Pocahontas Park

Meeting Attended by Matthew Johnson on April 20, 2021

- The committee is appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the approach to examining the name.
- The committee as a whole recommended changing the name out of concern for:
 - a perpetuation of a native American stereotypes that is counter to modern Native Americans
 - the Disney movie associated with the name promotes sexualization of native American women. The committee noted that there are significant issues with sex trafficking and exploitation of Native American women.
 - the fact that Pocahontas doesn't have ties to MN
 - One member mentioned that it's possible that the name could stay with a plaque that tells accurate history. All others felt changing was appropriate.
- The group advised that if the name is changed, it may be prudent to utilize
 a name that complies with the Parks and Recreation policy but is in the
 Dakota Language. They recommended checking with the Dakota people
 and/or the University of Minnesota Dakota Language expert for ideas. They
 did not have any specific ideas.
- They stated that the University of Minnesota helped them come up with a name for the new Anpetu Teca Education Center.



METROPOLITAN URBAN INDIAN DIRECTORS GROUP

February 3rd, 2019

Mayor Roe and Roseville City Council Members:

This letter has been written on behalf of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Group (MUID) – a collaborative of over twenty-five American Indian organizations operating within the Twin Cities metropolitan area of Minnesota (*please see the attached organizational listing*). This letter is written in support of Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission's proposed *Pocahontas Park Name - Community Engagement and Analysis Plan* introduced to the City Council on January 25th, 2021, with the ultimate goal of renaming Pocahontas Park.

Metro Urban Indian Directors (MUID) is a network of Native-led organizations serving the Urban Indian Community in the Twin Cities. Nearly 30 years ago, the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) group was formed by Executive Directors of American Indian organizations in Minneapolis to support each other in their work providing services to the American Indian Community. Today, the work of MUID is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Minneapolis and a Memorandum of Agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools.

MUID supports the renaming of Pocahontas Park for many reasons. First and foremost, Pocahontas did not come from a tribal nation affiliated with what is now known as the state of Minnesota, but from the Pamunkey Tribe of what is now known as the state of Virginia. Additionally, Pocahontas has been over sexualized and stereotypically used in media in ways that degrade Native women and feeds into the harmful stereotypes of sex servitude, exotic fetishism, and sexual violence. This is illustrated by the current crisis of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Finally, renaming this park provides an opportunity to truly honor this place with a name that centers around the landscape and/or the original people of the land where this park is situated. The renaming process also serves as an opportunity for education and collaboration.

Renaming local sites with processes and names that truly honor and involve the original people of this land is a powerful action of reconciliation. By naming or renaming places with Indigenous place names, the original people of this land can reclaim their relationship to these spaces that hold their cultures and languages, which have barely survived government imposed forced assimilation and genocide. Indigenous place names can represent important historical events and legal principles, such as the case with some creation stories. They can convey important features of the site and teachings on how to live in good relations with others and the land. There is a strong connection between the re-establishment of Indigenous place names, and the revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures.

In an effort to support this re-naming process, MUID is happy to make the following recommendations for engaging the Native American community in this process:

- Connect with local, federally recognized Dakota communities (Prairie Island Indian Community, Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Upper Sioux Community) to share work to date and garner feedback
- Connect with urban American Indian groups like MUID, Saint Paul Indians in Action (SIA), and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Urban Indian Advisory Board to share work to date and garner feedback
- Connect with your local Roseville school district's American Indian education department and staff
- Formation of a Native-led park name recommendation committee with stipends that honor the time and knowledge of committee members (interested individuals may be identified through the above engagement process)

We thank you for the work you are doing in your community to make this park a place that is welcoming to all members of the Roseville community and its visitors.

Pidamaya yedo/Miigwech/Wibthaha/Pinigigi/Thank you,

Letter Authors: Maggie Lorenz

Executive Director & Wakan Tipi Center Director

Marissa Cummings

President and CEO – Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC)

SIGNED BY THE FULL MUID MEMBERSHIP

Listing of Voting Member Organizations within the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Group:

- 1. Ain Dah Yung Center
- 2. All Nations Indian Church
- 3. American Indian Community and Development Corporation
- 4. American Indian Family Center
- 5. American Indian OIC
- 6. Bois Forte Urban Office
- 7. The Circle Newspaper
- 8. Division of Indian Work
- 9. Fond Du Lac Urban Office
- 10. Indian Health Board
- 11. Indigenous Peoples Task Force
- 12. Little Earth of United Tribes
- 13. MIGIZI Communications
- 14. Mille Lacs Band Urban Office
- 15. Minneapolis American Indian Center
- 16. Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- 17. Mni Sota Fund
- 18. Native American Community Clinic
- 19. Native American Community Development Institute
- 20. Nawayee Center School
- 21. New Native Theater
- 22. Red Lake Twin Cities Embassy
- 23. Upper Midwest American Indian Center
- 24. Wakan Tipi Center
- 25. White Earth Nation Urban Office

Listing of Ex-Officio Member Organizations within the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Group:

- 1. City of Minneapolis American Indian Community Specialist
- 2. Hennepin County Medical Center American Indian Advocate
- 3. Minneapolis Public Schools Department of Indian Education
- 4. Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION WITH JERRY DEARLY

Thursday, August 19 – 6:30pm

Notes by Matthew Johnson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

- Jerry is a Dakota elder.
 - o Former teacher in St. Paul Public School
 - Wrote a book about the Dakota Language
 - o Regional Pow Wow Announcer

On the Current Name

- Jerry feels that "changing the name would be really good." Said that Pocahontas is "almost a comic book representation of Native Americans" and doesn't reflect actual Native American culture.
- Likens the name to a name like "Indians" which may not be offensive in isolation, but leads to stereotyping and overgeneralization in practice.
- Jerry is appreciative of the Commission for reviewing this item and said that it is indicative of a culture that has grown more aware of unintended consequences.

On a Possible New Name if Pocahontas is Changed

- "That should be up to community and commission." He said that if he would like him/others to weigh in on some possible options, he would be happy to do so/facilitate but didn't feel it was appropriate for him to pull a name out of thin air.
- Said that there are many names in Minnesota already derived from Dakota and/or Native American language including Minnesota itself.
- However, he didn't have a strong opinion on whether a Dakota word or recognition would be appropriate.
- Jerry said if schedules can be worked out, he may be willing to attend a meeting or speak with members of the commission
- He also mentioned that there is a gathering in St. Paul on Indigenous People day, and that might be a good opportunity for Commissioners to connect with some indigenous people.

- Projects to help phosphorous levels in Bennett Lake include:
 - o Fountain in Frog Pond
 - o Bubbler Aeration in Bennett Lake (2021)
 - o Carp barriers in Frog Pond
 - o Filtration basin at Willow Pond
 - o Porous Pavers at Cedarholm
 - o Chloride reduction via road salt management during winter

For more information <u>www.RWMWD.org</u> has great resources on shallow lakes and Bennett Lake specifically.

The Commission discussed new projects, algae blooms, education for residents on the adopt-a-drain program and Carp reduction.

Commissioner Brown suggested a Carp fishing tournament at Lake Bennett.

6) **STAFF REPORT**

a) HISTORY OF THE NAME POCAHONTAS AS A PERSON

Pocahontas Park was named in the 1960's after Pocahontas who was a prominent Native American figure.

- Who was Pocahontas
 - o A member of the Powhatan tribe
 - Born 1956(?) 1617
 - Daughter of Chief of Powhatan tribe
 - Associated with the settlers at Jamestown
 - Married an English settler named John Rolfe
 - Went with Rolfe to England in 1616 and died prior to departing on her return trip in 1617
 - Significant figure in American pop culture
- Traditional Narrative
 - o 1607: Colonists arrive, early interaction between Pocahontas and Smith
 - o 1609 1610: Colonists starve
 - o 1610 1613: Tensions/fighting occurs between the Powhatan and colonists
 - o 1613: Pocahontas captured as a prisoner
 - 1614: Pocahontas learns Christianity marries John Rolfe and adopts the name Rebecca. Pocahontas and Rolfe have a child, Thomas.
 - o 1616: Couple heads to England and Pocahontas becomes a symbol of peace between the settlers and "Indians"
 - o 1617: Pocahontas dies

- o After Pocahontas' death, war resumes
- o Takeaways:
 - Bridge between two cultures
 - Story of peace
- Powhatan Version of Events
 - o Pocahontas name
 - o 1607: Native people offer to help starving colonists
 - o Early interaction between Pocahontas
 - Pocahontas could not have/did not save John Smith
 - o 1609 1610: Colonists starve
 - o 1610 1613: Tensions/fighting occurs between the Powhatan and colonists
 - o 1912 1913: Pocahontas marries Koccum, has a child
 - o 1614: Pocahontas kidnapped, husband killed and forced to give up her first child
 - o 1616: Marriage to Rolfe, child Thomas born
 - O 1616: Trip to England. We can "civilize" Native Americans. During her time in England Pocahontas learned that England plans to send many more settlers to grow tobacco. She says that she will tell her tribe of these plans.
 - o 1617: Pocahontas dies. Speculation that she may have been killed before she returned to the United States in order to prevent her from providing her tribe with the information she learned while in England.
 - o Publication of English narrative occurs after Pocahontas and many other key players have died.

Commissioner Heikkila questioned what the city's policy is for naming parks after people. Staff responded that it is currently significant contributions.

Commissioner Arneson noted that if a park name brings bad feelings or shame and it is not related to Roseville he agrees with looking into the process of changing its name.

Commissioner O'Brien relayed that it is appropriate for new names or renaming of a park to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission. She cautioned the Commission to carefully consider how to rename the park. If choosing to consider continuing with a name that honors our native population the Commission should speak with appropriate tribal leadership and gain their input. However, it may also be good to consider using the current criteria laid out in our guidelines so as to avoid potentially choosing a name that could become controversial in the future as peoples viewpoints on names and events change over time.

Chair Hoag requested that staff provide an engagement process and name change recommendation timeline.

Chair Hoag also noted that the Commission received two electronic messages that had similar sentiment to all of the community members who commented at the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Baggenstoss said that he felt it was a good time for the Commission to do some listening to our indigenous community members.

Commissioner Stoner commented that he felt park names serve the main purpose of helping to identify and differentiate parks within the community. If this specific name is causing concerns it should definitely be changed. Youth Commissioner Carlson agreed as it does not meet the current park naming criteria and people are asking for the change.

Commissioner Baggenstoss said that he is excited to bring a decision that is honored and brought forth from an underrepresented group. Also, he reinforced that this will need to be a responsible decision. Not a decision that feels like it is "ours".

The Commission discussed timelines and process for potentially changing the name of Pocahontas Park.

Commissioner O'Brien commented that it could be decided at tonight's meeting that the Commission would like to move forward with changing the name of Pocahontas Park. In addition, it could be decided if the name should be a generic name or if it should honor a group of people/idea.

Commissioner Hoag cautioned moving forward with any decisions this evening without a timeline from staff on next steps.

Staff reminded the Commission that they are a recommending body and that the first step of any timeline would need to be understanding if this is something that the City Council would be interested in changing.

Commissioner Baggenstoss reiterated that the Commission needs to bring the non-dominant culture voice to the table and make that voice more important than the dominant culture's voice. If we hear from the non-dominant culture and they begin to feel that their voice is trusted in city government that is a win for everyone.

Commissioner Hoag noted that he feels it is premature to bring it to the City Council and he would be hesitant to rush the process.



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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: *RVParksCommission

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:57:57 AM

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Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject:	Pocahontas Park
Contact Information	
Name:	Kathy Ramundt
Address:	1161 Laurie Road West
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.	Email
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	Thank you so much for discussing Pocahontus Park at tonight's meeting. I have heard from multiple people, including some indigenous friends, that that name is very offensive. Given the fact that it has no connection to Minnesota, I sincerely hope that you will move to have the name changed. I imagine it would be a healing move to include indigenous people in choosing a name that reflects their presence in our community.

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Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:41:16 AM

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Contact Information	
Name:	Kathy Ramundt
Address:	1161 Laurie Road West
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.	Email
Phone Number:	

Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern

Email Address:

Thank you so much for your discussion on Pocahontus Park last night. I really appreciated the fact that Matt Johnson actually read the Powhatan history to inform your discussion. The only thing that was missing was hearing from Indigenous voices that actually live in Roseville, but I was very happy to hear Darrell Baggenstoss emphasize the importance of hearing from the non-dominate culture before deciding on a new name. I also want to thank others who made similar comments.

I understand that you could choose to recommend changing the name to something more generic or a name based on current or

more recent history. I'd like to suggest that this presents a unique opportunity to recognize and honor the Indigenous people who lived here before the white settlers came and literally stole their land. Looking around Roseville I have not seen anything, anywhere, which recognizes that the Dakota and Ojibwe people. Not as street name, a building, a Heritage Trail maker, nothing. Like other white people, I had never given it a moment's thought until recently, and I was very sad when I visited the Roseville Historical Society last Winter and was told the history begins with Isaac Rose in 1843.

I do appreciate that Parks and Recreation hosts Wild Rice Festival and that this year the Music at the Rog included an Indigenous band, and there are probably other things I am missing. What I'd like to see is something permanent that can be used as a catalyst for discussions of the full history of our City.

I'm going to push a little and say I would like to see two parks renamed. One in honor of the Dakota, and one in honor of the Ojibwe. The fact that we have a park named for a woman who was part of a Indigenous nation from the East Coast highlights the fact that many of us have not understood or appreciated that there were more than 500 Indigenous Nations in the US, and many different nations/communities/tribes in Minnesota. If they are discussed at all, they are usually lumped together as Indigenous. How powerful would it be to change that right here, right now, by taking this opportunity to separately honor both the Dakota and Ojibwe. It matters. I know that Don Eubanks who is from Mille Lacs and Dannah Thompson who is White Earth are always very careful to say that they cannot speak for the Dakota.

It could be so beautiful!!! Like the Arts Roseville Mosaic Project at the library, I imagine a project to honor separately honor the Dakota and Ojibwe. If that was at two separate and distinct parks it would be so powerful! It could always be a source of discussion. If it is impossible to imagine two separate parks, I hope in your discussions you will be attune to the fact that it is important to understand who you are hearing from.

Ultimately I could be completely wrong. Maybe it's not as simple as making the two distinctions or maybe that's not the most important thing. This is another great example of a white person thinking I know what is needed! Please take this as a suggestion to encourage you to think big at this time and to suggest some questions to ask before making your recommendations.

One other thing I would like to point out is that usually in October the City of Roseville has a proclamation for Indigenous People's Day. . They are usually very generic. I have been pushing the Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission and the City Council to make all of the Proclamations more meaningful by actually referencing how the proclamations are connected to

residents in Roseville, and I have asked them to do programming related to the proclamations too.

I know it's virtually impossible to think you will have a new name by October, but I think it would be great if along with this year's Proclamation, the Mayor could announce the work being done to change the name of Pocahontus Park. I imagine in the future every Indigenous proclamation could include references to the park or parks that honor the Indigenous People and why it is important to have them. The question that we like to ask when we are looking at what the City is doing is "Is whatever this action is meaningful, or it is just 'checking a box' to say we have done something'. You have a perfect opportunity to make the Indigenous People's Day proclamation this year be more than checking a box. I know there's not much time but you could also show that it is possible to move fast when the situation warrants it.

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of this park name. The fact that none of you questioned the need to change the name gave me great hope that more and more people in our community, and especially those representing our City, are ready to accept responsibility and do the work to really live up to the Inclusion and Respect Statement.

Thank you.

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Thank you again for your feedback!



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Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 6:42 PM

To: *RVParksCommission <*RVParksCommission@metro-inet.us>

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

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Please complete this online form and submit.		
Subject:	Pocahontas Park	
Contact Information		
Name:	Shannon Geshick	
Address:	545 Sandhurst Drive #102	
City:	Roseville	
State:	MN	
Zip:	55113	
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.	Email	
Phone Number:	Field not completed.	
Email Address:		
Please Share Your Comment, Question or	As Executive Director of the MN Indian Affairs Council, I suggest that the Dakota tribal nations/ community have an opportunity for input as	

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Roseville is their ancestral lands. As an Ojibwe woman, it makes sense to maybe not rename but rather revert back to the original name.

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From: <u>Danielle Christensen</u>
To:

Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:13:29 AM

Hello,

Date:

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to the Parks & Recreation Commission e-mail. Community input is invaluable to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

All messages sent to the Commission will be included in Commission documentation for review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dani

Danielle Christensen | Department Assistant – Parks & Recreation | City of Roseville 0: 651.792.7103

From: noreply@civicplus.com

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 8:26 AM

To: *RVParksCommission <*RVParksCommission@metro-inet.us>

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

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Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject: Pocahontas park name change Contact Information Name: Pocahontas park name change Address: **Ted Tessier** City: Roseville State: MN Zip: 55113 How would you prefer to Email be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact

Phone Number: Field not completed.

information in the fields

below.

Email Address:

Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern

As an indigenous man and a Roseville resident I would really appreciate changing the name of this park. There are plenty of find names that could be selected from the Dakota language that would be more appropriate for this land. I myself am Ojibwe But I honor the fact that I live on Dakota land. Please consider showing respect by changing this name.

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Matthew Johnson

From: noreply@civicplus.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 9:14 PM

To: *RVParksCommission

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Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject: Pocahontas Park Contact Information Name: Karla G. Address: 401 Woodruff City: Roseville State: MN Zip: 55113 How would you prefer to be No need to contact me contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below. Phone Number: Field not completed. **Email Address:** Field not completed. Please Share Your Peacekeeper Park Comment, Question or Princess Matoaka Park Concern Pascal Park

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Matthew Johnson

From: noreply@civicplus.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 11:21 AM

To: Matthew Johnson

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Where did the name of this park come from? Most of the other parks are named for there location, plot/area location name or our two parks dedicated to our two lost police officers.

I would like to suggest it is time to change the name of this park. Even if there is a same street name around the park, the park itself could be renamed.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Sharon

Last Name: Gerber

Address: 1204 County Road B W

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

Form submitted on: 9/23/2020 11:20:49 AM

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Matthew Johnson

From: noreply@civicplus.com

Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:18 PM

To: *RVParksCommission

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

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Please complete this online form and submit. Subject: Park Building Names Contact Information Name: Kathy Ramundt Address: 1161 Laurie Road West City: Roseville State: MN Zip: 55113 How would you prefer to be No need to contact me contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below. Phone Number: **Email Address:** Please Share Your As you consider to discuss re-naming Pocahontas Park, and Comment, Question or because we live in Ramsey County, I thought it might Concern encourage you to seriously consider finding ways to honor the Dakota (Sioux)and Ojibwe people, if you see this quote attributed to Alexander Ramsey from the MN Historical Society page for the Alexander Ramsey House: "the Sioux Indians of Minnesota must be exterminated or driven forever beyond the borders of the state." There is much to atone for in our State. I hope we can take this

opportunity to do honor them in our community.

https://www.mnhs.org/ramseyhouse/learn/alexander-ramsey

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Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:57:43 PM

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Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject:	Pocahontas Park Re-name
Contact Information	
Name:	Kelly Miller
Address:	511 Hilltop Ave
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.	Email
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

Please Share Your Comment, Question or

Concern

Boozhoo,

My name is Kelly Miller. I am a resident of Roseville and also an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. I am the Director of Department of Indian Work a program of Interfaith Action of Greater St.Paul. As an indigenous women, I feel offended when I learned there was a park in our city named Pocahontas Park. I hope you are aware that her story that Disney told is historically inaccurate. I feel that the park should be renamed and I personally would like to see it be named in Ojibwe. I am aware St.Paul is historically Dakota/Lakota land but the Ojibwe people were also in the area. I am willing to help

advocate for this event, participate and share information with the American Indian community.

Miigwech, Kelly

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To: *RVParksCommission

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 7:58:53 AM

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Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject:	Pocahontas Park
Contact Information	
Name:	Kathy Ramundt
Address:	1161 Laurie Road West
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.	Email
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern There is much to be done to educate our community about the history of our land before it became Rose Township in 1850. Our City has an opportunity to address that lack of acknowledgement of that history beginning with re-naming Pocahontas Park. Based on the work that Do Good Roseville has been doing in our community, I want to share the following resources with you and offer to help in any way we can.

I recently attended a program by Dr. Kate Beane, Director of Native American Initiatives at Minnesota Historical Society on place names. She is Dakota. Here is one of her TedTalks "The Lasting Legacy of Place Names" https://youtu.be/bBqqVEJ42iI.

Don Eubanks (eubanks289@msn.com). Don is a resident of Roseville and he has served on the Imagine Roseville group. Don is a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and currently teaches at Metropolitan State University. He has served as the Director of MultiCultural Affairs at the MN Dept of Human Services and on the board of American Indian Family Center. He hosts Counter Stories on NPR. Here is a link to their program: "Counter Stories: Restoring Native American names to Minnesotan landmarks" (which also features Dr. Kate Beane) https://www.npr.org/podcasts/414686898/counter-stories

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for ISD623. They meet every third Tuesday https://www.isd623.org/calendar/american-indian-parent-advisory-committee-meeting

American Indian Cultural Liaison for the school district. Contact information is available at https://www.isd623.org/node/384

Corey Yunke, Community Relations Coordinator for Roseville Police Department. The recently created Multicultural Advisory Committee has 2 members who are Native Americans

Jamie Becker-Finn – MN House Representative for 42B. Jamie is a Leech Lake Ojibwe descendent.

Dannah Thompson – Roseville resident and Roseville city council candidate and descendant of the White Earth Reservation.

To connect with Native Americans living in Roseville, find out how the Community Survey was conducted. According to the published survey results in a random sample of 400 randomly selected residents, they were able to ensure they had representation from 2 Native Americans (out of an estimated 217 of 33,000 residents. This shows that it is possible to identify and connect with specific populations. This means you should be able to connect with not only Native Americans, but other nondominant cultures.

http://www.cityofroseville.com/DocumentCenter/View/30417/2020-City-of-Roseville-PowerPoint-Presentation

Engage with the Roseville Library. They are always open to programming ideas. They could help engage the community. Judy Woodward is the History Coordinator at Ramsey County Library. Judy does excellent historical programming and has a wealth of contacts. Her email is: judith.woodward@co.ramsey.mn.us. Carol Jackson is the Adult Programming Manager. Her email is: carol.l.jackson@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Dana Healy, the Executive Director of CTV North Suburbs, is very well connected and has many options for community outreach and programming to connect with residents. Her email is: dhealy@ctvnorthsuburbs.org

Do Good Roseville did a program called "Ask an Indigenous Person" which was a panel discussion.

https://www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/videos/ask-series-ask-an-indigenous-person/. You could reach out to the program moderator, Nyia Harris, for contact information for the panelists that participated. Her email is nyny9980@gmail.com.

Here is another organization to reach out to: Native Governance Center. They educate, engage, and share information with the broader community around topics related to sovereignty, nation building, and Indian Country. . https://nativegov.org/programs/ . Their website includes contacts for all of the Native Nations in Minnesota: https://nativegov.org/resources/

Dr. Beane's recent program "Reclamation at Bde Maka Ska: Dakota Name Restoration and Community Advocacy in Public Spaces.", listed the following partners:

University of Minnesota's Circle of Indigenous Nations Department of American Indian Studies

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advising Office College of Liberal Arts President's Emerging Scholars program office

American Indian Student Cultural Center
American Indian Science & Engineering Society
American Indian Cultural House
Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, and Housing &
Residential Life.

The work you are doing now is a critical step in the City's stated goal to be inclusive. The easy path is to do what we have always done. We can use our tried and true methods to reach out to the community, which will get the same results we have always had and will continue to represent only our predominately white residents. We can simply remove the offensive name and give it a generic new name that takes the path of least resistance and does not require or encourage future community engagement into the full history of our City.

The richness of an individual's life comes from all of the people we know and all of the experiences that we have, and the same can be said for a community. I urge you to be courageous and to use this as an opportunity to acknowledge the full spectrum of people that make up our community and to acknowledge our full history, warts and all.

Thank you.

Kathy Ramundt Do Good Roseville

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 Subject:
 Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

 Date:
 Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:01:55 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: I am a lifelong Roseville resident and a descendent of white earth nation. I think you should change the name of the park because this name does not honor Native Americans or our ancestry, but rather it reinforces negative stereotypes and outdated images of indigenous peoples. Instead I suggest that you pick a Dakota name since we are on Dakota homeland after all!

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: MartinRogers

Address: 2010 Autumn Pl

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:18:23 AM

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My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Pocahontas Park must be renamed. Pocahontas was not from this region. Just picking a famous name does not honor our Native American/Indigenous brothers and sisters of Minnesota.

With kindness,

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I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:46:16 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Awful name for a mythological character. There are a number of Dakota place names for towns, lakes, and parks in the region. Kaposia comes to mind in South St.. Paul. Minnetonka is another. Minnesota is a Dakota word, and an apt name for the state. It translates In English as "land of sky blue waters." Somebody hasn't done any research on Dakota language place names, which would be appropriate for any park in the Twin City region. Consult a Dakota language speaker. Contact Neil McKay at the U of Mn. He teaches Dakota language there. We are all on Dakota homeland in Minnesota. The Dakota were here before the Chippewa, so my recommendation is to use a Dakota word. Even naming it after the prairie rose in the Dakota language would be an honoring of the first Minnesotans, and honors Roseville.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Mary Beth

Last Name: Faimon

Address: 1181 Edgcumbe Rd

City: St. Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55105

Email address: marybeth.faimon@gmail.com

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 6:44:39 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: This name is not only inaccurate and completely unrelated to any aspect of the land or people who live and have lived in this part of Minnesota, or in Minnesota in general — it perpetuates a shameful stereotype of Native Americans. It's embarrassing that a park on Dakota lands, in the 21st century, bears this name. I call on the Parks & Rec dept. to not only remove this name from the park, but to also produce a public apology, and to actively seek out Native American community groups in the metro area to work with directly (and compensate!) to determine an appropriate name for this park.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Sam

Last Name: Wegner

Address:

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address: s

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 6:31:58 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: To name this park "Pocahontas Park" is not only offensive and perpetuates Native American stereotypes but reinforces an idea that we are not separate sovereign nations, which we are.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 6:28:10 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: I think that in 2021 we can find a better name for this park, perhaps a name that respectfully honors the Dakota people who were here before this was Roseville. Please consult with local Dakota folks to remedy this.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: Marjorie

Last Name: Otto

Address: 500 Roselawn Ave E

City: Maplewood

State: MN

Zip Code: 55117

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 6:26:36 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Boozhoo,

My name is Emily and my family is from the White Earth band of Ojibwe. The name Pocahontas has no place here. Pocahontas was not a princess, she was a child who was stolen from her home by white settlers. She also was not from this land. It would be far more appropriate to have a Dakota name for this park, as this is Dakota land.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Emily
Last Name: Kunze

Address: 2579 fry st

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:53:37 PM

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My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: I can't believe that this name has been used as long as it has been. It whitewashes the kidnapping of a child and serves as a traumatic reminder of Trump's slurs against Elizabeth Warren. There is no Minnesota history wrapped up in there, either--it provides no such value.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Vidhya

Last Name: Shanker

Address: 2409-16th Avenue South

City: Minneapolis

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:17:05 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Please change the name. This has nothing to do with Minnesota.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: M

Last Name: Jaralambides

Address: 145 20TH AVE N

City: HOPKINS

State: MN

Zip Code: 55343

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:50:49 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Pocahontas did not come from here. Not appropriate. I know some native folk who have suggested naming it a place name (in Dakota) and honoring Roseville. They suggested Prairie Rose (only using the Dakota word). I think so, too. Before naming something that uses a name from another culture.... Representatives from that culture should be consulted so as not to unintentionally cause offence.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: Renae

Last Name: Storbakken

Address: 2330 Nokomis Ave

City: St. Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55119

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:52:08 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Extremely disrespectful to actual Native American women. I am not sure where Roseville chose to get another history lesson from but obviously not from any of the indigenous communities who's land Roseville is located on. Walt Disney should not be the source for naming a park.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No
First Name:
Last Name:
Address:
City: Roseville
State: MN
Zip Code: 55113
Email address:
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:58:13 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park::

- 1.) Pocahontas wasn't from here
- 2.) With no reason or interpretation provided about such a name for a Roseville park, all this name does is perpetuate stereotypes of Native Americans as all lumped together/all the same (actually there are over 500 distinct Native nations!), traps us in 1800's imagery and erases actual living native people, and elicits those harmful sexually inappropriate media depictions of Native women.
- 3) no, it does not "honor" us.

Please change this name and respectfully make wave for better change.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:36:35 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: The name is ridiculous. Let's stop pretending like Native Americans are a myth and no longer exist. Surely we can come up with a better name. If this name remains then it'll be a park my family and I are sure to avoid.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes,No

First Name: Eamon

Last Name: Coyne

Address: 1644 Atlantic Street

City: Saint Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55106

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:36:08 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Please re-name this park asap! This is an inappropriate name, is not even a Dakota name and serves no purpose other than perpetuating harmful myths and stereotypes of indigenous peoples. I don't live in Roseville but the adjacent St. Paul and that name shames all of us who live in Minnesota.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: Daniela

Last Name: Bell

Address: 761 3rd St East

City: St Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:47:38 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Change the name. It's long overdue and the continuous ask is tiring. Change the name.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:31:07 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Please change the name of this park. It's well past time to stop honoring falsified, colonial histories that glorify pedophilia and genocide. Pocahontas wasn't her real name, and she was kidnapped by a man a great deal older than her when she was a child of 12 years old. Please choose a different name to honor Minnesota's Dakota history or something about the outdoors and be on the right side of history. Miigwech (thanks)!

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Hall

Address:

City: Minneapolis

State: MN

Zip Code: 55414

Email address: jhall.mn@gmail.com

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:28:11 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: This is Dakota homelands and the park should reflect the Indigenous people of the area. Therefore it seems pretty inappropriate to name it after Pocahontas, who is not from this area. It comes off as disrespectful, in fact, since it seems as though the people who named it believe all Natives are the same. Minnesota has a rich Indigenous history and we should honor it in an intelligent manner. Lets move beyond stereotypes and do better.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Marlena

Last Name: Myles

Address: 1621 7Th St W, Apt 2

City: SAINT PAUL

State: MN

Zip Code: 55102

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:54:00 PM

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: Really need to change the name of this park. Pocahontas wasn't even from this area, number one. Number two, having this park named Pocahontas with literally no reason, interpretation, or historical ties to this area just serves to perpetuate stereotypes of Native people, that we are all the same, and brings to mind antiquated and inaccurate imagery of who Native people are.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Maggie

Last Name: Lorenz

Address: 1651 Fremont Ave

City: Saint Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55113

Email address

Additional Information:

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	noreply@civicplus.com Monday, January 25, 2021 5:07 PM Matthew Johnson Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments
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park Pocahonta	d comments on Pocahontas Park:: It is violent that you would think naming a swould even begin to honor tribes in MN. She wasn't even from here!!!! Don't and actually do it. Connect with the tribes who used to inhabit the land of
I would like Par	ks and Recreation staff to contact me.: No
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
City: Roseville	
State: MN	
Zip Code: 55113	
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Matthew Johnson

From: noreply@civicplus.com

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:41 PM

To: Matthew Johnson

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

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The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: I find it to be completely disgusting, disrespectful and extremely offensive. Please remove the name immediately as this impacts those who do live in the community and or attend their schools and spend money on business in your city. My son who is native & black attends RAHS, plays sports in your city and his other non White friends need to know they are respected and supported.

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Montgomery

Address: PO Box 17370 Lot 116

City: Saint Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55117

Email address:

Additional Information:

Form submitted on: 1/25/2021 4:40:36 PM

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:49:34 AM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Katie
Last Name	Davis
Street Address	721 Eldridge Ave. W
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	Hello, I appreciate you taking this into consideration. As a white person, I believe it is my responsibility to acknowledge the feelings of and impact on BIPOC and others who are discriminated against. I agree with changing the name of Pocahontas Park and I am happy to live in a city where this is taken seriously. Thank you, Katie Davis

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Comments

Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:17:44 PM

Caution: This email originated outside our organization; please use caution.

The following form was submitted via your website: Pocahontas Park Comments

My thoughts and comments on Pocahontas Park:: It's been this name for years, part of history

I thought

I would like Parks and Recreation staff to contact me.: Yes

First Name: Nancy

Last Name: Bingham

Address: 7618 fox creek ct

City: Rockford

State: MN

Zip Code: 55373

Email address:

Additional Information:

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 2:39:46 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Chenar
Last Name	Howard
Street Number	2610
Street Name	Snelling
Street Type	Curv
Apt #	17
City	Roseville
State	MN
Zip	55113
Email Address	
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	I fully support changing the name of Pocahontas Park to a more inclusive name that is better associated with the Roseville, MN area. I welcome the input of local Native American groups as well. Thank you for considering this issue.

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:55:04 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Patricia
Last Name	Dankert
Street Number	2850 Market Place Drive, Apt 207
Street Name	Field not completed.
Street Type	Field not completed.
Apt #	Field not completed.
City	Little Canada
State	Minnesota
Zip	55117
Email Address	
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	I hope that you come up with something better than what they plan to call Fairview Comm Ctr. I still have not found one individual who agrees with the next to remember and impossible to pronounce name. It will forever be "Fairview" as to most of us this making a big deal about Indian names is ridiculous. Wonder how many Indians living in Roseville were even consulted about this name change.

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 5:42:54 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Elyse
Last Name	Coleman
Street Number	540
Street Name	Woodhill
Street Type	Dr
Apt #	76
City	Roseville
State	Mn
Zip	55113
Email Address	
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	As an ally who has many friends in and works with the Native community in MN, I have never heard a Native say the way Pocahontas' name and story has been colonized was ok or is not offensive. It perpetuates trauma.
	Please rename the park. This is one super small piece of courtesy we can do for our Native relatives. It may be more appropriate to ask the Dakota tribe what to name the space as this is their land.

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 9:23:00 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Naomi
Last Name	Krueger
Street Number	1048 Roselawn Ave W
Street Name	Roselawn
Street Type	Avenue
Apt #	Field not completed.
City	Roseville
State	MN
Zip	55113
Email Address	
	(Section Break)

Provide Feedback Below

I am in full support of changing the name of Pocahontas Park. If it is offensive to people in our community and to the Native American community, then changing the name to be in line with our values makes perfect sense. It feels wrong to me to name a park after a Native American woman who was mistreated and whose story has been misrepresented in American history AND who has no ties to Minnesota. Unless there is a compelling reason from local Native American groups to change the name to something else Native, then I would recommend changing it to something else entirely. We live on stolen land. We need to be respectful of that history and of the people whose ancestors have deep roots here.

As a parent with young kids, I want my kids to live in a community that takes these kinds of concerns seriously and works to right wrongs of the past. It sets a really good example to them and helps to build a community that is inclusive and

considerate to all people, especially the historically marginalized or oppressed. I am very thankful that the city is being thoughtful about this and it makes me proud to live in Roseville.

I hope a name is chosen that has no connection to white colonialism. Perhaps a name related to native plants, flowers, or wildlife could be a good choice. Or a name connected to our city values. The name should make all people feel good (or at least neutral) when visiting this park or talking about this park. When my kids visit city parks, they give them their own names that remind them of the specific features of the park. Such as "rocket ship park" or "Blue park" or "Dark Slide Spinney Slide." The kids who use this particular part most might already have a name for it.

Sincerely,

Naomi Krueger

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: Matthew Johnson

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 8:24:16 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Jennifer
Last Name	Field not completed.
Street Number	2880
Street Name	Field not completed.
Street Type	Field not completed.
Apt #	Field not completed.
City	Roseville
State	MN
Zip	55113
Email Address	Field not completed.
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	I believe it's far more important to learn about names/people, whether good or bad, and gain lessons from the past rather than castigating our communities for things that may be offensive. Removing such things from our communities removes the stories behind them, the lessons behind them; without lessons from the past are doomed to repeat it over and over and over again. I and my husband are for keeping the name as it is. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and for allowing us to give our input.

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: Matthew Johnson

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:53:40 PM

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Pocahontas Park Name Feedback

First Name	Laura
Last Name	Hill
Street Number	2535
Street Name	Pascal
Street Type	St
Apt #	Field not completed.
City	ROSEVILLE
State	MN
Zip	55113
Email Address	
	(Section Break)
Provide Feedback Below	Dear Committee Members I live across the street from the Park and beg you to make the name simple, if you choose to change it. If you want a Dakota word, try Keya (turtle) as there have been such in the little pond. Hinhan (owl) would also be good - I hear them hooting from the neighbors' trees in the night. If an English word, how about All Welcome? But please I urge you not to pick a word such as you have given to the former community center. You must not know American speakers if you don't know the word will be soon butchered; it may even morph into something undesirable. And that's not

respectful.
Keep it simple!

Know the Code

Today is the perfect day to check your home's "curb appeal." Curb appeal is that first impression someone gets when driving down a street. A neighborhood's curb appeal can have a direct effect on property values, so it's important to protect your investment. In addition to being unsightly, overgrown grass or weeds, homes in need of repair, junk or debris in the yard can drive down property values.

We've put together a list of the most common residential property maintenance guidelines based on the Roseville City Code:

- Grass and weeds must be cut to eight inches or less.
- Brush piles or other debris in the yard are prohibited. They can become a home for rodents and other pests.
- Vehicles must be licensed and operable if it's not, store it in a garage.
- Vehicles must be parked on an approved hard surface, not on the grass.
- Vehicles for sale on private property must be registered to property owner or occupant.
- Junk, machinery, household items, lumber, trash, debris etc. cannot be stored outdoors.
- No peeling or fading paint. No rotting or unpainted trim. Gutters, soffits, fascia must be attached properly.
- No missing, leaning, unpainted or rotting fences or fence posts.

Paying for Repairs

It's important to make repairs when problems are small before they become more costly to fix. The city encourages homeowners to contact Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for free, comprehensive housing help. CEE will help identify and prioritize home improvement and repair projects, and provide advice on construction, building codes and permits. CEE conducts site visits, reviews contractor bids and estimates, and they provide low-interest financing for qualified home improvement projects.

CEE Housing Services and Loan Information

mnlendingcenter.org/RSVL

612-335-5884



Upcoming road impacts

Construction season is here and there will be plenty of improvements underway soon. The Public Works Department and other transportation and utility providers are already working on several projects that are expected to impact traffic.

One of the most impactful will be Xcel Energy replacing a gas line under County Road B between Rice St. and Lexington Ave. The project will work east to west beginning in May and continue throughout the summer, with traffic impacts along County Road B.

In coordination with the work being done by Xcel, the city will be making three sewer repairs on County Road B between Dale St. and Cohansey Blvd. The repairs will replace and upgrade existing failing infrastructure. The city hopes to minimize traffic impacts by completing the projects at the same time as Xcel's work in the area.

Moving north to County Road B2, resurfacing and accessibility improvements will be made between Fairview Ave. and Hamline Ave. This project will also include replacing four signal lights and installing a new pathway on the north side of County Road B2.

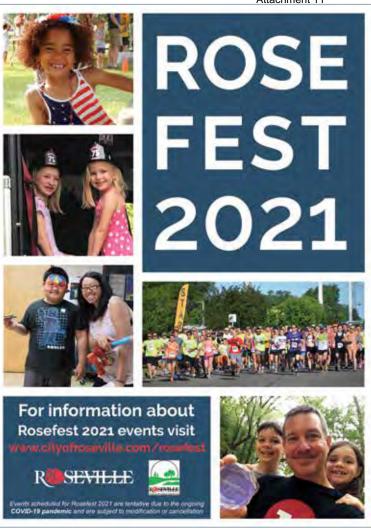
Development in the Twin Lakes area of Roseville north of County Road C will also be busy this summer. Part of the work includes installation of a new traffic signal at Herschel St. and County Road C, along with installation of utilities and turn lanes.

A final noteworthy project is getting underway on Cleveland Ave. between County Road C2 and County Road D. The watermain under Cleveland Ave. is being replaced due to its poor condition. During installation of the new main, adjacent property owners will be on a temporary water system so that no interruption of water service

For more information about these and other 2021 Public Works projects, visit the department's Construction Projects page at www.cityofroseville.com/construction.

City Enacts Tobacco Sales Ordinance

The City of Roseville has joined a growing list of cities restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products. In February, the City Council passed an ordinance that bans most retailers from selling flavored tobacco products, including vaping products. The ordinance allows the four licensed Age-Restricted tobacco retailers to continue selling flavored tobacco as long as they prohibit persons under the age of 21 from entering the business, meet stand-alone building requirements and at least 90 percent of its revenue comes from the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products. No new businesses will be licensed by the city to sell tobacco.



Neighborhood **Enhancement Program**

Roseville is kicking off another year of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP), the city's proactive approach to inspecting properties. Inspectors will look for code violations and work with property owners to make repairs when they are small and before they become more costly.

The city uses door hangers to notify residents of concerns. Staff will leave a yellow door hanger identifying any code violation and the timeframe for re-inspection. Staff will talk directly with business owners or managers about issues at places of business that need to be addressed.

The program includes inspections of single and multifamily homes, and commercial and industrial properties. Visit www.cityofroseville.com/NEP or call 651-792-7014 to learn more about the program.

Commission **Considers Name of Pocahontas Park**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is reviewing the name of Pocahontas Park after concerns were raised that the name may be offensive. As a result, the commission has been studying the subject. At recent meetings, the Commission learned more about who Pocahontas (birth name Matoaka) was, heard feedback from representatives of Native American groups, received input from residents and discussed the issue.

Based on initial conversations, the commission has developed an Engagement and Analysis Plan using the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Racial Equity Toolkit and the draft HRIEC engagement best practices.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is planning to hear more from Native American communities, Native American residents of Roseville, neighbors of Pocahontas Park and others who are interested in the conversation.

To learn more about the Pocahontas Park name conversation, visit www.cityofroseville.com/parks.

Pocahontas Park Name Review



The Parks and Recreation Commission is currently examining the name of Pocahontas Park after concerns were raised that the name may be offensive, and if so, does not reflect Roseville's desire to be an inclusive community.

Learning

The Commission has been learning more about who Pocahontas (birth name Matoaka), was, heard feedback from representatives of Native American groups, received feedback from residents and discussed the issue.

Listening



The Parks and Recreation Commission is planning to hear more from Native American communities, Native American residents of Roseville, neighbors of Pocahontas Park and other residents who are interested in the conversation. Commissioners will be seeking feedback throughout the summer and holding a listening session at their September 7 meeting.

Strategically Analyzing



The Commission has developed an Engagement and Analysis Plan based upon the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Racial Equity Toolkit and the draft HRIEC engagement best practices.

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE NAME POCAHONTAS PARK?

In conversations with representatives of Native American groups and others, the following concerns have been raised



- The story of Pocahontas that most people know is inaccurate and contains stereotypes. As told by her tribe, Pocahontas was actually captured and abused by white settlers throughout her life
- · Research shows that romanticizing the past and inaccurate portrayals of Native Americans is harmful to Native Americans currently
- Pocahontas had no ties to Minnesota or the tribes that reside here



The City of Roseville is committed to taking tangible steps to normalize, organize, and implement racial equity principles and tools.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is working to engage the affected communities to assess the impact of the name, Pocahontas Park, on their feeling of being "welcomed, included and respected" in Roseville, including the:

- Native American people who live in Roseville
- Indigenous populations of Minnesota
- Neighbors of Pocahontas Park
- Entire Roseville Community

Guidance **Pocahontas Name Conversations** from Communities/ Leaders Inform and Introductory To Do List Information Engage Community · Continued Guidance from Native American Groups/ Commission Experts · Further inform the Recommendation community · Individual study Receive · Continued conversations Feedback with neighbors/others · Discover Your Parks Remaining · Listening Session on Questions **Equity Lens** September 7

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONVERSATION?

There are multiple ways to contact the Parks and Recreation Commission. Reach out and make your voice heard today:



- To provide feedback on the Parks and Recreation Commission's review of the name of Pocahontas Park please visit <u>cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark</u>
- Submit your idea for a possible name if a name change is recommended at <u>cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark</u>
- Join the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 7, 2021 to provide feedback

What will the Parks and Recreation Commission do with the information and feedback they have gathered?





RESIDENT
«fullStreetName»
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113

Friday, August 27, 2021

Dear Pocahontas Park Neighbor:

As you have likely heard, over the past year the Parks and Recreation Commission has been learning more and engaging with the community about the appropriateness of the name of Pocahontas Park.

Specifically, some have raised concerns that the name may be offensive and harmful to Native Americans in the community. Some of the specific concerns include:

- Pocahontas, the person, doesn't appear to have had any ties to the state of Minnesota.
- Historical and pop-cultural representations of Pocahontas differ greatly from the history that her tribe shares.
- Research shows that glorification of historically inaccurate portrayals of past Native Americans can be harmful to present day Native Americans.

The Parks and Recreation commission has spent several months working through an Engagement and Analysis Plan, learning more and engaging impacted communities on this issue. Enclosed is a flyer with more information about the process and conversation to date. Additional information and an opportunity to provide feedback is also available at cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark.

The analysis of the issue will culminate on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 7 at 6:30pm</u> where the Commission will hold a listening session to hear the opinions of residents and others who wish to have input on the subject and discuss the issue. The meeting can be attended in person at Roseville City Hall or virtually at <u>cityofroseville.com/attendmeeting</u>.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, written feedback will be accepted at <u>cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark</u> through Monday, September 6.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Matthew L. Johnson

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Roseville looks to rename Pocahontas Park

By Babs Santos | Published March 22 | Roseville | FOX 9

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (FOX 9) - The city of Roseville is moving to change the name of one of its parks after hearing from Native Americans on why the current name offends them.

The park is named after Pocahontas, but Pocahontas came from a tribe farther east. This offends the Dakota people who say the Roseville park should bear a name that reflects the caretakers of the land.

Roseville looks to rename Pocahontas Park

The city of Roseville is moving to change the name of one of its parks after hearing from Native Americans on why the current name offends them.

"The story of Pocahontas that people see on Disney is a very incorrect and inaccurate history of what happened with this young woman," Minnesota Indian Women Resource Center CEO Marisa Comings told FOX 9.

"It's frustrating," Executive Director of Lower Phalen Creek and Waká Tipi Center Maggie Lorenz said. "This type of name and imagery is harmful to our communities... it really places us in the 1800's context."

"If it's a name that's been mischaracterized and misused by Walt Disney, then maybe it isn't appropriate to keep the name of the park Pocahontas," John Bantle said. The indigenous community also feels Disney's Pocahontas was oversexualized, leading to violence against a growing number of missing and murdered indigenous women in our country today.

"When we see something that's wrong in our communities, and in our nation, we try and change that for the better to take care of all people," Comings said.

Now the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Group -- a collective of leadership from different native lead organizations in the Twin Cities -- has penned a letter to Roseville's city council and mayor calling for the name to change.

"It wasn't just a complaint, it was a solution as well," Comings said of the letter she helped write.

Roseville Mayor Dan Roe is supportive of the name change, saying he has yet to hear any opposition to it, "Because it really isn't reflective of anything local to Minnesota, first of all, and second of all it's reflective of a story that really [isn't] a true story."

"If you look at what happened to the Dakota people, it was horrific," Comings said. "I think it needs to be acknowledged and part of that is doing intentional and purposeful things like renaming places with the names that truly reflect the stewards of the land."

The park's new name could come in 2021, and it'll be picked after discussions with neighbors and indigenous people.



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Roseville considers renaming Pocahontas Park

City officials say they're not sure why the name was chosen in the 1960s.

By Shannon Prather (https://www.startribune.com/shannon-prather/6370507/) Star Tribune AUGUST 3, 2021 — 6:13PM

Pocahontas never lived in Roseville — or in Minnesota, for that matter.

But since the 1960s, a park in the Ramsey County suburb has borne her name. Now, after months of research and discussion, Roseville leaders are contemplating <u>renaming (https://www.cityofroseville.com/3590/Pocahontas-Park-Name-Review)</u> Pocahontas Park to better reflect the area's history, including the place that Native Americans hold in that history.

Matthew Johnson, Roseville's assistant director of parks and recreation, said a youth commissioner first raised questions about the park's name.

City staff say they don't know why Pocahontas — a Native American woman who lived in present-day Virginia from about 1596 to 1617 and interacted with Jamestown settlers — was chosen for the name of the 5.7-acre neighborhood park nearly 70 years ago, but that by modern standards the name feels inappropriate to some.

"We have a rich Native American history here in the state," Johnson said. "Pocahontas doesn't really appear to have a tie to Minnesota."

In considering a possible name change, Roseville officials have done historical research and conferred with residents and Native American communities in Minnesota. The parks and recreation commission could recommend a name change, but it's the City Council that would ultimately approve it.

The story of Pocahontas, who was credited with helping English settlers, has been romanticized and distorted — perhaps most notoriously in the 1995 animated Disney film. A 2007 book based on the oral history of the Mattaponi tribe outlines a very different interpretation of the young woman's interactions with settlers, according to the National Park Service biography

(https://www.nps.gov/jame/learn/historyculture/pocahontas-her-life-and-legend.htm) of Pocahontas.

"There are all kinds of issues with the story of Pocahontas and its portrayal in pop culture — particularly the Disney movie," said Wayne L. Ducheneaux II, executive director of the Native Governance Center.

He said, "100 percent the park should be renamed."



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Roseville leaders are contemplating renaming Pocahontas Park to better reflect the area's history, including the place that Native The name fuels misunderstanding about the breadth and diversity of the hundreds of Indigenous communities across the country, Ducheneaux said.

"Oftentimes, when we are quote-unquote 'being honored,' it's as if we are monolith," he said. "We are not viewed as distinct or individual tribal nations."

The Twin Cities is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota people. Johnson said the city has reached out to Dakota tribal members, but city staff understand that Indigenous communities can be inundated with these types of requests.

So far, the debate around the name change has been measured, Johnson said. Ducheneaux said Roseville's process appears to be thoughtful and pragmatic, but he cautioned leaders not to get hung up on perfection.

Johnson said the city is accepting suggestions for possible names. Some parks commissioners have pondered at past meetings if the park should be renamed to honor local people.

Shannon Geshick, executive director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, threw out some ideas for a renaming when she spoke to the parks commission last December.

"My initial thoughts were to bring a modern name or a modern person," Geshick said, suggesting the park could honor a Dakota person or Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who is a member of the White Earth nation.

The city will host a public listening session about the park name at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7 at City Hall.

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Roseville's Racial Equity Narrative

March 2, 2018

The City of Roseville is dedicated to creating an inclusive community where the predictability of success is not based on race or ethnicity.

The actions of government at the federal, state, and local level have created racial disparities that continue to harm our community. Rectifying these disparities is critical to the development of a vibrant community and a high quality of life for all residents.

All City Departments will prioritize racial equity in their planning, delivery, and evaluation of programs, policies, and services.

The City of Roseville is committed to taking tangible steps to normalize, organize, and operationalize racial equity principles and tools, with an eye toward impactful and sustainable outcomes that create a more equitable community.

Mission Statement

To provide ethical, efficient, and responsive local government, in support of community aspirations, guided by policies of the City Council, and implemented by professional staff, to ensure that Roseville remains strong, vibrant, and sustainable for current and future generations.

Community Aspirations

As a community, we aspire to be:

- Welcoming, inclusive, and respectful
- Safe and law-abiding
- Economically prosperous, with a stable and broad tax base
- Secure in our diverse and quality housing and neighborhoods
- Environmentally responsible, with well-maintained natural assets
- Physically and mentally active and healthy
- Well-connected through transportation and technology infrastructure
- Engaged in our community's success as citizens, neighbors, volunteers, leaders, and businesspeople

Inclusion and Respect Statement

The City of Roseville strives to be a welcoming and inclusive place for all. We are committed to promoting respectful conduct, equitable service, and diversity in our community. We condemn discrimination by or against residents, visitors, workers, city employees or city businesses. In all that we do as a City government, we pledge to treat everyone fairly, respectfully, and without bias, regardless of their color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, familial status, immigration status, sexual orientation, age, income, or disability.

City Priority Plan

The City Council has determined that there will be three strategic priorities that the City will focus on in 2017 and 2018: Economic Development, Inclusive Community and Governance, and Capital Improvements.

• See the complete 2017-18 City Priority Plan

Pocahontas Park Name - Community Engagement and Analysis Plan UPDATED March 2021

Progress tracked in BLUE – Updated July 27, 2021

Background

Pocahontas Park, located on 2540 Pascal, has been in the Roseville Parks and Recreation system since the 1960s. Its original naming did utilize a community process.

Recently, some community members have expressed some concern that the name may cause harm to Native Populations. Community members noted the following concerns:

- Pocahontas, the person, has no direct ties to Minnesota, Minnesota's current Native populations or the indigenous populations who originally inhabited Minnesota.
- The popular, commonly told, narrative of Pocahontas' life focuses primarily on her assimilation to European culture such as her conversion to Christianity and taking a European name. The version of events told by her tribe (The Powhatan) says that Pocahontas was exploited and victimized by the European settlers.

Although there have been some preliminary general comments from the community, the topic has not been widely discussed in a formal way. In accordance with the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) Toolkit, and City standards for engagement, it has been suggested by the Parks and Recreation Commission that a comprehensive engagement process be undertaken to ensure that the:

- Issue is thoroughly understood.
- Impacted populations are aware of the conversation and have the opportunity to participate.
- Recommendations are thoroughly vetted and that feedback of all Roseville residents is considered.

I. Objective

To engage the impacted communities to assess the impact of the name on their feeling of being "welcomed, included and respected" in Roseville, including the:

- Native American people who live in Roseville
- Indigenous populations of Minnesota
- Neighbors of Pocahontas Park
- Entire Roseville community

Utilize the process as a potential opportunity for education on Native Americans in Minnesota for the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community.

Develop relationships with the Native Community that can lead to greater long term, ongoing engagement.

II. Data

History of Pocahontas as a Person: A history of Pocahontas as a person was shared at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 1. <u>View the meeting minutes of that discussion.</u>

Native American Population in Roseville: 168 (2010 Census), estimated 217 (2018 – US Census Bureau estimate).

Native American Population in MN:

Race/Ethnicity	Proportion of Total Minnesota Population			Percent Growth of
	In 1990	In 2000	In 2010	Population
African-American*	2.2 %	3.5 %	5.2 %	189.0 %
American Indian	1.1 %	1.1 %	1.1 %	22.1 %
Asian	1.8 %	2.9 %	4.1 %	177.8 %
Hispanic	1.2 %	2.9 %	4.7 %	364.4 %
White	94.4 %	89.4 %	85.3%	9.5 %

^{*} Includes African-born Americans. Source: US Census Bureau. (2011).

Pocahontas Park Neighborhood:

An estimate found that nearly 700 Roseville addresses would likely consider Pocahontas Park to be their neighborhood park. This analysis of "neighborhood park" was comprised of walkability (distance and absence of significant barriers) and residents for whom Pocahontas Park is their nearest park.



Total Population of Roseville: 33,660

III. Engagement

Based on the information provided above, the following groups and strategies have been identified for engagement. Next to each strategy, a proposed responsible person is listed in parentheses. For further commentary/methodology, see **Section V. Implementation.**

Native Americans who live in Roseville

- o Engagement Strategies:
 - Public notice that the Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking comment on the issue (Staff)
 - Ongoing, will be done again before Sept 7
 - Project webpage (Staff)
 - Cityofroseville.com/Pocahontaspark
 - Public meeting (likely virtual due to COVID 19) (Staff/Commission)
 - Sept 7
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 - Connecting through personal resources
 - Wild Rice Festival Participants (Staff)
 - Have reached out to/followed up with several individual leads
 - Attended the Indigenous dance concert at Central Park
 - City newsletter (Staff)
 - Article in March/April newsletter
 - Others
 - Flyers
 - Poster Boards
 - Attended Meeting of Roseville American Indian Parent Advisory Committee
 - Target: minimum 10 people.

Native Americans who live outside of Roseville but have expertise on impacts of names on a population

- o Engagement strategies
 - Specific invitations:
 - Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
 - o Shannon Geshik discussed with the Commission on December 1, 2020.
 - Roseville Area School Native American Parent Group
 - o Staff attended a meeting in April.
 - U of M American Indian Studies leaders/faculty
 - o Reached out, no response.
 - Minnesota Historical Society
 - The Commission has been provided links to two webinars presented by Dr. Kate Beane, one regarding naming issues.

- St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program
 - Received feedback from John Bobolink
- Native Governance Center
 - o Staff spoke with Executive Director, Wayne Ducheneaux in November.
- Target: 2 or 3 experts

Neighbors of Pocahontas Park

- o Engagement method
 - Direct mailing
 - Notice was mailed to nearby homes as part of the Discover Your Parks Mailing.
 - Direct mailing will be sent to those identified in this plan prior to the Sept. 7 listening session.
 - Electronic notice
 - Cityofroseville.com/Pocahontaspark
 - News update posted
 - Listening session
 - September 7
 - City newsletter
 - Included in the March/April newsletter
 - Direct Engagement
 - Staff/Commissioners plan to attend Discover Your Parks at Pocahontas park.
 - Staff attended the Indigenous Dance performance in Central Park to solicit feedback.
 - Target: 25 people

Roseville residents beyond the park neighborhood

- Direct mailing
 - Notice was mailed to nearby homes as part of the Discover Your Parks Mailing.
 - Direct mailing will be sent to those identified in this plan prior to the Sept. 7 listening session.
- Electronic notice
 - Cityofroseville.com/Pocahontaspark
 - News update posted
- Listening session
 - September 7
- City newsletter
 - Included in the March/April newsletter
- Direct Engagement
 - Staff/Commissioners attended 7 Discover Your Parks events and handed out flyers and solicited feedback.

- Staff attended the Indigenous Dance performance in Central Park to solicit feedback.
- Display boards about the issue were placed in City Hall.
- Target: 50 people

Sufficient Engagement Will Have Been Accomplished When:

- A significant number of each of the stakeholder groups above have provided input (see "targets" above).
- Impacted groups such as neighbors, Roseville's native community and the greater Roseville community is aware of the issue and conversation.

IV. Analysis

Parks and Recreation Commission Members shall review and analyze the data collected and make a recommendation to the City Council to either keep the name the same, change the name or engage in further conversation on the issue. If the commission recommends a name change, the City Council may ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to continue this process to recommend a new name to the city council.

It is important to note that the City's Racial Equity Narrative will be utilized in the analysis of the data and the provision of a recommendation. This process is not intended to be a simple "straw poll" on the issue.

V. Implementation

The proposed process consists of (completed items *italicized*):

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- November 5, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission developed draft
 Engagement Plan. Agree that plan will continue to evolve as more information is
 learned.
- o **January 2020** Joint meeting with City Council to update on feedback received and seek feedback.

INFORMATION GATHERING

- Commissioners heard from Shannon Geshik of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a Roseville Resident and member of the Roseville Indian Education Parent Committee and Roseville resident. (See December Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes)
- Staff Spoke with Wayne Ducheneaux from the Native Governance Center.
 (Notes included in March Parks and Recreation Commission Packet)

- Received written correspondence from John Bobolink, St. Paul Public schools. (Included in March Parks and Recreation Commission Packet)
- Received written feedback from Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors
 Group. (Included in March Parks and Recreation Commission Packet)
- Other written reports and information sessions have been collected and provided to the Commission. (See various Commission Packets and meeting minutes).

Community Listening Session (September 7, 2021)

- Share feedback that has been received
- Invite neighbors to participate
 - Direct mailing to neighborhood
 - Targeted mailing to Native American community (if possible)
 - Social Media/Nextdoor
- Invite Native American residents to participate
- Utilize existing contacts at school district(s)

WEBSITE

- o Overview of the discussion of the issue and updated
- o Offer opportunity for residents to submit their feedback

• WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Allow experts to submit written feedback

• IN PERSON ENGAGEMENT

The COVID 19 pandemic causes challenges to other vehicles for engagement thatmay be used. Examples could include in-person community meetings and engagement at community events. Staff and the commission will continue to analyze the viability of safely using these methods.

DELIBERATION AND RECOMENDATION

Once sufficient engagement with all target populations has been reached, the Parks and Recreation Commission will analyze the data received and develop a recommendation for City Council. Their recommendation shall ensure that impacted communities' input and racial equity considerations are included in their recommendation.

VI. Accountability

The above process will strive to meet the following tangible benchmarks to ensure that it meets the objective listed in section I.

- Notify all neighbors within the defined "neighborhood" of the conversation and provide them an opportunity to participate in the conversation.
- Receive feedback from:
 - o 10 Roseville residents who are Native American.

- o 2 Native American experts.
- o 20 Neighbors of the park.
- o Provided the opportunity for all Roseville residents to participate in the process.
- o Provided the opportunity for feedback on the final proposal before it is implemented.

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OPERATING POLICY # 40

DATE: October, 1988

POLICY TITLE: Assigning Names to City Facilities

PURPOSE: From time to time there is a need to name City of Roseville parks and recreation

facilities. The adopted policy contains an orderly process for accomplishing this

need.

DESCRIPTION:

The following policy adopted by the City Council on October 5, 1988, shall be used for assigning names to city Parks and Recreation facilities:

It shall be the policy of the City of Roseville to refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission, any activity involving the naming or changing of names of any city-owned parks or recreational facilities.

The Commission shall recommend to the City Council for approval, names for new sites, facilities or portions of facilities. This includes any changes in names to existing facilities.

The naming of parks and recreational facilities will be given consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission based on the following factors:

- natural habitat, i.e., vegetation, terrain, animals, etc.
- geographic location, i.e., street names, directions, etc.
- appropriate non-descript terminology, i.e., acronyms or joining of two words or names or activities, etc.

Only under certain and exceptional circumstances will consideration be given to the names of individuals (alive or deceased) and/or organized groups, associations or businesses. To be considered the individual, group, association or business must have made a significant and exceptional contribution to the site involved or to the community as a whole. Such contributions, (immediate or deferred) should be for recreation purposes and may include:

- substantial financial donations
- substantial property donations

In addition, recognition plaques, memorial plaques or dedications may be placed throughout the Park and Recreation system by the Parks and Recreation director and with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission.