

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2016

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB16-0473
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Infrastructure & Culture

A BILL

For an ordinance renaming a portion of Weir Gulch Park located north of West Alameda Avenue, south of West Bayaud Avenue, north and west of South Weir Drive, and south and east of South Windsor Drive, as “Ruth ‘Lucille’ Dreiling Park”

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver owns and operates Weir Gulch Park located north of West Alameda Avenue, south of West Bayaud Avenue, north and west of South Weir Drive, and south and east of South Windsor Drive as a designated park under the Denver Charter; and

WHEREAS, Ruth "Lucille" Dreiling was a longtime resident of the Barnum West neighborhood who was instrumental in the creation, in 1972, and the funding of Weir Gulch Park and was engaged in organizing the Boy Scouts to plant trees and clean up the gulch and initiating the creation of a diversion program to help clean up debris that often landed in the gulch; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Wellington Webb recognized Mrs. Dreiling as *Neighbor of the Year* in 2000, and, until her passing in 2008, Mrs. Dreiling was tremendously involved in the improvement of the park, making sure that it remained a flourishing place for children and families to play; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, a petition was initiated by Councilman Paul Lopez and signed by over 745 persons to rename this portion of Weir Gulch Park as “Ruth "Lucille" Dreiling Park,” with letters of support from Concerned Citizens for Barnum; Denver Police Community Relations Division; and family member Deborah Dreiling; and

WHEREAS, in support of the petition, Councilman Paul Lopez stated: *"Mrs. Dreiling made it her mission to transform Weir Gulch from a weedy, trash-filled and tire-ridden drainage ditch into thriving parkland. She was a true community organizer. Holding community meetings from her driveway, she turned ideas into action by organizing community volunteers from all walks of life";* and

WHEREAS, in her letter of support, Kaye Boeke, President of the neighborhood group Concerned Citizens for Barnum, wrote, *"Mrs. Dreiling was the kind of neighbor we all hope for: invested, caring and involved";* and

1 **WHEREAS**, family member Deborah Dreiling wrote, "*Ruth was a true community advocate*
2 *at heart...Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and decades of neighborhood children still play*
3 *on the playground equipment she worked so hard to obtain*"; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the
5 proposed renaming of this park and the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted at its
6 meeting on April 14, 2016, to recommend the renaming of Barnum North Park to "Ruth "Lucille"
7 Dreiling Park".

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

9 **Section 1.** That the above-described portion of Weir Gulch Park be and the same is
10 hereby renamed, and shall be known as, RUTH 'LUCILLE' DREILING PARK.

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

12 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 29, 2016

13 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: July 5, 2016

14 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2016

15 _____ - PRESIDENT

16 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2016

17 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
18 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
19 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

20 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2016; _____ 2016

21 PREPARED BY: Patrick A. Wheeler, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 7, 2016

22 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
23 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
24 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
25 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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27 Denver City Attorney

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29 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2016