

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB23-0401
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure

A BILL

For an ordinance naming the community park at 4000 N. Kirk Street as “William H. Whitsell Park”.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver acquired the land on which a park sits, informally known as “42nd and Lisbon” Park, City and County of Denver, in or about 2000, located at approximately 4000 N. Kirk Street, Denver, Colorado 80249; and

WHEREAS, the park was designated by ordinance in or about 2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, Jerald L. Carey and other family and descendants of William H. Whitsell submitted a proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to name the park at 4000 N. Kirk Street “William H. Whitsell Park”; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the naming is in recognition of William H. Whitsell, who is believed to be one of the first African-American, if not the first, black male born in the then-Territory of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, members of the Green Valley Ranch neighborhood advocate for this naming to celebrate the history, impact, and contributions of William H. Whitsell, his descendants, and African-Americans in Denver and the state of Colorado; and

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 11, 2023, to recommend the naming of the park at 4000 N. Kirk Street as “William H. Whitsell Park”.

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

Section 1. That the park at 4000 N. Kirk Street be and the same is hereby named, and shall be known as, WILLIAM H. WHITSELL PARK.

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

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: April 18, 2023 by Consent

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: April 25, 2023

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: April 27, 2023

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 B. Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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18 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2023