AN ORDINANCE

confirming the names of certain park property, golf courses, recreation areas, nature areas and trails in the City of Columbia, Missouri; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby confirms the names of certain park property, golf courses, recreation areas, nature areas and trails in the City of Columbia, Missouri as follows:

• The 10 acres of land located at 1200 Again Street is named “Again Street Park.”

• The 10 acres of land located at 1402 Elleta Boulevard is named “Bear Creek Park.”

• The 4.8 mile trail connecting the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area to Albert-Oakland Park is named the “Bear Creek Trail.”

• The 3.06 acres of land located at 2100 Newton Drive is named “Boxer Park.”

• The 6.5 acres of land located at 3425 Jamesdale Drive is named “Brown Station Park.”

• The 32.4 acres of land located at 1600 Capen Park Drive is named “Capen Park.”

• The 0.65 acre of land located at 1819 Cliff Drive is named “Cliff Drive Park.”

• The 40 acres of land located at 4500 Bethel Street is named “Cosmo-Bethel Park.”

• The 8 acres of land located at 400 North Providence Road is named “Douglass Park.”
• The 0.5 acre of land located at 100 East Forest Avenue is named “Downtown Optimist Park.”

• The 27 acres of land located at 1001 Fairview Road is named “Fairview Park.”

• The 1 acre of land located at 900 Range Line Street is named “Field Park.”

• The 2.5 acres of land located at 101 South Fourth Street and 400 Locust Street is named “Flat Branch Park.”

• The 52 acres of land located at 2799 North Garth Avenue is named the “Garth Nature Area.”

• The 199 acres of land located at 2011 Old Highway 63 South is named the “Grindstone Nature Area.”

• The 9 acres of land located at 801 Huntridge Drive is named “Highpointe Park.”

• The 4.25 miles of trail that follows the drainage of the Hinkson Creek and extends from the MKT Trail to the Grindstone Nature Area is named the “Hinkson Creek Trail.”

• The 40 acres of land located at 5009 Aztec Boulevard is named “Indian Hills Park.”

• The 20 acres of land located at 926 College Park Drive is named “Kiwanis Park.”

• The 2 acres of land located at 2210 Garnet Drive is named “Kyd Park.”

• The 18 hole golf course situated in the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area and located at 1800 Parkside Drive is named “L.A. Nickell Golf Course.”

• The 145 acres of land located at 6700 St. Charles Road is named “Lake of the Woods Recreation Area.”

• The 8.07 acres of land located at 806 Louisville Drive is named “Louisville Park.”

• The 4.5 acres of land located at 1900 McKee Street is named “McKee Street Park.”

• The 4.7 miles of trail extending from Flat Branch Park to Scott Boulevard is named the “MKT Nature and Fitness Trail.”
• The 10 acres of land located at 2421 Lynnwood Drive is named “Oakwood Hills Park.”

• The 0.5 acre of land located at 1001 Old 63 South is named “Old 63 Roadside Park.”

• The 1.0 acre of land located at 212 Waugh Street is named “Paquin Park.”

• The 3 acres of land located at 200 Bear Creek Drive is named “Parkade Park.”

• The 4.89 acres of land located at 411 Proctor Drive is named “Proctor Park.”

• The 3 acres of land located at 201 Miramar Lane is named “Rock Bridge Park.”

• The 9.17 acres of land located at 601 Rockhill Road is named “Rockhill Park.”

• The 5 acres of land located at 309 Rothwell Drive is named “Rothwell Park.”

• The 5 acres of land located at 2717 Shepard Boulevard is named “Shepard Boulevard Park.”

• The 12.2 acres of land located at 3501 West Worley Street is named “Smithton Park.”

• The 64 acres of land located at 2500 Chapel Hill Road is named the “Twin Lakes Recreation Area.”

• The 8 acres of land located at 2210 Garden Drive is named “Valleyview Park.”

• The 0.25 acre of land located at 114 North Ninth Street is named “Village Square Park.”

• The 4 acres of land located at 1132 Westwinds Drive is named “Westwinds Park.”

• The 6.5 acres of land located at 3532 Berrywood Drive is named “Woodridge Park.”

• The 3 acres of land located at 503 West Worley Street is named “Worley Street Park.”
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _________ day of ______________________, 2010.

ATTEST:

_________________________________________  ______________________________
City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff
DATE: January 8, 2010
RE: Establishment of Official Names for City Parks

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: At the December 7th City Council meeting, the Council received a staff report (attached) regarding the establishment of official names for the City’s parks and recreation areas. Following review of the report, the Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance officially re-affirming the names of 41 parks/facilities for which staff had either been able to confirm that the parks name had been established without official council action (section 2 of the report - 5 parks) or for which staff had not been able to determine whether an official Council naming action had occurred (section 4 of the report - 36 parks).

The requested ordinance has been prepared and, if passed by Council, will officially affirm the name for each of the parks/facilities included in the categories above.

FISCAL IMPACT: Passage of this ordinance should have no fiscal impact upon the operations of the Park and Recreation Department.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS: Approve the ordinance confirming the official names of the 41 parks and recreation areas.
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager and Staff  
DATE: November 9, 2009  
RE: Establishment of Official Names for City Parks - Council Tracker 2146

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: At the time the Council was considering the official name of Albert-Oakland Park, the Council also directed staff to provide information on the naming of other City Parks. Specifically, the Council asked how many of the City’s parks were officially named by either a city ordinance or resolution passed by Council. After substantial research by the Park and Recreation Department, staff have identified four categories or groupings of parks related to the naming issue. Those are: 1.) Parks whose names have clearly been established by either ordinance or resolution; 2.) Parks with an established name but which staff can confirm that the name was established without official Council action; 3.) Existing park property which has never been named; and 4.) Parks which staff have not been able to determine whether an official Council action occurred or not. A detailed listing of park properties included in each category as well as recommendation for possible Council action is presented below.

DISCUSSION: Staff has for several months been researching the issue of how many city parks have been named. Specifically, staff has been attempting to determine how many of the City’s 66 parks and recreation facilities were named by official Council action (council passed ordinance, resolution, or motion). Reasonably clear records exist on those properties acquired by the City since the early 1990’s. Some records exist on parks acquired in the 1980’s, but records are either limited or difficult to search for those properties acquired prior to the 1980’s. Department files on each park have been reviewed. In addition, a computer search of City ordinances and resolutions using Codemaster was conducted. However, according to the City Clerk, this should only be considered accurate back to the late 1990’s. At this point staff has not committed the resources that would be required to do a complete search of all the Council minute books dating back to the 1930’s - 40’s. These books are not currently searchable electronically and would require a manual search.

Based on the actions taken to date, staff has identified four different groupings of parks with respect to the park naming issue: Those groupings and the parks included in each are presented below:

1.) Parks/Facilities whose names have been clearly established by Council ordinance, resolution or motion (22 parks):
   
   Activity and Recreation Center (Res. 135-02)  
   C.M. Albert Memorial Park (contract April 64)  
   Amory Sports Center (Res. 70-00)  
   Cascades Park (Ord. 20136)  
   Eastport Park (Ord 20119)  
   Gans Creek Rec. Area (Res. 167-08)  
   Albert-Oakland Park (Res. 225-08)  
   American Legion Park (Ord. 16560)  
   Auburn Hills Park (Ord 19671)  
   Dublin Ave. Park (Res. 200-93)  
   Forum Nature Area (Res. 138-96)  
   Grasslands Park (Ord 19962)
Lions-Stephens Park (Deed May 81)  Longview Park (Ord 19434)
A. Perry Philips Park (Res. 167-08)  Rock Quarry Park (Res. 179-93)
Smiley Lane Park (Ord 20137)  Stephens Lake Park (Res. 236-01)
Columbia Cosmopolitan recreation area (Council motion, March 75)
Frank G. Nifong Memorial Park  (Deed Nov.69)
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial at Battle Garden (Res 182-03)
Thomas E. “County” Atkins Jr. Memorial Park (Res. 159-08)

2.) Parks with an established name but which staff can confirm that the name was established
without official Council action:

Field Park  Garth Nature Area
Highpointe Park  Louisville Park
Westwinds Park

3.) Park properties which have never been officially named:

Ash & Clinkscales Property
Bonnie View Property
Smith Property (Waco Road)*

* Property owner has naming rights according to the conditions of their gift of
the land to City, but to date has not provided City with a recommended name.

As these three properties have never been named, the Council may want to refer the three sites to
the Parks and Recreation Commission for a recommendation as to an official name.

4.) Parks which staff has not been able to determine whether an official Council naming action
occurred or not (36 parks).

Again Street Park  Bear Creek Park
Bear Creek Trail  Boxer Park
Brown Station Park  Capen Park
Cliff Drive Park  Cosmo-Bethel Park
Douglass Park  Downtown Optimist Park
Fairview Park  Flat Branch Park
Grindstone Nature Area  Hinkson Creek Trail
Indian Hills Park  Kiwanis Park
Kyd Park  L.A. Nickell Golf Course
Lake of the Woods Recreation Area  Mckee Street Park
MKT Nature and Fitness Trail  Oakwood Hills Park
Old 63 Roadside Park  Paquin Park
Parkade Park  Proctor Park
Rock Bridge Neighborhood Park  Rockhill Park
Rothwell Park  Shepard Boulevard Park
Smithton Park  Twin Lakes Recreation Area
Valleyview Park  Village Square Park
Woodridge Park  Worley Street Park

For many of the above parks there are ordinances referring to the park’s name, but those
ordinances do not include a section officially naming the park. For example, there is a Council
resolution declaring the necessity to acquire the land that is now Fairview Park. That ordinance officially reads “the City Council deems the acquisition of land and the making of improvements thereon for use as Fairview Park is necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City ....”

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** At this point staff is not aware of any controversy in regard to the names being used for any of the parks in either category 2 or 4. To do a complete manual search of every ordinance and resolution passed by the Council from the 1930’s to the 1990’s in order to positively confirm whether the sites in category 4 were officially named will require the commitment of a significant amount of staff resources. If Council desires that such research be completed, staff will be so assigned.

However, as there has been no controversy regarding the names of these facilities, staff would suggest two other possible alternatives: 1.) Accept this report and instruct staff to simply continue to use the park names that have been established; or 2.) If the Council wishes to officially confirm the existing names being used, direct staff to prepare an ordinance which would affirm the official name of each park listed in categories 2 and 4 above.

Staff would also recommend that the three properties listed in category 3 above be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission with direction that the Commission work with staff to develop a recommendation for an official name for each property.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Should the Council direct that additional research continue in regard to the naming issue, a significant commitment of staff resources will be required. If Council decides to pursue one or more of the other options identified by staff, the fiscal impact will be minimal.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:** Pass motion providing staff with direction as to how to proceed. Options the Council may wish to consider are identified in the staff recommendations above.