



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: August 16, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Brian Kischnick, City Manager
 Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director
 Mark Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development
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Subject: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation for naming of the Park located at Town Center and Livernois

History

- On March 14, 2016, the Troy City Council adopted changes to the Policy for Naming Public Parks and Public Amenities (**Resolution # 2016-03-049**), which included;
 - Addition of amenities in the policy
 - Allow “Memorial” to be included in the name
 - Include improvements to a park in the qualified 60% contribution of a group or organization
 - Include a group or organizations’ future commitment to satisfy a 60% contribution
 - Allow a park to be named after a living individual with significant contributions to the community
 - Streamline process of notification and public input process
- In May of 2016, Barbara Knight donated a \$100,000 contribution toward the development of the dog park portion of the park
- On June 8, 2016, the city opened the solicitation for park names to the community
- July 11, 2016 city staff closed the naming solicitation and compiled the suggestions for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration
- On July 14, 2016, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met for a special meeting to discuss in a Public Hearing the submitted names. Among the potential names, Terry and Barbara Knight Park was discussed
 - Parks and Recreation Board Members indicated reasoning for supporting the Terry and Barbara Knight Park name
 - Terry and Barbara Knight made longstanding contributions to Troy
 - Barbara Knight made \$100,000 donation to the development of the Dog Park section of the park
 - Terry Knight was a past distinguished citizen, member of Troy Chamber, Kiwanis Club, and baseball coach
 - Terry and Barbara Knight were devoted dog owners
 - RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends to City Council that the parkland located at Town Center and Livernois be named Terry and Barbara Knight Park
 Resolution #2016-07-15

Moved by: McGee

Seconded by: Zikakis

Yes: 6 (Toth, Hauff, Huber, Kaltsounis, Zikakis, McGee)

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Attached is the biography provided on P. Terry Knight and the compiled park name nominations

Recommendation

City Management recommends adopting a name for the new park on Livernois across from Town Center in Section 22 to reflect the contribution made by Barbara Knight in memory and recognition of P. Terry Knight's contribution to the community as detailed in the biography provided as an attachment to this memo.



Dog Park Naming Suggestions



<p>Name: AardBark Park</p> <p>Explanation: "While it is a play on words, it captures the fun and creativity that dog owners have with their four legged friends. AardBark park will be a place of community and fun for all to enjoy."</p>	<p>Name: Alpha-Dog Park of Troy</p> <p>Explanation: "It's Greek as in 'Troy', number one is in the best dog park, it's cute"</p>	<p>Name: Arf Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Just a cute name...Troy's Arf Park would also be okay"</p>
<p>Name: Artemis Dog Park of Troy</p> <p>Explanation: "Artemis is a Greek goddess who protects animals. Troy police dog as logo"</p>	<p>Name: Bark'in Drive</p> <p>Explanation: "Play on words for a drive-in dog park"</p>	<p>Name: Bark Park (9)</p> <p>Explanations: "We have two dogs who bark a lot... this is a space were they can bark all they want and not get in trouble" "I think it's pretty obvious" "Dogs park and it's a park" "Easy to remember.. describes the function of the park" "Dogs bark. It's a park. 'Bark' and 'park' rhyme. Rhyming is cool, so are dogs."</p>
<p>Name: Bark Park (continued)</p> <p>Explanations: "The first name that popped in my head and appropriately describes the park" "The rhyme makes it a cute name, and because it has 'bark' in the name, people will understand it's a dog park :)" "Self explanatory, it's a dog park :) no one would be confused" "When happy dogs a gather they sit, stay, play and bark!..."</p>	<p>Name: Bark Park of Troy (2)</p> <p>Explanation: "The name I chose is nothing silly but simple and to the point" "Those of us who have dogs really do see the world in a different way. Our dogs are family and they do communicate with us by their 'bark'. My dogs will be asking me to go to the park everyday..."</p>	<p>Name: Barks and Rec Park</p> <p>Explanation: "I believe it is self-explanatory"</p>



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<p>Name: Barkopolis</p> <p>Explanation: "A metropolis for our furry friends"</p>	<p>Name: The Bark Yard</p> <p>Explanation: "A play on words from <i>the backyard</i>"</p>	<p>Name: Best Friends Field</p> <p>Explanation: "They're our best friends and we are to them as well. Field as in field and stream."</p>
<p>Name: Best Friend Park</p> <p>Explanation: "A dog is your best friend"</p>	<p>Name: Canine Corner Park</p> <p>Explanation: "A dogs corner hang out"</p>	<p>Name: Central Bark</p> <p>Explanation: "It is like the Central Park (located in New York) of Troy! A place for all of the dogs (and their people counterparts) to meet up and have a fun time :)"</p>
<p>Name: Chopin Yoon Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Chopin is my toy poodle and I love him"</p>	<p>Name: City of Troy Bark Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Dogs can bark in the dog park"</p>	<p>Name: Claws N' Paws</p> <p>Explanation: "Claws N' Paws because, well, dogs/puppies have claws and paws!"</p>



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<p>Name: Daisy Knight Park</p> <p>Explanation: "In honor of Terry and Barbara's dog Daisy. Daisy meant a great deal to both Terry and Barbara and would be wonderful way to honor their contribution, family and their beloved dog."</p>	<p>Name: Dogbone Bark Park</p> <p>Explanation: "It's fun and self-explanatory"</p>	<p>Name: Doggy District</p> <p>Explanation: "Doggy District because it is a park, for dogs, and district because it is a place for the dogs!"</p>
<p>Name: Doggy McDog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "I like it and I think it makes a good park name."</p>	<p>Name: Fetch-It-Park</p> <p>Explanation: "My dogs love to run. My neighborhood has a no fence la and too many wild animals for my dogs not to leave our yard once in a while from their distraction. I can't wait for this park to open!"</p>	<p>Name: Four Legged Field</p> <p>Explanation: "Its kinda funny and descriptive"</p>
<p>Name: Fur N Frolic Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "I like the alliteration"</p>	<p>Name: Gordie Howl</p> <p>Explanation: "Gordie Howl? Get it? :)"</p>	<p>Name: HappyTailsTwoYou Park</p> <p>Explanation: "A dog park is a place for dogs to have fun, and the sign of a happy dog is a wagging ('happy') tail. After putting the words HappyTails together, it reminded me of the old song 'Happy Trails to You,' so I simply added 'Two You' to 'Happy Tail' and formed 'HappyTailsToYou. A few other possibilities are MuttVille Park, YappyHour Park and TroyTails Park. Also, thanks for creating the park. I, and I'm sure many Troy residents and their four-legged pals look forward to using it!"</p>



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<p>Name: Knights Neighborhood Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Naming it after the Knight family who made the generous donation!"</p>	<p>Name: Knight Park</p> <p>Explanation: "I worked with Terry Knight in several volunteer capacities, and he was very supportive of our city. He loved dog as well, and I feel it would be most appropriate to name the park in his memory. Barbara too has been most generous in the initiative, and would share in our city naming the park Knight Park. Thank you for considering my nomination "</p>	<p>Name: Knight Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Terry & Barbara Knight have been involved in many activities directed toward improving the City of Troy for many years. Terry was named as one of Troy's <i>Distinguished Citizens</i>"</p>
<p>Name: Loyalty Park</p> <p>Explanation: "No one else signifies loyalty better than a dog"</p>	<p>Name: Muttsville, Michigan</p> <p>Explanation: "All dogs welcome at Muttsville"</p>	<p>Name: Oscar Lincoln Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "We have lived in Troy for 8 years with our dog Oscar. He has been to most of the parks in the city and especially enjoys the nature trail by the library. We are looking to live in Troy for many years and would love to honor our little guy and his happy time here"</p>
<p>Name: The "P" Park</p> <p>Explanation: "P for pet. P Park is a short name with a meaning...in one letter"</p>	<p>Name: Parky McPark Face</p> <p>Explanation: "This is a fun name that's structure is popular within today's society"</p>	<p>Name: Pawsitively Grateful Bark Park</p> <p>Explanation: "To show gratitude to everyone that is donating time, money and ideas and hard work. Being a dog owner of 2, I am extremely grateful!"</p>



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<p>Name: Paws N' Play</p> <p>Explanation: "In our busy lives, we often neglect our family dog. We should take a pause from our busy lives & take the dogs to a place where they can exercise: running, and playing with other dogs. Thus, Paw's N Play"</p>	<p>Name: Paw Park</p> <p>Explanation: "I think Paw Park is a good name for the park because dogs run on paws and also it is a dog park"</p>	<p>Name: Paw Place</p> <p>Explanation: "I think Paw Place is a good name because it's a dog park. Dogs have paws and it is a place in Troy"</p>
<p>Name: Paws Place</p> <p>Explanation: "Paws rhymes with pause so it names a place for dogs to romp and relax"</p>	<p>Name: Pawprints Playground</p> <p>Explanation: "I like the alliteration"</p>	<p>Name: Pooch Park</p> <p>Explanation: "It's cute and direct"</p>
<p>Name: Pooches Park of Troy</p> <p>Explanation: "It's a park/place for your precious pooches to enjoy!"</p>	<p>Name: Pooch Playground</p> <p>Explanation: "It describes what it is and it is catchy and whimsical, which I like!"</p>	<p>Name: Pup's Park</p> <p>Explanation: "The name is easy to remember, sums up its use and a wording dogs can learn to recognize"</p>



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<p>Name: Puppy Palace</p> <p>Explanation: "Puppy Palace because again, there may be puppies there! And, I believe the Troy Dog Park will be beautiful like a palace!"</p>	<p>Name: Pupper Park</p> <p>Explanation: "It's a fresh meme. Anyone under 20 will get it and feel at home"</p>	<p>Name: Puppy Play Park of Troy</p> <p>Explanation: "I feel, 'Troy' has to be in the name. Alliteration can be catchy, the nickname could be <i>3P of Troy</i>"</p>
<p>Name: Rover Range</p> <p>Explanation: "The will be more than just a park. I like the Range for wide open spaces, Rover is self-explanatory. Happy woofing!"</p>	<p>Name: Rover's Run Park or Field</p> <p>Explanation: "It sounds healthy easy and fun to say. Lets go to Rover's Run!"</p>	<p>Name: Run a Mutt Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Like the play on words"</p>
<p>Name: Scentral Park (2)</p> <p>Explanations: "A spin on Central Park—since dogs sniff everything, this is a good match to the function of the park" "Play on NYC's famous Central Park, using a dog-related theme"</p>	<p>Name: Snoop Dog Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Snoop Dog can open the park in an opening ceremony to drum up publicity for the dog park"</p>	<p>Name: Somerset Sunny Dog Park of Troy</p> <p>Explanation: "Because dogs have so much love and are our fun in our life"</p>



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<p>Name: Terry and Barbara Knight Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Terry Knight was a long-time Troy business owner who have generously of his time and efforts to support the City of Troy. Barbara has continued with his good work. Both were/are devoted dog owners. Commemorating their contributions to the city via the dog park would be a wonderful and appropriate honor for them"</p>	<p>Name: Terry Knight Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Terry deserves to have this dog park named after him. He had rescued several old dogs and helped them live out the rest of their lives in comfort with love. Plus his wife made the major donation! Terry deserved it for his dedication to these dogs—no matter how they word it"</p>	<p>Name: Troy Bark Park (3)</p> <p>Explanations: "Dogs bark, and this is a park for dogs" "I like the name because it is a dog park and dogs bark to talk. I think dogs will talk to each other there" "Since the park is for our fur babies I feel it is important to have the word bark in the name. Also because this is a 'pawesome' city I feel we must have Troy in the name"</p>
<p>Name: Troy Bark Place</p> <p>Explanation: "I like the name of the city in the park name, but as an alternative you could drop the Troy. Bark Place is a play on Monopoly. It could also be Livernois Bark Place if the street location was wanted"</p>	<p>Name: Troy Corners Bark Park</p> <p>Explanation: "This website shows the history of Troy. Under the 'history' section there was a settlement called 'Troy Corners' in the early 1800's https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Troy,_Michigan"</p>	<p>Name: Troy K-9 Trails</p> <p>Explanation: "I love dogs and enjoy watching how they react when out for a walk"</p>
<p>Name: Troy Unleashed</p> <p>Explanation: "I think the park name should refer to the city it is in. Unleashed is exactly what is happening for the dogs at the park"</p>	<p>Name: Unleashed</p> <p>Explanation: "I think the name should be Unleashed for the obvious reason it will be a place where dogs can go and run around without leashes"</p>	<p>Name: Wagatail Park</p> <p>Explanation: "It's a proven fact that dogs wag their tail when they're having fun! Dogs don't wag their tails when they are alone, it would be like people talking to a wall. So dogs need community and its then when they can express a variety of emotions through their tail wagging. Some tail wagging can say 'Hi nice to meet you' while other wagging might mean 'I'm anxious' or yet another 'Back off!' But we all can relate to the happy tail wag of a dog that's having fun and this park is all about community and having fun!" 7</p>



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<p>Name: Wag the Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Because the dog is smarter than its tail. It is a fun light-hearted name which will give people a chuckle as it can be interpreted as many different things. At the end of the day, it is just a friendly City of Troy dog park."</p>	<p>Name: Wagging Trails</p> <p>Explanation: "If it has a forest area with running trails through it it would be very cute trust me"</p>	<p>Name: Waggin' Tails Dog Park</p> <p>Explanation: "Happy dogs are always wagging their tails!"</p>
<p>Name: We Ripped Down a Bunch of Trees for this Park</p> <p>Explanation: "A developer ripped out a bunch of trees to build a giant, totally out of place senior home and agreed to pay for the park in turn. We should honor the history of Troy by acknowledging how many trees we've cut down to build subdivisions and dog parks."</p>	<p>Name: The Woof and Wag Park</p> <p>Explanation: "The first thing I thought of was 'Hey Bob, let's take Rover over to the Woof N Wag for a walk' (that's another way to spell it too). Well, we liked it, so I stopped thinking about other names. That's what dogs do there"</p>	