

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. 24-0241
SERIES OF 2024

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB24-0241
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure

A BILL

**For an ordinance naming an unnamed park at Iliff Ave. and Bellaire St.
“Bethesda Park”.**

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

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, a neighborhood committee submitted a proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to name the park “Bethesda Park”; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the naming is to honor the impact that the Bethesda Tuberculosis Sanitorium, later the Bethesda Psychiatric Hospital, had on the community including the several generations of immigrants near and arounds the park; and to honor the Dutch heritage of the neighborhood. “Bethesda” is a Hebrew word meaning place or house of mercy, aptly reflecting the values of charity and service held by the founders of the Sanitorium and the Hospital, as well as the community. When first established the Sanitorium served the local Dutch immigrant community. Over the years, other immigrant and local communities were served by the Sanitorium and Hospital.

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

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: February 27, 2024 by Consent

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: March 5, 2024

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____; _____

10 PREPARED BY: Jason D. Moore, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: March 14, 2024

11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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16 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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18 BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Mar 13, 2024