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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH RENAMING BIRCH PARK AS BOB AND ARLENE CROSS PARK IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long-term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission finds it appropriate to recognize individuals and organizations who have made substantial and exemplary contributions to the municipal park system to promote its mission; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 the Bob and Arlene Cross family donated a ten-acre tract of land for community youth for recreation purposes, and this land became part of the municipal park system in 1995 and has since been known as Birch Park; and

WHEREAS, appropriate recognition herein described has support of the community as further expressed by resolution(s) of affected Community Council(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1. That Birch Park be renamed "Bob and Arlene Cross Park."

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 24th day of January, 2006.

Anna I. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara E. Brownell
Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS the Huffman/O'Malley Community Council represents the residents of Birch Road, and

WHEREAS the Friends of Birch Park, residents of the Huffman/O'Malley Community Council area, have requested the Council's support, and

WHEREAS this parcel of land has been used as a community park for fifty years, and

WHEREAS this park was donated by Robert and Arlene Cross, original Hillside homesteaders, from their homestead property, and

WHEREAS this park was originally known as "Hilltop Youth Park" and managed by Hilltop Youth, Inc., and

WHEREAS volunteer efforts and donations have created an area of opportunity for all members of this community, and

WHEREAS this park was transferred to the Municipality of Anchorage as a municipal park, and

WHEREAS since that time it has been called "Birch Park", and

WHEREAS this park continues to be cared for by the Cross family and Friends of Birch Park, and

WHEREAS it is reasonable and just to acknowledge the contribution of Robert and Arlene Cross to their neighborhood and their community, and

WHEREAS the community desires to publicly thank the Robert and Arlene Cross family for their generous contribution to the health and lifestyle, social and recreational needs of the community,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Huffman/O'Malley Community Council requests formal adoption of the name "The Robert and Arlene Cross Park" to represent this park in perpetuity.

Tim Stevens, President

MID-HILLSIDE and HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Mid-Hillside Board	Hillside East Board
Brian Johnson	Tom Newins
Mark Miner	Bjarne Holm
Shirley McGrath	
Tom O'Grady	
Linda Perkins	
Lance Powell	
Kim Ross	
John Weddleton	

A RESOLUTION

The Mid-Hillside and Hillside East Community Councils support renaming of Birch Park to the Bob and Arlene Cross Park.

This resolution was approved at the combined general meeting of the Mid-Hillside and Hillside East Community Councils on October 20, 2005. The meeting was advertised through the newsletter, the Councils' website and in the Anchorage Daily News.

This resolution passed unanimously.

Tom Newins, President
Hillside east Community Council

John Weddleton, President
Mid-Hillside Community Council

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AMC CHAPTER 3.97 NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BLDGS. ...

3.97.030 Procedures

A. Preliminary action in naming a facility may be initiated by the mayor or a quorum of the assembly. If the assembly is the initiating organization, a proposal in letter format addressed to the mayor will be prepared. Upon receipt of an assembly request to name a facility or upon the mayor's decision to seek a name for a facility, the mayor will appoint a five-member citizen ***panel*** subject to assembly approval to review proposed names, to hold public hearings, and to identify an appropriate name for the facility. The citizen ***panel*** may be composed of members of recognized boards and commissions.

B. The facility naming ***panel*** will identify appropriate names for the facility. The ***panel*** may consider those names submitted by the mayor or the assembly or propose an alternative, taking care not to overlook the contributions of women and minorities to the city, state and nation. Geographic influences will be considered to the degree possible in selecting names for facilities. Upon agreement by a quorum of the ***panel***, a letter advising the mayor shall be dispatched. The mayor will make the panel's letter an attachment to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for the assembly.

C. The assembly will set the naming resolution for public hearing at least one month after introduction and ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public during this period.

(AO No. 87-73)

3.97.040 Changing of names.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the changing of names of facilities provided the guidelines of this chapter are followed.

(AO No. 87-73)

CONSENT AGENDA - **INTRODUCTION**