

Sec. 2-3-3. - Naming city property.

- (a) *Intent of criteria.* The criteria provided herein are intended to provide an identifiable process which citizens may utilize to propose the recognition of individuals who have made a significant contribution to the city, region or nation and whose memory may be honored by the designation of their name and achievements associated with a structure, street, park or other public place in the City of Pensacola. Such individuals may be city residents, historic figures, former elected officials or former city employees whose work, actions or life has made a significant contribution to the community or society. Consideration of such recognition will be made by the city council without reference to such immutable characteristics as race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age or disability. These criteria are intended to be flexible so that there will be an opportunity for recognition of any individual deserving of such, who may not meet all of the objective criteria contained herein. In addition, the city council recognizes that many of the facilities of the city have established interest groups such as neighborhood associations or other affinity groups, and it is the intent of the council to solicit input from all such interest groups when appropriate.
- (b) *Criteria.*
- (1) Parks may be named after streets, geographical locations, historical figures, events, concepts or as otherwise determined by the city council.
  - (2) Parks may be named for individuals or groups that have made exceptional contributions to the Pensacola community.
  - (3) Parks may be named for an historical figure or an individual or family or organization that has made a significant land, monetary or service contribution to the acquisition of the property, park system or the community in general. These may include the names of early residents or citizens and/or events of significance to the area's history or development which have directly impacted the park's development.
  - (4) Current elected officials and currently employed city staff shall not be eligible for consideration until they are no longer in office or have been retired from city service for at least four (4) years.
  - (5) In order to accommodate the interest in recognizing or honoring individuals deserving such recognition or honor, the city council may elect to honor individuals by the erection of informational signage or plaques at a particular facility, structure or portion thereof, without naming the entire park, structure or facility after one individual or preempting the opportunity to recognize more than one person's achievements or contributions. However, the renaming of a park, structure or facility from one name to another will be discouraged and accepted only for exceptional reasons.
- (c) *Procedure.*
- (1) Members of council or other individuals or groups that propose to name or rename a park, structure, facility or portion thereof must submit a letter to the city clerk with sufficient information or evidence to support a naming or name change. The clerk shall forward a copy of the letter to the offices of the mayor, the city council president and the director of neighborhood services. If a renaming is being proposed, the letter must document why the existing name no longer holds any historical significance, or otherwise why the existing name is no longer appropriate.
  - (2) If the property or facility under review is within the purview of the parks and recreation board, that board will review such request and discuss the request at a meeting of the board. Following board consideration, the board will make its recommendations to the city council. If the property or facility under review is within the purview of another organization or board, that organization or board will be given the opportunity to consider the request for naming or renaming and make its recommendation to the city council.
  - (3) The city council will make the final decision on all naming or renaming requests.