



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT  
COMMISSION  
NAMING RECOMMENDATION**

**PETITIONER:** Sean Mannion  
Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Association  
1425 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31404

**FILE No.:** 19-002884-HM

**LOCATION:** 1401 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street

**DATE:** June 6, 2019

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

Requesting to name an unnamed park, located east of Cedar Street between East 58<sup>th</sup> Street and Delesseps Avenue within the City of Savannah's 3<sup>rd</sup> District, to "Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Park".

Originally the lots that the park is located on were designed for American small houses that were popular in the mid-century. The buildings were since demolished, and the lots have been vacant for several years since the construction of the Harry S. Truman Parkway which now runs adjacent to the site. The vacant lots were privately owned until they were purchased by the city with funding sourced from the "Savannah Shines" program.

**FINDINGS:**

The following standards from the Historic Site and Monument Commission Guidelines for Markers, Monuments and Public Art apply:

***Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets.***

***General policy.*** As a general policy, the Mayor and Aldermen find that public property should be named after its principal function, location, or historical reference; however, significant community events, organizations or well-known persons with important contributions to the community, state or nation may deserve public recognition, which may occur by way of naming or renaming public rights-of-way or facilities.

***Naming criteria and requirements.***

***Criteria.*** Naming or renaming of a public right-of-way or facility shall occur only when the proposed naming or renaming satisfied at least one of the following criteria:

*It honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia or the United States of America;*

*It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;*

*It will strengthen neighborhood identity; or*

*It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.*

The standards are met. The name of the park being “Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Park” will strengthen the neighborhood identity and commemorate the place to which it is named after.

***Considerations.*** Naming requests shall consider:

- The number of residents and businesses directly affected;*
- Community diversity;*
- The historical significance of preexisting name or location;*
- The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;*
- The impact on emergency service delivery; and*
- Continuity and stability.*

All considerations are met. The proper considerations were made.

***Naming new facilities or public property.***

***Application requirements.*** All requests to name newly acquired, created or previously unnamed public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:

- The precise location and description of the subject property;*
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property or surrounding area, as may be applicable;*
- The name address and contact information of the request; and*
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.*

***Review Process.*** Upon receipt of a property naming request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Site and Monument Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this Article and submit a recommendation to the City Manager for presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen no later than 120 days after receipt of the request. Recommendations are subject to approval by City Council.

The standards are met. The applicant met all application requirements and has followed the review process properly.

***Renaming of public property facilities or streets.*** All requests to rename public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:

- In the instance of a park, playground, trail, recreational area or space;***
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject property;*
- The present official name of the property;*

*The proposed new name;  
The specific location of the property;  
The name address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;  
A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;  
A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and  
An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.*

The standards are met. The applicant followed proper procedure.

***Naming Dedication Ceremony.** An applicant may request a dedication ceremony at the time application is made to the City manager. The City manager, or his designee, shall be responsible for scheduling such ceremony.*

**Public Notice:** As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. No comments were received from the public.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**

**Approve request to name the park “Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Park” because the application meets all the standards.**

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**Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chairman** **Date**  
**Historic Site and Monument Commission**

**6/6/19**

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**Melanie Wilson, Executive Director** **Date**  
**Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission**

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**Leah G Michalak, Historic Preservation Director** **Date**  
**Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission**

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