

City of Cotati
City Council Policy No. 1995-01

Naming of Park and Recreation Facilities

RESOLUTION NO. 95-52

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF
PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Cotati Community Services Commission has recommended a policy describing the manner in which municipal park and recreation facilities are to be named.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Cotati does hereby adopt the following policy governing the naming of municipal park and recreation facilities:

Section A.

The name shall address one or more of the following objectives:

- 1) To enhance the values and heritage of the City of Cotati and be compatible with community interest.
- 2) To be descriptive of the park's geographical location and/or function, so that it will be easily identified.
- 3) To encourage the dedication of land or funds for public use by individuals and/or groups in recognition of their achievements or community contribution.

Section B.

If the park is to be named for a person in recognition of the public service the person has provided, the following criteria (in addition to meeting the above objectives) apply:

- 1) The person shall have made a major contribution to the community, the County, the State, or the field of recreation and parks.
- 2) Consideration of a person shall occur not less than three years following the date of service for which the recognition is being made.
- 3) The service the person made shall have occurred over a period of not less than two years.
- 4) Typically, the service shall have been rendered in a volunteer, non-paid status.
- 5) The person may be living or deceased.
- 6) Ancestor of person described in 1) above who presently resides in the City of Cotati.

Section C.

If the park is to be named in recognition of a gift of resources for the acquisition or building of the park, the following criteria (in addition to meeting the above objectives) apply:

- 1) The gift of resources for the park from the donor shall exceed 50% of the capital cost of the park.
- 2) If being named for a person, the person must have a record of outstanding citizenship; that is, the person is of exemplary character and integrity.
- 3) A donor may stipulate the name of the park if (a) the stipulated name is part of a written agreement approved by the City Council at the time the donation of resources is offered; and (b) the stipulated name is consistent with paragraphs C.1 and C.2 and Section A of this policy.

Section D.

Procedures for naming parks:

- 1) The Community Services Commission shall recommend to the City Council the names for the parks.
- 2) The criteria used by the Community Services Commission, and subsequently the City Council, for considering a park name shall be the criteria set forth in this policy.
- 3) Typically, parks shall be named immediately after acquisition of the site in order to be identified from the onset.
- 4) The Community Services Commission shall provide ample public notice of its intent to select a park name, providing sufficient time for other individuals and/or groups to propose other names prior to the Commission making a decision.

Section E.

A park name may be changed if any of the following conditions are met:

- 1) When the current name becomes inappropriate.
- 2) When the current name is inconsistent with the objectives of the park naming policy.

- 3) Selecting a new name for a park already named shall be subject to the same objectives, criteria, and procedures described in this resolution.

Section F.

Donations: The City Council encourages individuals, groups, and organizations to donate funds for the purchase of an item within a park in memory of, in honor of, or in name of...an individual, group, or organization. The types of items may include a park area or meadow, tree, park furniture, play equipment, a play field, etc..

Donated items may be identified by a plaque or marker separately from the other items in the park only upon approval by the City Council.

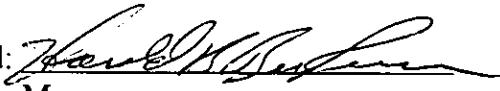
Section G.

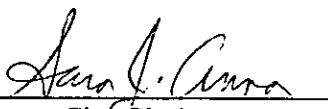
Definitions:

- 1) The term "person" includes the plural, people; it also includes informal groups or formally established organizations.
- 2) The term "ancestor" includes the plural, ancestors; as well as, forefather, forebear, founder, parent, grandparent and ascendant.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cotati held on the 9th day of August, 1995, by the following vote, to wit:

BERKEMEIER:	<u>Yes</u>
DELL'OSSO:	<u>Yes</u>
CULLINEN:	<u>Yes</u>
ELLES:	<u>Yes</u>
MILLER:	<u>Absent</u>

Approved: 
Mayor

Attest: 
Deputy City Clerk