



BRIEFING MEMO

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: Paula Hoff

DATE: January 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Process for Naming Park Sites along Thornton Creek

Requested Board Action

The Board of Park Commissioner is being asked to support the proposed process for naming park sites along Thornton Creek. This would come in the form of an endorsement for moving forward with naming the access points in Thornton Creek Park #2 and Thornton Creek Park #6 and a few other unnamed park sites along Thornton Creek.

Project Description and Background

Over the last few years, Parks has received requests from citizens to name sections of Thornton Creek Park #2 and Thornton Creek Park #6. Since many of the parcels along the Creek are contiguous, staff have been developing a naming plan that makes it clear the sites are related and are public access points to Thornton Creek.

Proposal

Parks is proposing to begin public naming processes for all access points along the creek, such that any sites named along the creek will be called “.....access at Thornton Creek Natural Area”. This would include five access points along Thornton Creek Park #6, four access points along Thornton Creek Park #2, and a few other park sites that stand alone along the creek.

Public Involvement Process

The Public Involvement Process will begin when we advertise that Parks is seeking names for the Thornton Creek access points. At that time we will issue a notice seeking public naming suggestions for the sites. We will use e-mail lists, local publications, major newspapers, community groups and signage posted at the sites to advertise the public naming process.

Once the suggestions are compiled and the deadline closes, the Park Naming Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent who will name the park sites.

Schedule

Consistent with the Park Naming Policy (P-1.4.1), we would move forward in the next month to advertise these sites for park naming, either all together or in batches.

Summary

Linking the names of the park sites with access to Thornton Creek will support opportunities for the public to observe and enjoy nature along Thornton Creek and its tributaries.

Additional Information

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