

# **NOMINATIONS FOR THE RENAMING OF JAYCEE PARK**

**COMMISSION SUMMARY  
PRESENTED BY THE  
FORT PIERCE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 13, 2023**



# Outline

- Call for Renaming of Jaycee Park and Naming/Renaming Process in your packet
- Quote from the Naming Process as adopted by the Commission: “Renaming carries with it a much greater burden of process compared to initial naming. Tradition and continuity of name and community identification are important community values. Each request to rename must meet the criteria of this policy, but meeting all criteria does not ensure renaming.”
- The Parks Advisory Committee concluded by vote that nomination forms must be complete in order to be vetted. This includes stating a reason for the nomination and a signature.
- Results
  - Social media
  - Emails
  - Nomination forms

# Results – Social Media & Emails

- While Social Media is not considered a Nomination, it is worth noting that a number of posts lobbied for the name to remain Jaycee Park.
- 14 emails were received. While emails are not considered a Nomination, it is worth noting the following:
  - 5 preferred that the name remain Jaycee Park.
  - Names suggested included: Ais Park, Garth Wilder, John Lennon Park or Peace Park, Sunrise City Park, Sunset Park or Seaside Park or Riverfront Park

# Results – Nomination Forms

Nominator	Name Nominated	Complete?	Meets Objectives?	Meets Criteria?
Rusty Durham	Jaycee Park	N-no reason		
Blake Fontenay	John Houghtaling	N-no signature		
J. Gaines	Sunrise Kiwanis Park	Y	Y	Y
Carol Hayes	Jaycee Park	Y	Y	Y
Robert Hayes	Jaycee Park	N-no reason		
Anna Holden	Jaycee Park	N-no reason		
Anna Holden	Jaycee Park	N-no reason		
Caleb Holden	Jaycee Park	N-no reason		
Dorothy Huff	The Sand Box	N-no reason or signature		
Eric Kowalski	Jaycee Park	N-no reason or signature		
Jane Massaro	Island Park and Play	N-no signature		
Corey Sandin	Doubloon Park	Y	Y	Y
Corey Sandin	Ahoy Park	Y	Y	Y
Angie Striker	Jaycee Park	Y	Y	Y
Chris Striker	Jaycee Park	Y	Y	Y

# Summary

- Of the 6 completed Nomination Forms,
  - 3 suggested renaming the park
  - 3 suggested leaving the name Jaycee Park
- Reasons given for leaving the name Jaycee Park in the Nomination Forms and emails include:
  - Jaycees established the Park
  - Confusing to rename
  - Easy to recognize and find as is
- We have concluded that the community prefers leaving the name Jaycee Park.
- The community also recognizes the huge contribution that the Kiwanis Club has made in rebuilding the playground, which is one of a large number of amenities at Jaycee Park.
- Some do feel that the playground should be named to honor this contribution and that a sign be erected honoring the Kiwanis Club. This is provided for in the Naming Process.

# Procedures

The steps to name a public facility include but are not limited to:

1. An open call for submissions publicized in all local media including a deadline for submission;
2. A completed “City of Fort Pierce Nomination Form” submitted to the City Clerk for each nomination by any citizen, group, or organization;
3. Submissions vetted by the Parks Committee, including all facts and backgrounds listed on the nomination form plus any other research deemed appropriate;
4. All vetted submissions presented to the Commissioners for review with notes from the research;
5. Commissioners discuss these submissions during a Conference Agenda meeting. The Commission may accept or reject the Committee submissions. In the latter event, the Commission shall refer the call for submissions back to the Committee.
6. Commissioners select the name by vote at a Commission Meeting.



# Questions and Discussion