

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chatham- Savannah Historic Sites and Monuments Commission

FROM:

Joe Shearouse Jr.

DATE:

February 12th, 2019

SUBJECT:

Naming Petition Request-Sunrise Park

Proposed Name:

Sunrise Park

Location:

9 Sheridan Circle, Savannah Georgia 31406

Petitioner:

Alan Boulton, President Paradise Park Oakhurst Neighborhood

Association. alan.phyllis@att.net, (912) 713-8329

Staff contact:

Joe Shearouse, jshearouse01@savannahga.gov, (912) 658-4092

Staff Recommendation

1. Recommend approval to name the unnamed park located at 9 Sheridan Circle, Savannah, Georgia to 'Sunrise Park'.

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

Criteria Requirement

- ✓ To strengthen neighborhood identity; or
- ✓ To recognize native wildlife or natural features.

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 Miller's endorsement
 - c. Map of location
- 2. City Staff comments on request

January 13, 2019

Mr. Joseph C. Shearouse Jr. City of Savannah 2 East Bay St. Savannah, GA 31401

re: Naming of "Sunrise Park"

Paradise Park was developed as a low-density suburban residential community during he 1960's. At the time the entire area consisted of un-incorporated parts of Chatham County and no provision or plans for parks or recreation facilities had been required or envisioned. Over the years other developers added additional surrounding residential communities and the planning of each was similarly internally focused with little or no planning for interconnections of roads, sidewalks or provision for recreational facilities. By the time most Southside communities were incorporated into Savannah, most of the buildable tracts had been developed into a patchwork of separate developments; which typically have narrow winding streets and no space for sidewalks. For decades, most residents had been typically focused on their immediate neighborhood and its schools and not used to dealing with a large and well-organized entity such as the City of Savannah.

During the early 2000's, street crime and home break-ins were rising and residents began experiencing and sharing their considerable frustrations with their various attempts to deal individually with the various City agencies. In January 2005, Paradise Park Oakhurst Neighborhood Association was formed including all of the (7) now (8) developments bounded by Montgomery Cross Road, White Bluff Rd. and the Vernon River Marsh. Our initial concerns were with public safety and quality of life issues. As our relationship with and support from Savannah PD and Code Compliance gradually improved, we began to focus on other common issues.

We noticed that numerous children were regularly playing in the streets in several areas and were thus endangered by unusually heavy, high speed traffic on some of our streets. This led to a focus on traffic calming and our efforts led to the first neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan in the City. The other part of this issue was less tractable.

Historically, PPONA's children had been informally using the playground facilities of our two adjacent schools. However security concerns had led the School Board to decide to fence off and lock-up these facilities after school hours. Initially, this was a minor issue as most of our population was older and had few, if any, children at home. However, over the decade, the demographics of our population has shifted and several of the neighborhoods now have substantial school age populations. The issue is: we urgently need parks and recreation facilities, but it appeared that there simply was no place to put them. However, several residents noted that, scattered around the Association, there were several multiple-lot plots, which had originally held homes but were now vacant and unused. Further investigation disclosed that these were City owned lots, purchased under

FEMA grants due to historical flooding issues, and could not be used for residences. We immediately began the planning process to develop park(s) on these plots.

The first of these plots, a single marsh-front lot, located at #9 Sheridan Circle has now been developed by the City into a pocket park. This new park is an excellent destination for in-the-neighborhood walks and provides an especially beautiful vista of the Vernon River Marsh at sunrise. This is especially significant as there is no other public location with-in PPONA, which provides a view of the marsh even though it makes up more than a third of our Association boundary!

We discussed possible names for our new park at several PPONA meetings and "Sunrise Park" was the favorite candidate. We there request that the City of Savannah officially name the park at #9 Sheridan Circle "Sunrise Park".

Thank-You for you Assistance

Alan Boulton, President
Paradise Park Oakhurst Neighborhood Association



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.

Applic	ant information				
Name:	Alan Boulton Phone Number: (912) 713-8329			912) 713-8329	
Address:					
Email:	alan.phyllis@att.ne	t,			
Request Type					
	Honorary street de	esignation			
	Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed				
	Public property renaming request				
Property Type					
	Park, playground,	trail or recreation	space		
	Building or facility				
· u	Street or roadway				
	Other public prope	erty			
Property Location					
Property address and/ or location description:					
9 Sheridan Circle, Savannah Georgia 31406 Property was a flood prone lot, purchased by FEMA and now owned by the City of Savannah					
Aldermanic District: 1 2 3 4 5 6					
Presen	nt property name: Not Named				
Propos	osed Name: Sunrise Park				

Requirement Checklist for Re-naming Request

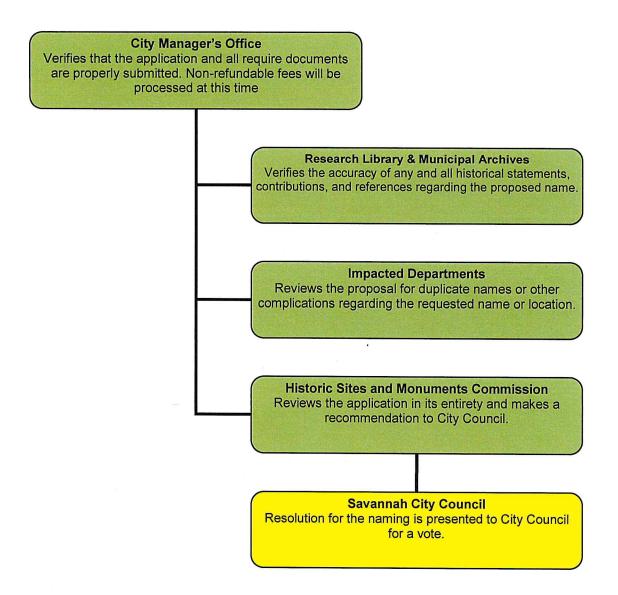
(Check each item to verify that all requirements are included along with this application according to requested property type.)

Honor	ary 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
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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
Ц	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 i	playground, trail or recreation space
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	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
Ruildin	g 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

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.



January 17th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Julian Miller, the District Four Alderman of City of Savannah endorse the application to name Sunrise Park located at 9 Sheridan Circle, Savannah Georgia.

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

Sincerely

∕Julian Miller

4th District Alderman

City of Savannah

ARTICLE E. – NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND STREETS.

Section 4-1100. - 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.

Section 4-1101- Naming criteria and requirements.

- (a) 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:
 - (1) 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;
 - (2) It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;
 - (3) It will strengthen neighborhood identity; or
 - (4) It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.
- (b) The following shall not be considered for purposes of naming or renaming:
 - (1) Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
 - (2) 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
 - (3) Except as set forth in Section 4-1106 of this Article, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.
- (c) Naming requests shall consider:
 - The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
 - (2) Community diversity:
 - (3) The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
 - (4) The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
 - (5) The impact on emergency service delivery; and
 - (6) Continuity and stability.
- (d) Requests to name a public right-of-way or facility in honor of a natural person should also consider the following:
 - (1) Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree shall be deceased;
 - (2) 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;
- (3) Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- (4) Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

Section 4-1102. - Naming new facilities or public property.

- (a) 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;
 - (2) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property or surrounding area, as may be applicable;
 - (3) The name, address and contact information of the requestor; and
 - (4) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (b) Upon receipt of a property naming request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments 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.

Section 4-1103 – Renaming of public property, facilities or streets.

- (a) All requests to rename public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:
 - (1) In the instance of a street or roadway:
 - (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way;
 - (B) The present official name of the street:
 - (C) The proposed new name;
 - (D) The specific location of the street or roadway;
 - (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
 - (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
 - (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names associated therewith; and
 - (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located.
 - (2) In the instance of a park, playground, trail, recreational area or space:

- (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject property:
- (B) The present official name of the property;
- (C) The proposed new name;
- (D) The specific location of the property;
- (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
- (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
- (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
- (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (3) In the instance of a building, structure or facility:
 - (A) The present official name of the building, structure or facility;
 - (B) The proposed new name:
 - (C) The specific location of the property;
 - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
 - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
 - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility, including all prior names associated therewith; and
 - (G) 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.
- (4) In the instance of all other public property:
 - (A) The present official name of the property;
 - (B) The proposed new name:
 - (C) The specific location of the property;
 - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
 - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
 - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
 - (G) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.

Section 4-1104 - Honorary Street Naming Designations.

(a) Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. Where deemed consistent with the objectives of this section, the designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall be in addition to the official name of an existing right-ofway.

- (b) Requests to affix an honorary designation to a public right-of-way shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Submissions shall include:
 - (1) Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
 - (2) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way:
 - (3) The present official name of the right-of-way:
 - (4) The proposed honorary designation;
 - (5) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
 - (6) A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation:
 - (7) A discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
 - (8) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (c) Honorary designations may be bestowed under the following non-exclusive circumstances:
 - (1) Where 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;
 - (2) Where the proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
 - Where the proposed namesake is a native Savannahian whom achieved national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah; or
 - (4) Where the proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- (d) Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.
- (e) Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- (f) Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year. Requests will be reviewed and evaluated in the order in which they are received.
- (g) Upon receipt of a request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this section 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.

- (h) Requests approved by the Mayor and Aldermen shall be effective for five years from the date of such approval. The City may remove the sign at the end of the five-year period. If requested, the sign may be given to the applicant, honoree, or a family member of the honoree.
- (i) Renewal requests may be submitted; provided, however that they are transmitted no less than 60 days before the termination of the effective period. Renewal requests will not be given priority over pending honorary designation requests, if any.
- (j) Honorary signs may be mounted on the same post as the existing street sign or mounted free standing on a separate post. The City will maintain the sign after installation. Installation of the honorary sign(s) shall be within a reasonable time but no later than 45 days from the date of approval. The City shall replace signs stolen or damaged during the five-year approval period.
- (k) Along with any application submitted, the applicant shall include payment of a non-refundable fee to defray the costs associated with the review, design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign. The fee shall be charged as set forth in the City's annual Revenue Ordinance. All fees will be deposited in the City's General Fund upon receipt. Fees and costs shall not be waived unless the honorary designation is initiated by City Council.

Section 4-1105. - 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.

Section 4-1106. - Donations and Gifts

A donation or gift of land, goods, funding, equipment or other items may constitute a basis upon which to name or rename public property. The donation or gift shall be documented and recorded by the Clerk of Council.

Section 4-1107. - Notification of street name changes; publishing and posting of notices.

When the name of a street permanently has been changed pursuant to this Article, the public works administrator shall notify utility companies and interested state and local agencies of the street name change. Notifications may encompass more than one renaming event and may be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Section 4-1108. - Discontinuance.

The City retains the right to reject, discontinue or abandon any naming that occurred pursuant to this Article when deemed in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors.

Map of Location



Joe Shearouse01

From:

Joe Shearouse01

Sent:

Monday, February 4, 2019 10:10 AM

To:

Luciana Spracher; Gordon Denney; Barry Baker

Cc:

Marty Johnston

Subject:

RE: Sunrise Park Naming Request

Thanks Luciana,

I will follow-up on your recommendations listed below.

This petition is for unnamed piece of public property and therefore does not require petition signatures, however we do always strongly suggest one be included.

I am scheduling a meeting to review the ordinance and its impact over the past year on February 20th. We can discuss this item (and others) in further depth at that meeting.

From: Luciana Spracher

Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2019 11:28 AM

To: Joe Shearouse01 <JShearouse01@Savannahga.Gov>; Gordon Denney <GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>; Barry Baker

<BBaker@Savannahga.Gov>

Cc: Marty Johnston < MJohnston 01@Savannahga. Gov>

Subject: Re: Sunrise Park Naming Request

Good morning Joe,

I have no historical related comments on this request since it is not tied to a person or geographical name. Though I do want to make two suggestions:

- 1. The City already has Sunset Park in its inventory of parks, on Sunset Boulevard off Skidaway. I recommend reaching out to Police, Fire, and Traffic for their comments and recommendations regarding any conflict with emergency services delivery.
- 2. The request lacks the required supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all abutting property owners. There are adjacent properties that should sign off and that be included and documented in the packet. Alternatively, the neighborhood association could add a petition to their letter that demonstrates 51% of their members support this name. Since we don't know what the other names considered were and how close the selection was, that might be useful. But I think one or the other is needed to be in compliance with the ordinance.

Let me know if you need anything else from me. Luciana

Luciana Spracher, Director
Municipal Archives & Records Management
City of Savannah, Georgia
(912) 651-6411
Lspracher@savannahga.gov

On Thu, Jan 17, 2019 at 12:07 PM -0500, "Joe Shearouse01" < JShearouse01@Savannahga.Gov> wrote:

See attached memo for request.

I will send it to MPC after I receive staff comments.

Thanks

From: Joe Shearouse01

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 4:04 PM

To: Luciana Spracher < LSpracher@Savannahga.Gov >; Gordon Denney (GDenney@Savannahga.Gov)

<GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>; Barry Baker <BBaker@Savannahga.Gov>.

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This property was a FEMA purchased lot that was recently converted into a mini-park.

Please see attached request and provide any staff comments or recommendations by February 1st.

Thanks

Joseph C. Shearouse Jr.

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Joe Shearouse01

From:

Gordon Denney

Sent:

Friday, January 18, 2019 9:15 AM

To:

Joe Shearouse01

Subject:

RE: Sunrise Park Naming Request

Joseph,

Good morning. Greenscapes has no issue with this request.

Gordon D. Denney, PLA

Director

Greenscapes Division City of Savannah

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