

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2024

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB23-_____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure

A BILL

For an ordinance naming a new unnamed park “Bethesda Park”.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver acquired the land on which a park sits, the unnamed park at Iliff and Bellaire, situated within Denver County, in 2019, located at 4301 E Iliff Ave, Denver CO 80222; and

WHEREAS, the park was designated by City Charter in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, a committee formed after park vision planning completed in 2023, submitted a proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to name the park “Bethesda Park” as depicted in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the naming is to honor the Dutch heritage of the area and reflect the impact that the Bethesda Sanitorium later known as the Bethesda Psychiatric Hospital had on this area among several generations of immigrants. Bethesda is a Hebrew word meaning place (or house) of mercy, aptly reflecting the values that the community wants to live on in the park.

WHEREAS, a committee of neighbors and representatives advocate for this naming to honor the Dutch heritage of the area and reflect the impact that the Bethesda Sanitorium later known as the Bethesda Psychiatric Hospital had on this area among several generations of immigrants;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the proposed naming of this trail; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted at its meeting on January 10, 2024 to recommend the naming of the unnamed park as “Bethesda Park”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the park, the same is hereby named, and shall be known as, BETHESDA PARK

Section 2. That this action shall be effective upon the final adoption of the ordinance.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

1 _____ - PRESIDENT

2 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

3 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
4 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
5 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

6 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____, 2024; _____, 2024

7 PREPARED BY: Jason D. Moore, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: _____, 2024

8 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
9 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
10 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
11 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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13 Kerry B. Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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15 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2024