

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chatham- Savannah Historic Sites and Monuments Commission  
**FROM:** Joe Shearouse Jr.  
**DATE:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Naming Petition Request- Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park

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**Proposed Name:** Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park  
**Location:** 1401 East 58<sup>TH</sup> Street, Savannah Georgia 31405  
**Petitioner:** Sean Mannion, Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Association  
478-957-0159, [mannonism05@gmail.com](mailto:mannonism05@gmail.com)  
**Staff contact:** Joe Shearouse, [jshearouse01@savannahga.gov](mailto:jshearouse01@savannahga.gov), (912) 429-4084

### Staff Recommendation

1. Recommend approval to name the unnamed park located east of Cedar Street between 58<sup>th</sup> and Delesseps Avenue within the City of Savannah's 3<sup>RD</sup> District to 'Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Park'.

### Requirements for naming newly created, acquired, or unnamed property. (Sec.4-1102)

#### Criteria Requirement

- ✓ To strengthen neighborhood identity

#### Restrictions

- ✓ Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- ✓ Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

#### Considerations

- ✓ 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.

Natural Person Naming Request

✓ N/A

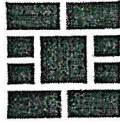
Attachments

1. Petition request
  - a. Official request and support
  - b. Alderman Hall's endorsement
  - c. Map of location
  
2. City Staff comments on request

Location







## **Public Property Naming Application and Guideline**

This application allows for the public to propose a name or to rename public property provided all the requirements outlined in Article E. Section 4:1100-1108 are met.

### **Criteria**

All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:

- To honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;
- To commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
- To strengthen neighborhood identity; or
- To recognize native wildlife or natural features.

### **Restrictions**

- Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
- Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

### **Considerations**

Naming requests shall take into account:

- 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.

### **Natural Person Naming Request**

Requests should consider following;

- Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree for permanent naming shall be deceased;
- Whether the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

## **Requirement Checklist for Re-naming Request**

*(Check each item to verify that all requirements are included along with this application according to requested property type.)*

### **Honorary Street Designation**

- The present official name of the street and proposed Honorary Designation
- Identify section of street to receive the designation
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the street, including all prior names
- A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request
- Evidence that such person resided in the City of Savannah for at least five years during his/her lifetime
- Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- A non-refundable fee of \$150

### **Street or Roadway**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Park, playground, trail or recreation space**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Building or Facility**

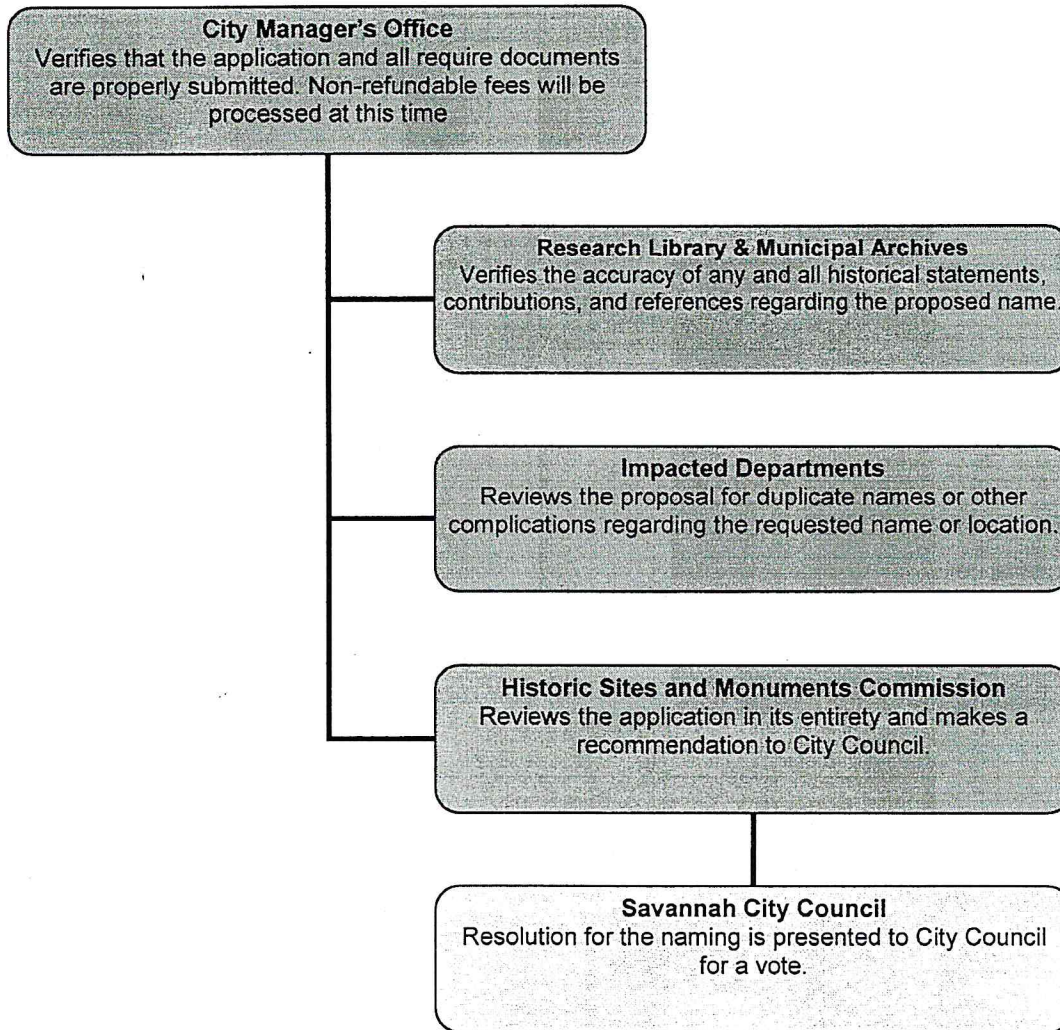
- The present official name of the building, structure or facility
- The proposed new name
- The specific location of the property;
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the building, structure or facility is located.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES & APPROVAL PROCESS**

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All requests should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at;

*2 East Bay Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401  
ATTN: City Manager's Office- Public Property Naming Request*



Questions?  
Contact the Office of the City Manager at (912) 651-6415.

**City of Savannah  
Name Change Petition Form**

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I (We) plan to request a name change with Savannah's City Council through the City Manager's Office.

I (We) understand that our address will change if a permanent street name request is approved by City Council.

Present Name: Unnamed

Proposed Name: Edgmore Sackville Neighborhood Park

This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Owner		Tenant	
		Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
1411 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
1413 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
1412 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> ST.	<i>Abdul A. Beemillat</i>	✓			
1408 E 58 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Abubakar Fleyh</i>	✓		✓	
1404 E 58 <sup>th</sup> ST.	<i>Patricia Evans</i>	✓		✓	
1319 Deleage Ave	<i>Roman Wade</i>	✓		✓	
1318 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>Mary Gibson</i>			✓	
1314 E 58 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>Chris Livingston</i>	✓		✓	
1312 E 58 <sup>th</sup> Street	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		<del>✓</del>	
1309 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> ST.	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		<del>✓</del>	
1311 E. 58 <sup>th</sup> ST.	<i>Oliver</i>	✓		<del>✓</del>	



**Applicant Information**

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**Request Type**

- Honorary street designation
- Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed
- Public property renaming request

**Property Type**

- Park, playground, trail or recreation space
- Building or facility
- Street or roadway
- Other public property

**Property Location**

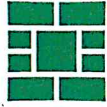
Property address and/ or location description:

Corner of DeLesseps, Cedar, and E 58<sup>th</sup> St

Aldermanic District:  1  2  3  4  5  6

Present property name: N/A

Proposed Name: ~~Edgemere~~ Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park



April 25, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I, John Hall, the District Three Alderman for the City of Savannah, endorse the application to name Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park located between on Cedar Street between 58<sup>th</sup> Street and Delesseps Ave.

Staff will review and formally make a recommendation of action to City Council at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Hall".

John Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Alderman  
City of Savannah

## Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park

The Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Association has been working for many years to bring together the neighbors and make the area a better place to live. We have worked tirelessly to help reduce crime and blight in our neighborhoods. Doing everything possible to make the neighborhoods more inviting to everyone. As a reward for the hard work and efforts we have a park now being built in a currently unnamed lot at the intersection DeLesseps Ave, Cedar St, and 58<sup>th</sup> St. We as a neighborhood want the park to be named Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park.

About 10 years ago Laurentina Watkins set out to get a park for the neighborhood. She identified the area as a great area to get a park so an after school program could be in Edgemere Sackville. Through tireless efforts of working with the city and other members of the Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Association, she was finally able to get the land turned over to the city.

The Association continuously tried to get a park on the lot. We work with numerous members of The Bureau of Leisure Services but could never get any traction. Ultimately at the end of 2016 we finally did! The Association voted to establish a committee to make the park a reality. The committee was composed of five people of all different backgrounds to make the park best for the neighborhood. We had parents, concerned citizens, grandparents, and children. We met on a monthly basis to make this park a reality. Forgoing a lot of to make sure we could finally get the park from a city dumping ground.

The Committee met with Director Baker to determine the best course of actions. From that meeting we had to determine where we wanted the park and what we wanted in the park. Since we were advised by our Alderman of available SPLOST funds, we also had a budget for the park. Of the two potential locations, we chose the larger of the two locations.

Once the location was determined we set forth making sure the residents' input was taken into account. The Committee members went door to door asking everyone what s/he wanted in the park. We received all types of responses. Everything from a playground, to a fountain, a baseball field, to a track. Unfortunately we could not meet every want for the neighbors, so the Committee had to begin narrowing the focus based off budget, space, and top responses.

Then in 2017 Edgemere Sackville was named the first neighborhood to be in the Savannah Shines program! This achievement set the park in to high gear. With increased City of Savannah attention, we were finally getting definitive traction on the park as well as a slightly increased budget. We now were able to complete the fencing around the playground and have a walking trail around the park. One long term goal of the Committee was to have an enlarged park for more open space for games and events. Savannah Shines heard this as well.

A major hurdle we ran into was safety. Unfortunately the only plausible location for the park also poses a few safety concerns. Most notably its close proximity to the exit ramp off the Truman Parkway. With the addition of Savannah Shines, the City was able to get the 3 vacant privately owned lots along 58<sup>th</sup> St. The addition of these lots allowed us to move the playground away from DeLesseps and closer to 58<sup>th</sup>. Moreover, we were able to get more open space for games, events, and anything else we residents could think. We even now have additional lighting going in to the space to help make the area safer.

The Committee didn't even stop when it looked like we finally had everything finished. We met again with Parks and Recreation to make sure that what we as a neighborhood wanted in the park was being placed. A major request was game tables. That was accidentally omitted in the Savannah Shines design, but there was money left in the budget and we now have the tables on the way!

Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Association did not want anyone left out in the naming process. We compiled potential names over a 2-3 month period. The name was subsequently voted to name the park Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park.

Edgemere Sackville is a neighborhood constantly working to better itself and the City of Savannah. We fought hard to get curbs to our neighborhood. We have continued to fight against crime. Making sure we have a visual representation of all the hard work, is what this park represents. No better way to embody that hard work than to name the park what residents want and voted to do. The name we as the residents want is Edgemere Sackville Neighborhood Park.