



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Savannah - Chatham Historic Site and Monument Commission  
**FROM:** Joe Shearouse Jr.  
**DATE:** June 5, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **Naming Petition Request- Veterans Memorial Park**

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**Proposed Name:** Veterans Memorial Park  
**Location:** North of Abercorn Street, South of Abercorn Frontage Road.  
Adjacent to southernmost end of Truman Parkway  
**Petitioner:** Alderman Tony Thomas, TThomas@Savannahga.Gov

### Staff Recommendation

1. Recommend approval of naming new park, 'Veterans Memorial Park', to honor all military veterans who have and continue to serve the United States of America.

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

#### Criteria Requirement

- ✓ To honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America.

#### Restrictions

- ✓ No Duplication of name

#### 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 Request

N/A

#### Formal Request Requirements

- ✓ 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;
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- ✓ An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.

### Attachments

1. Applicant's petition request
  - a. District Six Alderman Tony Thomas endorsement as petitioner
  - b. Map of park location
2. City Staff comments on request

May 4, 2018

City Manager's Office  
City Hall  
2 East Bay Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31402

**Re: Name Request- Veterans Memorial Park**

To Whom It May Concern,

In accordance with the City of Savannah Code of Ordinances 'Section 4-1102.- Naming new facilities or public property', I am requesting that the land located north of Abercorn Street and south of the Abercorn Frontage Road be named Veterans Memorial Park.

The property is located adjacent to the southernmost end of the Harry S. Truman Parkway and is bounded by Abercorn Street to the south and east, and Abercorn Frontage Road to north and west. The property's land is comprised mainly of grass with a few trees on the west end.

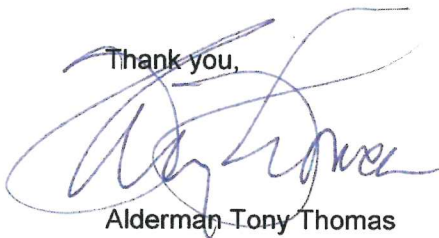
This property is owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). GDOT has formally agreed to allow the City of Savannah to name this property. The property originally served as an apartment building called Plantation Oaks Apartments but was demolished to allow for the construction of the Phase V of the Truman Parkway.

The name Veterans Memorial Park is recommended to honor all military veterans who have and continue to serve the United States of America. This location is important because of its position on a highly visible thoroughfare which helps highlight our commitment to remembering and honoring past and present veterans.

As the 6<sup>th</sup> District Alderman, I will be the primary petitioner for this request and can be contacted at [TThomas@Savannahga.Gov](mailto:TThomas@Savannahga.Gov) or (912) 675-7465.

Please accept this letter and my signature below as my official endorsement of this request and begin the naming process under the rules listed within Section 4-1102.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Thomas', is written over the 'Thank you,' text.

Alderman Tony Thomas

6<sup>th</sup> District





## Joe Shearouse01

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**From:** Luciana Spracher  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 5:52 PM  
**To:** Joe Shearouse01  
**Cc:** Heath Lloyd; Gordon Denney  
**Subject:** RE: Park Naming Request

Hi Joe,

We found no duplication of names for either naming request in our records in the Archives.

Regarding the Windsor Park name request, my only comment is regarding the consideration of an alternate name of "Windsor Forest Park." The neighborhood's name is Windsor Forest and this is well documented in historical records in both the Municipal Archives' map collections, Metropolitan Planning Commission's neighborhood files, and the Georgia Historical Society's manuscript collections. Windsor Road is one of the main roads in Windsor Forest and an argument could be made that like the road, the park takes simply Windsor from the more complete name. I don't necessarily think that one name is better or more right than the other. I just think that it bears some additional consideration and discussion.

If you would like a brief historical summary of Windsor Forest neighborhood let me know and I can supply that.

Luciana

### **Luciana M. Spracher, C.A.**

Municipal Records & Archives Director | Acting Clerk of Council  
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**From:** Joe Shearouse01  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Gordon Denney <GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>; Luciana Spracher <LSpracher@Savannahga.Gov>  
**Cc:** Heath Lloyd <hlloyd@Savannahga.Gov>  
**Subject:** Park Naming Request

Morning,

Please provide any feedback on the attached naming request which falls under 'Section 4-1002 Naming new facilities or public property' by **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

I am working on SOP for this process, separate of the ordinance, to help us better facilitate process.

Here is a summary of the request-

### **Veterans Memorial Park**

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## **Windsor Park**

### Criteria Requirement

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**From:** Gordon Denney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:38 PM  
**To:** Joe Shearouse01; Luciana Spracher  
**Cc:** Heath Lloyd  
**Subject:** RE: Park Naming Request

Joseph,

Good afternoon. I see no issues with the requests for naming of these sites as proposed by Alderman Thomas. I only ask, similar to previous requests, that you please send a copy of this request to the current Chairman of the Park and Tree Commission, Ron Melander (ronmelander@gmail.com), as soon as you are able before the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission meeting it will be presented at for consideration. Since the Park and Tree Commission Chairman is a member of this committee, as a voice for the Park and Tree Commission, it would give the Commission a chance to discuss as a group for the Chairman to voice at the meeting. Thanks.

### **Gordon D. Denney, PLA**

Director  
Greenscapes Division  
City of Savannah

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