



August 14, 2026

Municipality of Anchorage
Public Naming Commission
632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Attention: Darrel W. Hess

Re: Renaming Eagle River Town Square Park – Eagle River Commons Park
Petition 2025-0909 Pippel's Field Park

Dear Mr. Hess and Commissioners,

After discussion with the Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors, community members, and Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation staff, the Chugiak-Eagle River Historical Society would like to amend its original submittal to rename the park adjacent to Eagle River Town Square Park instead.

The adjacent park, presently known as Eagle River Commons Park, is a large open park, with a playground, picnic areas, and other recreational equipment. It is within the area originally farmed by the Pippel family, and the recreational setting is in keeping with the area's history as the first informal Eagle River park.

We'd like to thank Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation manager Jeff Urbanus for his creative suggestion for an alternate location. It meets the spirit and intent of our original request and will be a perfect spot for Pippel's Field Park.

Regards,

Robert Hughes
President

Public Naming Commission Submission Form

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Submitting Individual or Agency (Required)

Name of Individual or Agency:

Contact Person (if submitting on behalf of an agency):

Mailing Address:

Contact Phone – Day:

Evening:

Email (required):

Public Place Proposed for Naming or Renaming (Required)

Current Name (if applicable):

Proposed Name:

Location Address or Description of Public Space:

Narrative Statement (Required)

Provide a narrative explaining the rationale for the proposed naming or renaming. If known, include historical context, significance of the proposed name, community support, and any cultural, historical, or geographical considerations, including indigenous historical or cultural relevance. If recommending naming for an individual or group, include their positive impacts on the local community and their relationship to the facility or space proposed for naming. Posthumous naming is limited to no earlier than 36 months posthumously. (Use additional pages if necessary):

Exhibit (Optional)

A map or photo showing the location and boundaries of the public space being proposed for naming or renaming is encouraged.

Attached Map or Photo: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Submission Instructions

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Vision Statement: We envision a Municipality of Anchorage where the names of public places reflect the full story of our community – the land's history, Indigenous place names, and the cultural, natural, and civic identities of our city. By recognizing stories and landscapes that shape our community, we aim to foster a sense of shared identity and belonging. Our work includes the careful consideration and recommendation of names for Municipal sites, objects, trails, landscapes, and buildings. The Public Naming Commission uses a culturally aware naming process with active community input.