



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT
COMMISSION
HISTORICAL MARKER RECOMMENDATION**

PETITIONER: CITY OF SAVANNAH, Joe Shearouse

FILE No.: 21-004599-HM

LOCATION: Atlantic Avenue & East 66th Street

DATE: September 2, 2021

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting approval to name an unnamed park located at Atlantic Avenue and East 66th Street directly south of East 65th Lane. The previously unnamed park, in the Ridgewood Extension subdivision, has existed since the late 1940s but no record of a naming action has been identified in the City's official record. The park is proposed to be named "Ridgewood Park".

FINDINGS:

The standards in Article E. Section 4:110-1108, which was adopted by City Council on October 26, 2017, apply to the naming of the building:

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

- *To strengthen neighborhood identity;*

The standard is met. The "Ridgewood Park" name will help to strengthen neighborhood identity since the original name of the subdivision extension is "Ridgewood".

- *To honor and commemorate noteworthy person 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 recognize native wildlife or natural features*

The standards do not apply.

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;*

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- *Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising*

The standards are met. None of these restrictions apply.

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;*
- *Continuity and stability*

The standards are met.

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.*

Staff received a letter of support from the Habersham Village Neighborhood Association and a letter of support from Councilman Palumbo.

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RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommends approval to City Council to name an unnamed park located at Atlantic Avenue and East 66th Street directly south of East 65th Lane to “Ridgewood Park” because the proposal meets the Master Plan and Guidelines.

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**Mr. Kristofer Monroe, Chairman
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