

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the
Nichols Hills Board of Park Commissioners
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM
City Hall, 6407 Avondale Drive
Nichols Hills, OK 73116

If special assistance is needed for this meeting by any person wishing to attend, please contact the City Clerk's office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting, and such assistance will be provided.

Official action may be taken by the Board of Park Commissioners only on items that appear on this Agenda. The Board of Park Commissioners may dispose of the business set out on this Agenda by accepting, approving, adopting, rejecting, amending, or postponing action as to each item, as determined by the Board of Park Commissioners.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
 - a. October 15, 2025 Minutes
4. Consideration of adoption, approval, acceptance, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement of the following:
 - a. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding new sign for Nichols Road Park.
 - b. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding naming opportunities with respect to parks.
 - c. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding park reservation procedures.
 - d. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding park rules.
 - e. Schedule the next regular meeting.
5. Adjournment

Amanda Copeland

City Clerk
City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma

MINUTES

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Attendees Present	Arrived
Member Chip Oppenheim	3:30
Member Ryan Butts	3:30
Chairman Pete Everest	3:30
Member Patty Anthony	3:30
Member Rainey Williams	3:30
Member Victoria English	3:30
Member Jamie Farha	3:30
Member Karen Browne	Absent
Member Blake Fitzgerald	Absent

3. Minutes
 - a. March 10, 2025 Minutes

MOTION: Jamie Farha moved to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes as presented. Ryan Butts seconded the motion.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Jamie Farha
SECONDER: Ryan Butts
AYES: Chip Oppenheim, Ryan Butts, Pete Everest, Patty Anthony, Rainey Williams, Victoria English, Jamie Farha

b. April 8, 2025 Minutes

MOTION: Jamie Farha moved to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes as presented. Chip Oppenheim seconded the motion.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jamie Farha
SECONDER:	Chip Oppenheim
AYES:	Chip Oppenheim, Ryan Butts, Pete Everest, Patty Anthony, Rainey Williams, Victoria English, Jamie Farha

4. Consideration of adoption, approval, acceptance, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement of the following:

a. Redbud Park Improvements Project update.

City Manager Shane Pate gave an update on the improvement project of Redbud Park. The project is on schedule to be finished by January 2026.

b. Westminster Park Improvements update.

City Manager Shane Pate reported the Westminster Park Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on October 14th at. The projected completion date is the end of February 2026.

c. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation related to art sculpture at Love Family Park.

City Manager Shane Pate discussed the possible recommendation of the art sculpture at Love Family Park. Commissioners discussed with staff the process the Art Commission took to arrive at their selection.

Mrs. Carla Sharpe, attorney for the City, discussed the guidelines of the Art Commission and the contract that will be signed by the artist and City once the City Council approves the art piece.

- d. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding naming opportunities with respect to parks.

City Manager Shane Pate discussed with the Commission possible processes to naming parks in the City for individuals that have contributed to the city through either volunteer hours, or donations.

Mrs. Carla Sharpe, attorney for the City, presented examples of how other cities handle naming parks.

Commissioners instructed staff to provide a list of parks by size, and examples of other cities procedures for naming parks. Commissioners will also come back to the next meeting with their recommendations.

- e. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendations regarding time, manner, place, and restrictions on park permits.

City Manager Shane Pate presented the permit process for reserving a park and the charge. Commissioners discussed raising the fee and setting the length of time for the permit. Staff will come back with a proposed fee and permit process for the Commission to review.

- f. Schedule the next regular meeting.

Staff will reach out to the Commissioners for possible quarterly meeting dates.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Pete Everest adjourned the meeting.

Chairman
Board of Park Commissioners
City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma

City Manager
Board of Park Commissioners
City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma

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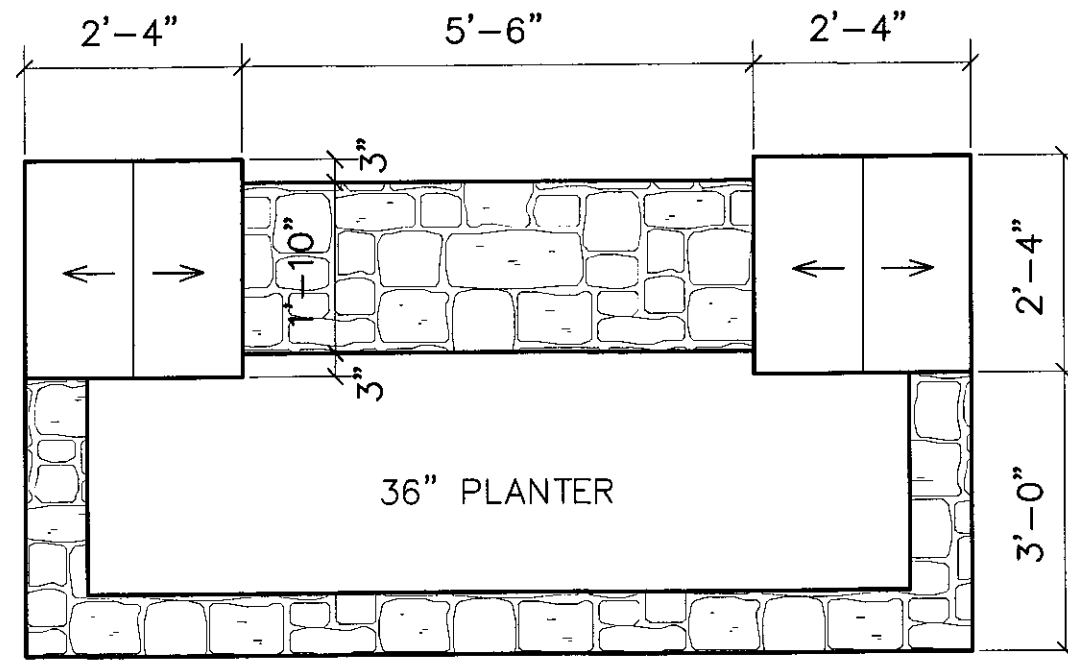




Nichols Road Park

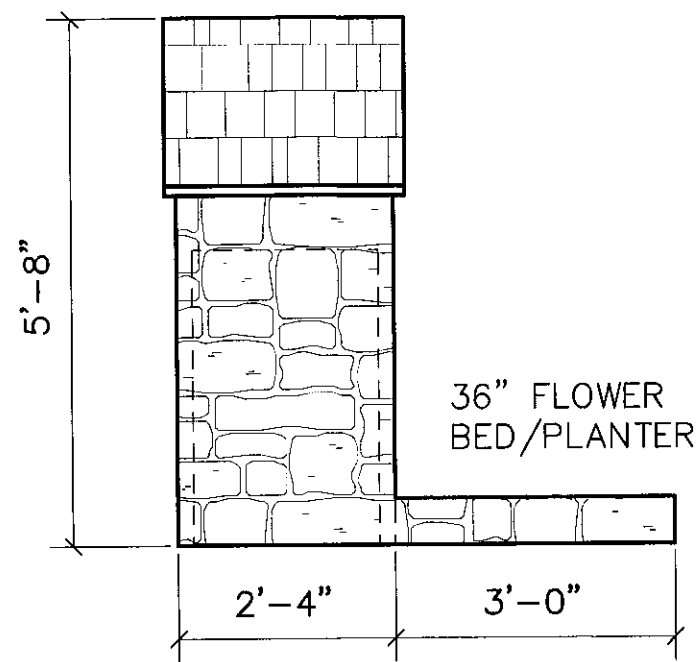
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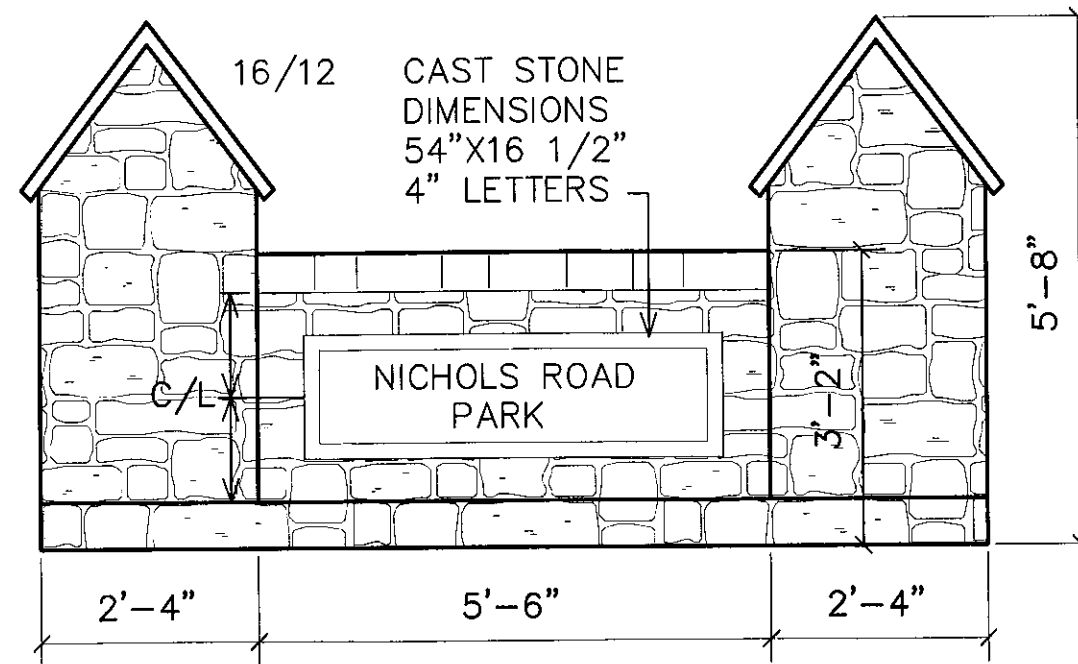
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Memorandum

**To: Nichols Hills Board of Park Commissioners
City Manager Shane Pate**
From: Carla Sharpe
Re: Parks Rules; Naming Parks after Individuals
Date: January 14, 2026

Your discussion regarding naming parks. At your last meeting, you discussed proposed new rules for naming parks. You asked to review the history of how each of the City's parks were named. My research on that point is attached as Attachment A. From your discussion at the last meeting, I compiled a list of ideas for you to consider as you move forward in your discussions. See Attachment B.

My prior memorandum to you discusses Oklahoma's Memorial Highways and Bridges Naming Program. I further researched that program. In sum, persons wishing to name a highway or bridge after someone must make application to do so to the State Highway Department. The applicant must "specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based." The applicant then is required to pay the cost of the signage per location which is \$1720. No other fee is required. The name is then adopted by statute. See 69 Okla. Stat. §1600 et. Seq.

Your discussion regarding events in parks. At your last meeting, you discussed the rules for reserving areas in the Parks for events. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) based on your discussion at that meeting is attached for your consideration. See Attachment C.

Your discussion regarding park rules. In addition to event rules, the City Manager would like you to review our current park rules and determine whether you suggest any changes or additions. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) is attached for your consideration. See Attachment D.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Overview of the City's Records regarding Park Names
- Attachment B – Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks
- Attachment C – Current City Code Provisions and suggested changes regarding Park Events
- Attachment D – Current City Code Provisions and suggested changes regarding Park Rules

ATTACHMENT A

Nichols Hills Parks Overview of City Records regarding Park Names

Anderson Park

- Location: Waverly and Avondale Drive
- On February 9, 1993, the City Council approved naming the park “Anderson Park” in honor of Carl B. Anderson, III’s grandfather in exchange for Mr. Anderson contributing toward improvements which were a gazebo, walkways, sprinkler system, and landscaping with an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Avondale Court Park

- Location: 6929 Avondale
- This park was a project proposed by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. and approved by City Council on March 12, 1991.
- I did not find any information in the City’s records regarding the park’s name.

Avondale Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Nichols Road
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program as the Avondale/Nichols Road Park. It was then adopted by Tom Dulaney, Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- By letter dated April 25, 1993, Tom Dulaney wrote to the City that the park was developed by Tom Dulaney Jr. in remembrance of his parents who lived at 6904 Avondale Drive. The Dulaney family had spent approximately \$9,000 in improvements to the park. He then asked that the park be named Dulaney Park. The request for approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on July 1, 1993 and by the City Council on June 8, 1993.
- On October 14, 2014, the City Council approved the request of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. to renovate and rename Dulaney Park to Avondale Park. I did not find any information in the City records regarding why the park was renamed.
- Note that the “Walk in the Park” presentation states that the park is dedicated to Aubrey Kerr McClendon. It was redeveloped in 2015 by the McClendon family and others. However, I did not find any information in the City records regarding this dedication.

Bedford-Drury Lane Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Bird Feeder / Butterfly Garden Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Camden Way Park

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- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Camden Way
- In 1983, Board of Park Commissioner's documents state that the West Camden Way Park Association, chaired by John Kilpatrick, adopted this median park.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Dorset-Somerset Park

- Location: Dorset Drive and Somerset Place
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program. It was then adopted by Jay Quillan, Chairman. Bill Renner prepared landscaping plans.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Doug Taylor Park

- Location: Lennox and Camden Way
- As of 1988, this park was listed in the City's Adopt-A-Park program with David Kallenberger as the Adopt-A-Park Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the name "Doug Taylor Park." However, in 1985 the City Council approved a project at what I believe is this park and named it "Doug's Park."

Drake Family Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Guilford Lane
- On March 11, 2008, the City Council approved the request of Carole J. Drake to adopt the park and name it "Drake Family Park." Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. had approved the request on January 22, 2008 and the Board of Park Commissioners approved on March 3, 2008. The records do not reference any donation.
- "Go Fetch" sculpture of labrador retriever was donated by Carole Drake in 2002.

E.L.K. Park

- Location: Camden and Holtendorff Parkway
- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. records dated May 24, 1988 refer to this as "Pooh Park" with Tom Kilpatrick as the park chairman.

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- In 1991, the City Council approved the renaming of the park to E.L.K. Park. A donation of improvements was made by John Kilpatrick in honor of his mother and wife. The Board of Park Commissioners approved. There is no reference to the amount of the donation.
- Shane reports that the park was formerly named Holtzendorff Park for R.B. Holtzendorff who was a municipal judge in Nichols Hills for 20 years, from 1966 to 1986. I found no records of that. All former names were “Pooh Park.”

Evangeline Park

- Location: Avondale and Belford
- The Nichols Hills Parks Inc. minutes of October 27, 1987 state that neighbors had donated \$11,010 to the park. Their names would be on a permanent plaque if they donated \$500 or more. And if they donated \$5,000, they could name the park. John Kennedy named the park for his mother with the plaque to read “Evangeline Park from Buck and Ben Kennedy.”
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- On October 10, 1995, the City Council approved the request of Jerry Richardson to place a plaque on the park rock.

G.A. Nichols Park (Clock Tower)

- Location: Nichols Hills Plaza, Avondale and Sherwood
- In 1985, the City Council approved a project at the park and naming it the “G.A. Nichols Park.” See April 9, 1985 City Council meeting minutes. I did not find any information regarding a donation at that time.
- Named after G. A. Nichols, the founder of Nichols Hills.
- The Coyle-Berry family raised money to purchase the Centennial Clock to commemorate the City’s 75th anniversary in 2004. The carillon was given by the Walter Duncan, Jr. family.

Grand Island Park (Grand Island Park and two Cul-de-sacs, north and south)

- Location: Grand Boulevard, south of Sherwood Lane
- It is stated in a December 6, 1984 “Update on Grand Island Park” by Elizabeth M. Coe that this park was established in March of 1984 by a group of Grandmark residents. The City provided water, electricity, and maintenance for the median. Plans were prepared by Bill Renner. The group donated \$13,450 to get the project started.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.

Grand Boulevard Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, between Huntington Avenue and Nichols Road
- City Council meeting minutes dated July 15, 1977 indicate that this park was then called Grand Boulevard Park. I found no other information regarding the name.

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Gumerson Park

- Location: Camden Way at corner of Queenstown and Brentwood
- A letter dated June 26, 1986 from Jean Gumerson and Family to Ann Taylor as Mayor states that the City Council and the Board of Park Commissioners had agreed to name the park “Gumerson Park” in honor of the Gumerson family who lived at 1509 Camden Way.
- I did not find any City Council records regarding this naming or any donation by the family.

Harvey Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, north of Sherwood Lane
- As of 1992, City records indicate this park was known as “Harvey Park.”
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

James D. Moran Park. (Park 1, Park 2, and Park 3)

- Location: Waverly and Dorchester Drive
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- A letter from Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated January 25, 1996 to the Board of Park Commissioners states that this park was adopted by Kay Moran McCord in memory of her late husband Dan Moran. I did not find any records specifically relating to this park adoption or a donation.
- In 1996, a request was made to place a bench in the park to honor Chris “Be Be” Swisher. The City Council agenda on February 13, 1996 states that doing so would require the approval of Kay Moran McCord.

Kite Park

- Location: Bounded by Bedford Drive, Camden Way and Huntington Avenue.
- The park was named in honor William C. Kite who was an oil pioneer. His son, James B. Kite, was the first Nichols Hills Mayor.
- The park was established in 1934 by G. A. Nichols and William Kite and named “Kite Park.” There is only a report by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated July 16, 2020 regarding this naming.

Lisle Park

- Location: Pennsylvania and Hillcrest Avenue
- City Council meeting minutes dated April 4, 2000 state that Dr. A.C. Lisle and Madle Lisle’s request to adopt the park and name it “Lisle Park” was approved. The plan had also been approved by Parks, Inc. and the Board of Park Commissioners.
- In 2000, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated April 7, 2000, the City approved the request of Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the

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request to name the park "Lisle Park." An attached letter from the Lises indicates that they were willing to spend \$10,000 or more (as was then required for naming parks) to develop the park. The cost estimate included in the park shows the project total was \$50,116.50.

- Bronze "Eagle's Nest" statue donated by Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle in 2002.

Love Family Park

- Location: Bounded by Huntington Avenue and Bedford Drive, between Center NW Grand Boulevard and East Grand Boulevard
- The park was formerly part of the Grand Boulevard Park.
- The park was adopted by the Tom and Judy Love Foundation, an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation, in 2021 and named Love Family Park pursuant to the park adoption regulations in the City Code. The Tom and Judy Love Foundation executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they donated \$1,500,000 toward certain improvements and ongoing maintenance.
- The adoption includes an obligation on the City to install two signs indicating the park's name.

Margaret Haskell Davis Park

- Location: Larchmont and Avondale
- The park was formerly named Bixler Park after George Bixler who was the City's first Town Clerk. His wife was an editor for the *Town Talk* and wrote an early history of Nichols Hills.
- In July 1988, the park was renamed to be Margaret Davis Park. See City Council minutes dated July 12, 1988. The name was corrected later that month to be Margaret Haskell Davis Park. It was required that the Davis family contribute at least 60% of the park development cost to do so. According to an article in the Friday paper, the park was dedicated in 1988. The donation made by the family was \$17,500.
- Margaret Porter Haskell Davis died in 1990. She and her husband, Bill, established the first family affiliated fund with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Margaret and Bill had several children, one of which is Marnie Kennedy (John Kennedy's ex-wife).
- "Messenger" sculpture was donated by friends of Donya Dunn in her memory in 2005.
- "Two Children with Umbrella" was dedicated in 1988 to the memory of Margaret Haskell Davis.
- The Margaret and William Davis family, Katie and Aubrey McClendon, and the Frederick Upton Foundation provided the original playground equipment in 1997. The McClendon family funded a renewal project in 2006. The City installed playground equipment updates in 2017.

Mayors Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Drury Lane
- In 1995, this park was named "Mayors Park" in honor of all past mayors. A letter dated February 20, 1995 from then mayor Stewart Meyers states that the park was developed with private contributions to the Adopt-A-Park program.

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- I found Board of Park Commissioners records stating that it and Parks, Inc. voted to recommend the naming. I did not find City Council meeting minutes approving the naming. However, City Council meeting minutes dated April 11, 1995 show that a monument was approved for the park which was then called Mayors Park.

Nichols Road Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Dorchester Drive
- In 2002, Nichols Road Park LLC (by Thomas D. Barbour) proposed for the City to purchase property at the southeast corner of Dorchester Road and Nichols Road (1.5 acres) to be a City park. The sale price for the City's purchase was \$88,000. See City Council meeting minutes dated May 14, 2002.

Peter Hoffman Family Park

- Location: 1700 Block of Bedford
- I did not find any official records regarding the naming of this park. It is reflected in City records as in existence from 2017 forward.

Plowman Park (Patricia Ann Plowman Park)

- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Bedford Drive
- Stated in the City Council meeting minutes dated June 14, 1994, the City Council approved a redevelopment plan for the park submitted by Paul Plowman to name the park "Patricia Ann Plowman Park." The Plowman family made a \$10,000 donation to the park, in addition to a sculpture they had donated in 1991. The related records indicate the Plowman family made further donations to improve the park.
- "Two Children Feeding Rabbits" statue was donated by Patricia Plowman in 1991.

Polk Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Brentwood Avenue
- At the City Council meeting on May 11, 1999, City Council approved the adoption and renaming of Bixler Park to "Polk Park" in member of Mr. Polk.
- In 1999, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated May 21, 1999, the City approved the request of Marjorie Polk to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the request to name the park "Polk Park." A minimum fund to adopt the park was stated to be \$10,000.
- "Children of Peace" sculpture was donated by Marjorie Polk in 2002.

Randel Road Park (Randel Road Park 1 and Randel Road Park 2)

- Location: Randel Road
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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Redbud Classic Park

- I did not find any City records regarding this park.

Redbud Park

- Location: Northwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Sherwood Lane
- The park was first adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2000. A letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated March 16, 2000 required that a designated account to be called “Redbud Park” would be set up with Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. with a minimum of \$10,000 to be placed in that account. The Brownes then submitted plans developed by Bill Renner Landscape Architect for the park.
- The park was adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2023 and named Redbud Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations in the City Code.
- The Brownes executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they agreed to make a \$500,000 donation toward the Redbud Park Improvement Project which includes a five-year endowment for maintenance.
- Pursuant to the Brownes’ Park Adoption Agreement, the park was named in honor of Maimee Lee Robinson Browne’s contributions to making the redbud tree Oklahoma’s State tree. Maimee Lee Robinson Browne was Robert Browne’s grandmother.
- This park was expanded in size in 2023.

The Mac Maguire Family Park

- Location: Bedford and Trenton / Avondale
- The park was formerly named Roy Devero Park in honor of the Roy Devero who served as the Nichols Hills City Manager for 19 years, retiring in 1977. After retirement, he was a consultant for the City until he died in 1983.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was adopted by Joan S. Maguire in 2023 and renamed The Mac Maguire Family Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations. Ms. Maguire executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which she paid \$15,000 to Parks, Inc.’s endowment fund and will pay a yearly fee of \$1,500 to Parks, Inc. for maintenance costs.

Sherwood Circle Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2005.

Tankersley - Bankhead Park

- Location: Belford and Trenton Road
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Water Tower Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Waverly - Wilshire Park

- Location: Waverly land Wilshire
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

Woods Park

- Location: On Grand Boulevard
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was named Woods Park in 1988. See July 12, 1988 City Council meeting minutes. The Woods family donated in excess of \$100,000 for the park's development.
- Further information from Shane: The park was named for Roy and Alta Woods. Alta was Frand and Eva Hoffman's daughter. Roy was Alta's first husband. She later married William B. Voss after Roy passed away. Roy G. Woods owned Woods Corporation and several other companies focused on oil, transportation, and manufacturing. Interestingly for this project, at the time of Roy's passing in 1976, Roy and Alta lived at 7428 N. Country Club Drive, which means they were not residents of Nichols Hills at the time of his passing. I am not sure if she was a resident at the time of her passing. Of course, the Voss family and the Hoffman family are significant Nichols Hills families. We may be able to ask Rainey Williams for information about Roy and Alta's contributions or if it was a donor-sponsorship that resulted in the park naming. He is related to them. Peter Hoffman may be another source.
- "Four Sculptures" were donated by the children of Alta and Roy Woods, Sr. in 1988.
- "Contemporary Totem" was donated in 1986.

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Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks

1. The Board should adopt a process for naming parks to be added to the City Code by ordinance.

2. The process should include a written application and a review process.

Application is filed with the City by a minimum number of nominators who are qualified as follows:

- Nichols Hills residents
- not related to the person to be honored
- not compensated directly or indirectly for the application

The Application is then reviewed by:

- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc.
- Board of Park Commissioners
- City Council

A confidential and anonymous opportunity for citizen comment should be provided.

3. The process could include either or all alternatives:

- Honoring someone without a donation.
- Naming a Park as requested by an individual(s) in exchange for a monetary donation.
- Different process for large vs. small parks.

4. Honoree criteria – options discussed:

- Nichols Hills residency requirement. The person must live (or if deceased, have lived) in Nichols Hills. Should residency be required for a certain period of time?

(Note that the current City Code provision requires that the person live or work (or if deceased, did live or work) in Nichols Hills.)

- Extensive service to the City.

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- City employees and officials. Should there be a time period to follow the person's leaving the job or position before they can be considered?

5. **Donation criteria – options to discuss:**

- A significant donation should be paid at the time of naming, not a pledge to a campaign.
- Annual or periodic support of the park should be required. Otherwise, the park could be re-named after a certain time period.

6. **Proposed rules regarding the nomination process to discuss:**

- One named park per honoree. A person's or family's name may only be assigned to one park.
- Time restriction. Should each naming be for a certain period of time so it does not go on into perpetuity?

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Nichols Hills Parks
City Code Provisions – Park Events

Nichols Hills City Code
Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

ARTICLE II. PARK USE RULES

It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

Sec. 34-5. Private social activities and use of ball fields in City facilities.

(a) *Permits required for private social events and ball field use.* Permits are required for all private social activities in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, including events such as school picnics, birthday parties, weddings, and the like. Permits for private social events are limited to two hours. Permits are also required for use of ball fields for team practices in Parks. Permits for team practices are limited to one hour.

(b) *Fees.* The fee to be paid for a permit provided under this Section shall be as established in the City Fee Schedule.

(c) *Application for permit for private social event; determination by City Manager.* At least 48 hours before any Person intends to host any such private social activity at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application shall be accompanied by a written statement giving the name of the host, the date and time of the event, and the approximate number of Persons anticipated to be present, the area to be occupied, and the nature and the purpose of the activity. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

(d) *Application for permit for ball field use. At least 48 hours before any Person intends to use a ball field for team practice in a Park, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application may include proposed use of the ball field for a season, not to exceed three months on a particular day of the week and particular time. The Application shall be on a form provided by the City Clerk. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.*

(~~e~~) *Revocation of permit.* Any permit granted by the City Manager shall be revocable at any time by the City Manager or the Chief of Police if, in their discretion, it is determined that the activity has or will unduly hamper or interfere with any regular municipal service, general traffic, public convenience or will otherwise be in Violation of this Section.

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(e f) *Other applicable regulations.* Requirements for permits for parades, public meetings, public celebrations, and demonstrations are addressed in Chapter 38, Article V.

Chapter 3, City Fee Schedule

Sec. 3-34-1. Revocable Permit for private social activities **and ball field use** requiring permit.

Private social event (other than children's birthday party)\$200.00

Children's birthday party with 30 or fewer children\$50

Ball field practice ... \$2.00 per practice; \$20 per season

.....\$20.00

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Nichols Hills Parks
City Code Provisions – Park Rules

Nichols Hills City Code
Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 34-4. Standards for use of City facilities; prohibited acts.

Proposed activities in or use of Parks shall not reasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the Park or the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation. The activities or use shall not be of a nature reasonably anticipated to excite violence, crime or disorderly conduct or entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the City. Activities prohibited in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places include:

- (1) Commercial or Business activities of any kind, including the Solicitation or Sale of goods or services;
- (2) Possessing or using illegal drugs of any kind;
- (3) Violations of the regulations with respect to intoxicants as set out in Section 4-1;
- (4) All forms of Smoking, including electronic cigarettes and similar devices, and the use of Tobacco Products;
- (5) Possession or use of firearms, guns, explosives, bows and arrows, air or gas guns and all other weapons and devices capable of injuring or killing any Person or Animal or damaging Property, except for those weapons carried in accordance with the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;
- (6) The discharge of fireworks of any kind;
- (7) Placing litter or debris anywhere other than in designated containers;
- (8) Placing any kind of portable Structure for recreational purposes, including inflatable bounce houses, slides, moon walks, trampolines, and the like;
- (9) Removal of or damage to any turf, soil, grass, Trees, Shrubs or plants (except work that may be done by authorized City employees or agents);
- (10) Injuring, disturbing or removing any native Animals, including all Violations of Section 6-87;
- (11) Violation of the regulations with respect to dogs and cats as set out in Chapter 6, Article III, Division 2, including allowing dogs to run At Large as set out in Section 6-83;
- (12) Tampering in any way with any Park irrigation system, Park Structure or other facility of any kind;
- (13) Placing advertising in or on Park Property;

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- (14) Violation of the regulations with respect to public morals and regulations with respect to the public peace and order as set out in Chapter 32, Articles IV and V, respectively;
- (15) Spreading ashes of cremated human remains;
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- (17) Carrying or using glass bottles or glass containers;
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ARTICLE II. PARK USE RULES

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The City Manager, all police and peace officers and all City officials and employees shall, in connection with their duties imposed by Law, diligently enforce the provisions of this Article. All such Persons shall have the authority to eject from any Park any Person acting in Violation of this Article.

Sec. 34-33. Hours of operation for Parks.

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Sec. 34-34. Emergency Park closing.

When an Emergency exists that affects the health, safety and welfare of the City or the inhabitants thereof or the maintenance of order, safety and decency in any Park, any section or part of any Park, may be declared temporarily closed to the public by the City Manager for such times or intervals of time as the City Manager shall find reasonably necessary. Such closing will be a complete closing or may apply merely to certain uses as the City Manager may determine.

Sec. 34-35. Refusing to leave Park and other violations.

No Person shall refuse to leave any Park or remain in any Park during such hours as the Park is closed for public use and occupancy or violate any of the provisions of the rules and regulations established by the City Manager, issued pursuant to this Article or refuse to obey any order or directive issued by the City Manager, any peace officer or officer, official or employee of the City acting pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 34-36. Vehicles in Parks, Parkways and on other public Property.

No Person shall drive, operate or park any Automobile, truck, pickup, ~~motorcycle, or van or other motor-driven vehicle~~ in or upon any public Park, Parkway or other public Property within the City except upon a permanently surfaced roadway or within the limits of any area that shall have been designated by the City Manager as a Parking Area for Persons using Park facilities. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, Persons with mobility impairments rendering them disabled may use manually operated or power driven wheelchairs or other power driven mobility devices, as such terms are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and regulations promulgated thereto, to access and use the public Parks, Parkways, and other public Property.~~

Sec. 34-37. Use of water channels in Parks prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any Person to float, swim, tube, or wade in the water channels in any Park.

Sec. __. Bicycles in Parks. Riding bicycles in City Parks is subject to Section 38-349.

Sec. __. Electric and motorized vehicles and devices on sidewalks and Park trails prohibited. Riding and operating vehicles and devices powered by electricity, combustion engine or other power source on Park trails is subject to Section 38-352.

Sec. __. Unmanned Aircraft in Parks. The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including drones, in City Parks is subject to Section 32-218 and Section 32-222.

Sec. __. Mobile Food Vendors in Parks. Mobile Food Vendors may operate in City Parks only as set out in Section 24-122.

Secs. 34-__—34-62. Reserved.

Memorandum

**To: Nichols Hills Board of Park Commissioners
City Manager Shane Pate**
From: Carla Sharpe
Re: Parks Rules; Naming Parks after Individuals
Date: January 14, 2026

Your discussion regarding naming parks. At your last meeting, you discussed proposed new rules for naming parks. You asked to review the history of how each of the City's parks were named. My research on that point is attached as Attachment A. From your discussion at the last meeting, I compiled a list of ideas for you to consider as you move forward in your discussions. See Attachment B.

My prior memorandum to you discusses Oklahoma's Memorial Highways and Bridges Naming Program. I further researched that program. In sum, persons wishing to name a highway or bridge after someone must make application to do so to the State Highway Department. The applicant must "specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based." The applicant then is required to pay the cost of the signage per location which is \$1720. No other fee is required. The name is then adopted by statute. See 69 Okla. Stat. §1600 et. Seq.

Your discussion regarding events in parks. At your last meeting, you discussed the rules for reserving areas in the Parks for events. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) based on your discussion at that meeting is attached for your consideration. See Attachment C.

Your discussion regarding park rules. In addition to event rules, the City Manager would like you to review our current park rules and determine whether you suggest any changes or additions. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) is attached for your consideration. See Attachment D.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Overview of the City's Records regarding Park Names
- Attachment B – Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks
- Attachment C – Current City Code Provisions and suggested changes regarding Park Events
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Nichols Hills Parks Overview of City Records regarding Park Names

Anderson Park

- Location: Waverly and Avondale Drive
- On February 9, 1993, the City Council approved naming the park “Anderson Park” in honor of Carl B. Anderson, III’s grandfather in exchange for Mr. Anderson contributing toward improvements which were a gazebo, walkways, sprinkler system, and landscaping with an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Avondale Court Park

- Location: 6929 Avondale
- This park was a project proposed by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. and approved by City Council on March 12, 1991.
- I did not find any information in the City’s records regarding the park’s name.

Avondale Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Nichols Road
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program as the Avondale/Nichols Road Park. It was then adopted by Tom Dulaney, Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- By letter dated April 25, 1993, Tom Dulaney wrote to the City that the park was developed by Tom Dulaney Jr. in remembrance of his parents who lived at 6904 Avondale Drive. The Dulaney family had spent approximately \$9,000 in improvements to the park. He then asked that the park be named Dulaney Park. The request for approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on July 1, 1993 and by the City Council on June 8, 1993.
- On October 14, 2014, the City Council approved the request of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. to renovate and rename Dulaney Park to Avondale Park. I did not find any information in the City records regarding why the park was renamed.
- Note that the “Walk in the Park” presentation states that the park is dedicated to Aubrey Kerr McClendon. It was redeveloped in 2015 by the McClendon family and others. However, I did not find any information in the City records regarding this dedication.

Bedford-Drury Lane Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Bird Feeder / Butterfly Garden Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Camden Way Park

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- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Camden Way
- In 1983, Board of Park Commissioner's documents state that the West Camden Way Park Association, chaired by John Kilpatrick, adopted this median park.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Dorset-Somerset Park

- Location: Dorset Drive and Somerset Place
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program. It was then adopted by Jay Quillan, Chairman. Bill Renner prepared landscaping plans.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Doug Taylor Park

- Location: Lennox and Camden Way
- As of 1988, this park was listed in the City's Adopt-A-Park program with David Kallenberger as the Adopt-A-Park Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the name "Doug Taylor Park." However, in 1985 the City Council approved a project at what I believe is this park and named it "Doug's Park."

Drake Family Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Guilford Lane
- On March 11, 2008, the City Council approved the request of Carole J. Drake to adopt the park and name it "Drake Family Park." Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. had approved the request on January 22, 2008 and the Board of Park Commissioners approved on March 3, 2008. The records do not reference any donation.
- "Go Fetch" sculpture of labrador retriever was donated by Carole Drake in 2002.

E.L.K. Park

- Location: Camden and Holtendorff Parkway
- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. records dated May 24, 1988 refer to this as "Pooh Park" with Tom Kilpatrick as the park chairman.

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- In 1991, the City Council approved the renaming of the park to E.L.K. Park. A donation of improvements was made by John Kilpatrick in honor of his mother and wife. The Board of Park Commissioners approved. There is no reference to the amount of the donation.
- Shane reports that the park was formerly named Holtzendorff Park for R.B. Holtzendorff who was a municipal judge in Nichols Hills for 20 years, from 1966 to 1986. I found no records of that. All former names were “Pooh Park.”

Evangeline Park

- Location: Avondale and Belford
- The Nichols Hills Parks Inc. minutes of October 27, 1987 state that neighbors had donated \$11,010 to the park. Their names would be on a permanent plaque if they donated \$500 or more. And if they donated \$5,000, they could name the park. John Kennedy named the park for his mother with the plaque to read “Evangeline Park from Buck and Ben Kennedy.”
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- On October 10, 1995, the City Council approved the request of Jerry Richardson to place a plaque on the park rock.

G.A. Nichols Park (Clock Tower)

- Location: Nichols Hills Plaza, Avondale and Sherwood
- In 1985, the City Council approved a project at the park and naming it the “G.A. Nichols Park.” See April 9, 1985 City Council meeting minutes. I did not find any information regarding a donation at that time.
- Named after G. A. Nichols, the founder of Nichols Hills.
- The Coyle-Berry family raised money to purchase the Centennial Clock to commemorate the City’s 75th anniversary in 2004. The carillon was given by the Walter Duncan, Jr. family.

Grand Island Park (Grand Island Park and two Cul-de-sacs, north and south)

- Location: Grand Boulevard, south of Sherwood Lane
- It is stated in a December 6, 1984 “Update on Grand Island Park” by Elizabeth M. Coe that this park was established in March of 1984 by a group of Grandmark residents. The City provided water, electricity, and maintenance for the median. Plans were prepared by Bill Renner. The group donated \$13,450 to get the project started.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.

Grand Boulevard Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, between Huntington Avenue and Nichols Road
- City Council meeting minutes dated July 15, 1977 indicate that this park was then called Grand Boulevard Park. I found no other information regarding the name.

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Gumerson Park

- Location: Camden Way at corner of Queenstown and Brentwood
- A letter dated June 26, 1986 from Jean Gumerson and Family to Ann Taylor as Mayor states that the City Council and the Board of Park Commissioners had agreed to name the park “Gumerson Park” in honor of the Gumerson family who lived at 1509 Camden Way.
- I did not find any City Council records regarding this naming or any donation by the family.

Harvey Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, north of Sherwood Lane
- As of 1992, City records indicate this park was known as “Harvey Park.”
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

James D. Moran Park. (Park 1, Park 2, and Park 3)

- Location: Waverly and Dorchester Drive
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- A letter from Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated January 25, 1996 to the Board of Park Commissioners states that this park was adopted by Kay Moran McCord in memory of her late husband Dan Moran. I did not find any records specifically relating to this park adoption or a donation.
- In 1996, a request was made to place a bench in the park to honor Chris “Be Be” Swisher. The City Council agenda on February 13, 1996 states that doing so would require the approval of Kay Moran McCord.

Kite Park

- Location: Bounded by Bedford Drive, Camden Way and Huntington Avenue.
- The park was named in honor William C. Kite who was an oil pioneer. His son, James B. Kite, was the first Nichols Hills Mayor.
- The park was established in 1934 by G. A. Nichols and William Kite and named “Kite Park.” There is only a report by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated July 16, 2020 regarding this naming.

Lisle Park

- Location: Pennsylvania and Hillcrest Avenue
- City Council meeting minutes dated April 4, 2000 state that Dr. A.C. Lisle and Madle Lisle’s request to adopt the park and name it “Lisle Park” was approved. The plan had also been approved by Parks, Inc. and the Board of Park Commissioners.
- In 2000, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated April 7, 2000, the City approved the request of Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the

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request to name the park "Lisle Park." An attached letter from the Lises indicates that they were willing to spend \$10,000 or more (as was then required for naming parks) to develop the park. The cost estimate included in the park shows the project total was \$50,116.50.

- Bronze "Eagle's Nest" statue donated by Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle in 2002.

Love Family Park

- Location: Bounded by Huntington Avenue and Bedford Drive, between Center NW Grand Boulevard and East Grand Boulevard
- The park was formerly part of the Grand Boulevard Park.
- The park was adopted by the Tom and Judy Love Foundation, an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation, in 2021 and named Love Family Park pursuant to the park adoption regulations in the City Code. The Tom and Judy Love Foundation executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they donated \$1,500,000 toward certain improvements and ongoing maintenance.
- The adoption includes an obligation on the City to install two signs indicating the park's name.

Margaret Haskell Davis Park

- Location: Larchmont and Avondale
- The park was formerly named Bixler Park after George Bixler who was the City's first Town Clerk. His wife was an editor for the *Town Talk* and wrote an early history of Nichols Hills.
- In July 1988, the park was renamed to be Margaret Davis Park. See City Council minutes dated July 12, 1988. The name was corrected later that month to be Margaret Haskell Davis Park. It was required that the Davis family contribute at least 60% of the park development cost to do so. According to an article in the Friday paper, the park was dedicated in 1988. The donation made by the family was \$17,500.
- Margaret Porter Haskell Davis died in 1990. She and her husband, Bill, established the first family affiliated fund with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Margaret and Bill had several children, one of which is Marnie Kennedy (John Kennedy's ex-wife).
- "Messenger" sculpture was donated by friends of Donya Dunn in her memory in 2005.
- "Two Children with Umbrella" was dedicated in 1988 to the memory of Margaret Haskell Davis.
- The Margaret and William Davis family, Katie and Aubrey McClendon, and the Frederick Upton Foundation provided the original playground equipment in 1997. The McClendon family funded a renewal project in 2006. The City installed playground equipment updates in 2017.

Mayors Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Drury Lane
- In 1995, this park was named "Mayors Park" in honor of all past mayors. A letter dated February 20, 1995 from then mayor Stewart Meyers states that the park was developed with private contributions to the Adopt-A-Park program.

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- I found Board of Park Commissioners records stating that it and Parks, Inc. voted to recommend the naming. I did not find City Council meeting minutes approving the naming. However, City Council meeting minutes dated April 11, 1995 show that a monument was approved for the park which was then called Mayors Park.

Nichols Road Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Dorchester Drive
- In 2002, Nichols Road Park LLC (by Thomas D. Barbour) proposed for the City to purchase property at the southeast corner of Dorchester Road and Nichols Road (1.5 acres) to be a City park. The sale price for the City's purchase was \$88,000. See City Council meeting minutes dated May 14, 2002.

Peter Hoffman Family Park

- Location: 1700 Block of Bedford
- I did not find any official records regarding the naming of this park. It is reflected in City records as in existence from 2017 forward.

Plowman Park (Patricia Ann Plowman Park)

- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Bedford Drive
- Stated in the City Council meeting minutes dated June 14, 1994, the City Council approved a redevelopment plan for the park submitted by Paul Plowman to name the park "Patricia Ann Plowman Park." The Plowman family made a \$10,000 donation to the park, in addition to a sculpture they had donated in 1991. The related records indicate the Plowman family made further donations to improve the park.
- "Two Children Feeding Rabbits" statue was donated by Patricia Plowman in 1991.

Polk Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Brentwood Avenue
- At the City Council meeting on May 11, 1999, City Council approved the adoption and renaming of Bixler Park to "Polk Park" in member of Mr. Polk.
- In 1999, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated May 21, 1999, the City approved the request of Marjorie Polk to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the request to name the park "Polk Park." A minimum fund to adopt the park was stated to be \$10,000.
- "Children of Peace" sculpture was donated by Marjorie Polk in 2002.

Randel Road Park (Randel Road Park 1 and Randel Road Park 2)

- Location: Randel Road
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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Redbud Classic Park

- I did not find any City records regarding this park.

Redbud Park

- Location: Northwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Sherwood Lane
- The park was first adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2000. A letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated March 16, 2000 required that a designated account to be called “Redbud Park” would be set up with Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. with a minimum of \$10,000 to be placed in that account. The Brownes then submitted plans developed by Bill Renner Landscape Architect for the park.
- The park was adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2023 and named Redbud Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations in the City Code.
- The Brownes executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they agreed to make a \$500,000 donation toward the Redbud Park Improvement Project which includes a five-year endowment for maintenance.
- Pursuant to the Brownes’ Park Adoption Agreement, the park was named in honor of Maimee Lee Robinson Browne’s contributions to making the redbud tree Oklahoma’s State tree. Maimee Lee Robinson Browne was Robert Browne’s grandmother.
- This park was expanded in size in 2023.

The Mac Maguire Family Park

- Location: Bedford and Trenton / Avondale
- The park was formerly named Roy Devero Park in honor of the Roy Devero who served as the Nichols Hills City Manager for 19 years, retiring in 1977. After retirement, he was a consultant for the City until he died in 1983.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was adopted by Joan S. Maguire in 2023 and renamed The Mac Maguire Family Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations. Ms. Maguire executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which she paid \$15,000 to Parks, Inc.’s endowment fund and will pay a yearly fee of \$1,500 to Parks, Inc. for maintenance costs.

Sherwood Circle Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2005.

Tankersley - Bankhead Park

- Location: Belford and Trenton Road
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Water Tower Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Waverly - Wilshire Park

- Location: Waverly land Wilshire
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

Woods Park

- Location: On Grand Boulevard
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was named Woods Park in 1988. See July 12, 1988 City Council meeting minutes. The Woods family donated in excess of \$100,000 for the park's development.
- Further information from Shane: The park was named for Roy and Alta Woods. Alta was Frand and Eva Hoffman's daughter. Roy was Alta's first husband. She later married William B. Voss after Roy passed away. Roy G. Woods owned Woods Corporation and several other companies focused on oil, transportation, and manufacturing. Interestingly for this project, at the time of Roy's passing in 1976, Roy and Alta lived at 7428 N. Country Club Drive, which means they were not residents of Nichols Hills at the time of his passing. I am not sure if she was a resident at the time of her passing. Of course, the Voss family and the Hoffman family are significant Nichols Hills families. We may be able to ask Rainey Williams for information about Roy and Alta's contributions or if it was a donor-sponsorship that resulted in the park naming. He is related to them. Peter Hoffman may be another source.
- "Four Sculptures" were donated by the children of Alta and Roy Woods, Sr. in 1988.
- "Contemporary Totem" was donated in 1986.

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Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks

1. The Board should adopt a process for naming parks to be added to the City Code by ordinance.

2. The process should include a written application and a review process.

Application is filed with the City by a minimum number of nominators who are qualified as follows:

- Nichols Hills residents
- not related to the person to be honored
- not compensated directly or indirectly for the application

The Application is then reviewed by:

- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc.
- Board of Park Commissioners
- City Council

A confidential and anonymous opportunity for citizen comment should be provided.

3. The process could include either or all alternatives:

- Honoring someone without a donation.
- Naming a Park as requested by an individual(s) in exchange for a monetary donation.
- Different process for large vs. small parks.

4. Honoree criteria – options discussed:

- Nichols Hills residency requirement. The person must live (or if deceased, have lived) in Nichols Hills. Should residency be required for a certain period of time?

(Note that the current City Code provision requires that the person live or work (or if deceased, did live or work) in Nichols Hills.)

- Extensive service to the City.

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- City employees and officials. Should there be a time period to follow the person's leaving the job or position before they can be considered?

5. **Donation criteria – options to discuss:**

- A significant donation should be paid at the time of naming, not a pledge to a campaign.
- Annual or periodic support of the park should be required. Otherwise, the park could be re-named after a certain time period.

6. **Proposed rules regarding the nomination process to discuss:**

- One named park per honoree. A person's or family's name may only be assigned to one park.
- Time restriction. Should each naming be for a certain period of time so it does not go on into perpetuity?

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Nichols Hills Parks
City Code Provisions – Park Events

Nichols Hills City Code
Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

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It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

Sec. 34-5. Private social activities and use of ball fields in City facilities.

(a) *Permits required for private social events and ball field use.* Permits are required for all private social activities in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, including events such as school picnics, birthday parties, weddings, and the like. Permits for private social events are limited to two hours. Permits are also required for use of ball fields for team practices in Parks. Permits for team practices are limited to one hour.

(b) *Fees.* The fee to be paid for a permit provided under this Section shall be as established in the City Fee Schedule.

(c) *Application for permit for private social event; determination by City Manager.* At least 48 hours before any Person intends to host any such private social activity at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application shall be accompanied by a written statement giving the name of the host, the date and time of the event, and the approximate number of Persons anticipated to be present, the area to be occupied, and the nature and the purpose of the activity. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

(d) *Application for permit for ball field use. At least 48 hours before any Person intends to use a ball field for team practice in a Park, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application may include proposed use of the ball field for a season, not to exceed three months on a particular day of the week and particular time. The Application shall be on a form provided by the City Clerk. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.*

(~~e~~) *Revocation of permit.* Any permit granted by the City Manager shall be revocable at any time by the City Manager or the Chief of Police if, in their discretion, it is determined that the activity has or will unduly hamper or interfere with any regular municipal service, general traffic, public convenience or will otherwise be in Violation of this Section.

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(e f) *Other applicable regulations.* Requirements for permits for parades, public meetings, public celebrations, and demonstrations are addressed in Chapter 38, Article V.

Chapter 3, City Fee Schedule

Sec. 3-34-1. Revocable Permit for private social activities **and ball field use** requiring permit.

Private social event (other than children's birthday party)\$200.00

Children's birthday party with 30 or fewer children\$50

Ball field practice ... \$2.00 per practice; \$20 per season

.....\$20.00

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Nichols Hills Parks City Code Provisions – Park Rules

Nichols Hills City Code Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 34-4. Standards for use of City facilities; prohibited acts.

Proposed activities in or use of Parks shall not reasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the Park or the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation. The activities or use shall not be of a nature reasonably anticipated to excite violence, crime or disorderly conduct or entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the City. Activities prohibited in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places include:

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- (6) The discharge of fireworks of any kind;
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It shall be unlawful for any Person to float, swim, tube, or wade in the water channels in any Park.

Sec. __. Bicycles in Parks. Riding bicycles in City Parks is subject to Section 38-349.

Sec. __. Electric and motorized vehicles and devices on sidewalks and Park trails prohibited. Riding and operating vehicles and devices powered by electricity, combustion engine or other power source on Park trails is subject to Section 38-352.

Sec. __. Unmanned Aircraft in Parks. The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including drones, in City Parks is subject to Section 32-218 and Section 32-222.

Sec. __. Mobile Food Vendors in Parks. Mobile Food Vendors may operate in City Parks only as set out in Section 24-122.

Secs. 34-__—34-62. Reserved.

Memorandum

**To: Nichols Hills Board of Park Commissioners
City Manager Shane Pate**
From: Carla Sharpe
Re: Parks Rules; Naming Parks after Individuals
Date: January 14, 2026

Your discussion regarding naming parks. At your last meeting, you discussed proposed new rules for naming parks. You asked to review the history of how each of the City's parks were named. My research on that point is attached as Attachment A. From your discussion at the last meeting, I compiled a list of ideas for you to consider as you move forward in your discussions. See Attachment B.

My prior memorandum to you discusses Oklahoma's Memorial Highways and Bridges Naming Program. I further researched that program. In sum, persons wishing to name a highway or bridge after someone must make application to do so to the State Highway Department. The applicant must "specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based." The applicant then is required to pay the cost of the signage per location which is \$1720. No other fee is required. The name is then adopted by statute. See 69 Okla. Stat. §1600 et. Seq.

Your discussion regarding events in parks. At your last meeting, you discussed the rules for reserving areas in the Parks for events. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) based on your discussion at that meeting is attached for your consideration. See Attachment C.

Your discussion regarding park rules. In addition to event rules, the City Manager would like you to review our current park rules and determine whether you suggest any changes or additions. A copy of the current City Code provisions on point with my proposed additions (in red) is attached for your consideration. See Attachment D.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Overview of the City's Records regarding Park Names
- Attachment B – Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks
- Attachment C – Current City Code Provisions and suggested changes regarding Park Events
- Attachment D – Current City Code Provisions and suggested changes regarding Park Rules

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Nichols Hills Parks Overview of City Records regarding Park Names

Anderson Park

- Location: Waverly and Avondale Drive
- On February 9, 1993, the City Council approved naming the park “Anderson Park” in honor of Carl B. Anderson, III’s grandfather in exchange for Mr. Anderson contributing toward improvements which were a gazebo, walkways, sprinkler system, and landscaping with an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Avondale Court Park

- Location: 6929 Avondale
- This park was a project proposed by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. and approved by City Council on March 12, 1991.
- I did not find any information in the City’s records regarding the park’s name.

Avondale Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Nichols Road
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program as the Avondale/Nichols Road Park. It was then adopted by Tom Dulaney, Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- By letter dated April 25, 1993, Tom Dulaney wrote to the City that the park was developed by Tom Dulaney Jr. in remembrance of his parents who lived at 6904 Avondale Drive. The Dulaney family had spent approximately \$9,000 in improvements to the park. He then asked that the park be named Dulaney Park. The request for approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on July 1, 1993 and by the City Council on June 8, 1993.
- On October 14, 2014, the City Council approved the request of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. to renovate and rename Dulaney Park to Avondale Park. I did not find any information in the City records regarding why the park was renamed.
- Note that the “Walk in the Park” presentation states that the park is dedicated to Aubrey Kerr McClendon. It was redeveloped in 2015 by the McClendon family and others. However, I did not find any information in the City records regarding this dedication.

Bedford-Drury Lane Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Bird Feeder / Butterfly Garden Park

- I did not find any information in the City records regarding this park.

Camden Way Park

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- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Camden Way
- In 1983, Board of Park Commissioner's documents state that the West Camden Way Park Association, chaired by John Kilpatrick, adopted this median park.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Dorset-Somerset Park

- Location: Dorset Drive and Somerset Place
- On May 15, 1984, this park was approved by the City Council as part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program. It was then adopted by Jay Quillan, Chairman. Bill Renner prepared landscaping plans.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the park's name.

Doug Taylor Park

- Location: Lennox and Camden Way
- As of 1988, this park was listed in the City's Adopt-A-Park program with David Kallenberger as the Adopt-A-Park Chairman.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any information regarding the name "Doug Taylor Park." However, in 1985 the City Council approved a project at what I believe is this park and named it "Doug's Park."

Drake Family Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Guilford Lane
- On March 11, 2008, the City Council approved the request of Carole J. Drake to adopt the park and name it "Drake Family Park." Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. had approved the request on January 22, 2008 and the Board of Park Commissioners approved on March 3, 2008. The records do not reference any donation.
- "Go Fetch" sculpture of labrador retriever was donated by Carole Drake in 2002.

E.L.K. Park

- Location: Camden and Holtendorff Parkway
- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. records dated May 24, 1988 refer to this as "Pooh Park" with Tom Kilpatrick as the park chairman.

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- In 1991, the City Council approved the renaming of the park to E.L.K. Park. A donation of improvements was made by John Kilpatrick in honor of his mother and wife. The Board of Park Commissioners approved. There is no reference to the amount of the donation.
- Shane reports that the park was formerly named Holtzendorff Park for R.B. Holtzendorff who was a municipal judge in Nichols Hills for 20 years, from 1966 to 1986. I found no records of that. All former names were “Pooh Park.”

Evangeline Park

- Location: Avondale and Belford
- The Nichols Hills Parks Inc. minutes of October 27, 1987 state that neighbors had donated \$11,010 to the park. Their names would be on a permanent plaque if they donated \$500 or more. And if they donated \$5,000, they could name the park. John Kennedy named the park for his mother with the plaque to read “Evangeline Park from Buck and Ben Kennedy.”
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- On October 10, 1995, the City Council approved the request of Jerry Richardson to place a plaque on the park rock.

G.A. Nichols Park (Clock Tower)

- Location: Nichols Hills Plaza, Avondale and Sherwood
- In 1985, the City Council approved a project at the park and naming it the “G.A. Nichols Park.” See April 9, 1985 City Council meeting minutes. I did not find any information regarding a donation at that time.
- Named after G. A. Nichols, the founder of Nichols Hills.
- The Coyle-Berry family raised money to purchase the Centennial Clock to commemorate the City’s 75th anniversary in 2004. The carillon was given by the Walter Duncan, Jr. family.

Grand Island Park (Grand Island Park and two Cul-de-sacs, north and south)

- Location: Grand Boulevard, south of Sherwood Lane
- It is stated in a December 6, 1984 “Update on Grand Island Park” by Elizabeth M. Coe that this park was established in March of 1984 by a group of Grandmark residents. The City provided water, electricity, and maintenance for the median. Plans were prepared by Bill Renner. The group donated \$13,450 to get the project started.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.

Grand Boulevard Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, between Huntington Avenue and Nichols Road
- City Council meeting minutes dated July 15, 1977 indicate that this park was then called Grand Boulevard Park. I found no other information regarding the name.

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Gumerson Park

- Location: Camden Way at corner of Queenstown and Brentwood
- A letter dated June 26, 1986 from Jean Gumerson and Family to Ann Taylor as Mayor states that the City Council and the Board of Park Commissioners had agreed to name the park “Gumerson Park” in honor of the Gumerson family who lived at 1509 Camden Way.
- I did not find any City Council records regarding this naming or any donation by the family.

Harvey Park

- Location: Grand Boulevard, north of Sherwood Lane
- As of 1992, City records indicate this park was known as “Harvey Park.”
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

James D. Moran Park. (Park 1, Park 2, and Park 3)

- Location: Waverly and Dorchester Drive
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- A letter from Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated January 25, 1996 to the Board of Park Commissioners states that this park was adopted by Kay Moran McCord in memory of her late husband Dan Moran. I did not find any records specifically relating to this park adoption or a donation.
- In 1996, a request was made to place a bench in the park to honor Chris “Be Be” Swisher. The City Council agenda on February 13, 1996 states that doing so would require the approval of Kay Moran McCord.

Kite Park

- Location: Bounded by Bedford Drive, Camden Way and Huntington Avenue.
- The park was named in honor William C. Kite who was an oil pioneer. His son, James B. Kite, was the first Nichols Hills Mayor.
- The park was established in 1934 by G. A. Nichols and William Kite and named “Kite Park.” There is only a report by Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. dated July 16, 2020 regarding this naming.

Lisle Park

- Location: Pennsylvania and Hillcrest Avenue
- City Council meeting minutes dated April 4, 2000 state that Dr. A.C. Lisle and Madle Lisle’s request to adopt the park and name it “Lisle Park” was approved. The plan had also been approved by Parks, Inc. and the Board of Park Commissioners.
- In 2000, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated April 7, 2000, the City approved the request of Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the

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request to name the park "Lisle Park." An attached letter from the Lises indicates that they were willing to spend \$10,000 or more (as was then required for naming parks) to develop the park. The cost estimate included in the park shows the project total was \$50,116.50.

- Bronze "Eagle's Nest" statue donated by Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Lisle in 2002.

Love Family Park

- Location: Bounded by Huntington Avenue and Bedford Drive, between Center NW Grand Boulevard and East Grand Boulevard
- The park was formerly part of the Grand Boulevard Park.
- The park was adopted by the Tom and Judy Love Foundation, an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation, in 2021 and named Love Family Park pursuant to the park adoption regulations in the City Code. The Tom and Judy Love Foundation executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they donated \$1,500,000 toward certain improvements and ongoing maintenance.
- The adoption includes an obligation on the City to install two signs indicating the park's name.

Margaret Haskell Davis Park

- Location: Larchmont and Avondale
- The park was formerly named Bixler Park after George Bixler who was the City's first Town Clerk. His wife was an editor for the *Town Talk* and wrote an early history of Nichols Hills.
- In July 1988, the park was renamed to be Margaret Davis Park. See City Council minutes dated July 12, 1988. The name was corrected later that month to be Margaret Haskell Davis Park. It was required that the Davis family contribute at least 60% of the park development cost to do so. According to an article in the Friday paper, the park was dedicated in 1988. The donation made by the family was \$17,500.
- Margaret Porter Haskell Davis died in 1990. She and her husband, Bill, established the first family affiliated fund with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Margaret and Bill had several children, one of which is Marnie Kennedy (John Kennedy's ex-wife).
- "Messenger" sculpture was donated by friends of Donya Dunn in her memory in 2005.
- "Two Children with Umbrella" was dedicated in 1988 to the memory of Margaret Haskell Davis.
- The Margaret and William Davis family, Katie and Aubrey McClendon, and the Frederick Upton Foundation provided the original playground equipment in 1997. The McClendon family funded a renewal project in 2006. The City installed playground equipment updates in 2017.

Mayors Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Drury Lane
- In 1995, this park was named "Mayors Park" in honor of all past mayors. A letter dated February 20, 1995 from then mayor Stewart Meyers states that the park was developed with private contributions to the Adopt-A-Park program.

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- I found Board of Park Commissioners records stating that it and Parks, Inc. voted to recommend the naming. I did not find City Council meeting minutes approving the naming. However, City Council meeting minutes dated April 11, 1995 show that a monument was approved for the park which was then called Mayors Park.

Nichols Road Park

- Location: Nichols Road and Dorchester Drive
- In 2002, Nichols Road Park LLC (by Thomas D. Barbour) proposed for the City to purchase property at the southeast corner of Dorchester Road and Nichols Road (1.5 acres) to be a City park. The sale price for the City's purchase was \$88,000. See City Council meeting minutes dated May 14, 2002.

Peter Hoffman Family Park

- Location: 1700 Block of Bedford
- I did not find any official records regarding the naming of this park. It is reflected in City records as in existence from 2017 forward.

Plowman Park (Patricia Ann Plowman Park)

- Location: Pennsylvania Avenue and Bedford Drive
- Stated in the City Council meeting minutes dated June 14, 1994, the City Council approved a redevelopment plan for the park submitted by Paul Plowman to name the park "Patricia Ann Plowman Park." The Plowman family made a \$10,000 donation to the park, in addition to a sculpture they had donated in 1991. The related records indicate the Plowman family made further donations to improve the park.
- "Two Children Feeding Rabbits" statue was donated by Patricia Plowman in 1991.

Polk Park

- Location: Avondale Drive and Brentwood Avenue
- At the City Council meeting on May 11, 1999, City Council approved the adoption and renaming of Bixler Park to "Polk Park" in member of Mr. Polk.
- In 1999, by letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated May 21, 1999, the City approved the request of Marjorie Polk to submit plans for park adoption and improvements. In that letter, Mr. Henley states that the City Council had approved the request to name the park "Polk Park." A minimum fund to adopt the park was stated to be \$10,000.
- "Children of Peace" sculpture was donated by Marjorie Polk in 2002.

Randel Road Park (Randel Road Park 1 and Randel Road Park 2)

- Location: Randel Road
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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Redbud Classic Park

- I did not find any City records regarding this park.

Redbud Park

- Location: Northwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Sherwood Lane
- The park was first adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2000. A letter from Douglas D. Henley, City Manager, dated March 16, 2000 required that a designated account to be called “Redbud Park” would be set up with Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. with a minimum of \$10,000 to be placed in that account. The Brownes then submitted plans developed by Bill Renner Landscape Architect for the park.
- The park was adopted by Robert and Karen Browne in 2023 and named Redbud Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations in the City Code.
- The Brownes executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which they agreed to make a \$500,000 donation toward the Redbud Park Improvement Project which includes a five-year endowment for maintenance.
- Pursuant to the Brownes’ Park Adoption Agreement, the park was named in honor of Maimee Lee Robinson Browne’s contributions to making the redbud tree Oklahoma’s State tree. Maimee Lee Robinson Browne was Robert Browne’s grandmother.
- This park was expanded in size in 2023.

The Mac Maguire Family Park

- Location: Bedford and Trenton / Avondale
- The park was formerly named Roy Devero Park in honor of the Roy Devero who served as the Nichols Hills City Manager for 19 years, retiring in 1977. After retirement, he was a consultant for the City until he died in 1983.
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City’s Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was adopted by Joan S. Maguire in 2023 and renamed The Mac Maguire Family Park pursuant to the City Code’s park adoption regulations. Ms. Maguire executed a Park Adoption Agreement with the City pursuant to which she paid \$15,000 to Parks, Inc.’s endowment fund and will pay a yearly fee of \$1,500 to Parks, Inc. for maintenance costs.

Sherwood Circle Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2005.

Tankersley - Bankhead Park

- Location: Belford and Trenton Road
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

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- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Water Tower Park

- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.
- City records indicate it was in existence as of 2017.

Waverly - Wilshire Park

- Location: Waverly land Wilshire
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- I did not find any records regarding the naming of this park.

Woods Park

- Location: On Grand Boulevard
- A 1989 article in The Oklahoman states that this park was part of the City's Adopt-A-Park program.
- The park was named Woods Park in 1988. See July 12, 1988 City Council meeting minutes. The Woods family donated in excess of \$100,000 for the park's development.
- Further information from Shane: The park was named for Roy and Alta Woods. Alta was Frand and Eva Hoffman's daughter. Roy was Alta's first husband. She later married William B. Voss after Roy passed away. Roy G. Woods owned Woods Corporation and several other companies focused on oil, transportation, and manufacturing. Interestingly for this project, at the time of Roy's passing in 1976, Roy and Alta lived at 7428 N. Country Club Drive, which means they were not residents of Nichols Hills at the time of his passing. I am not sure if she was a resident at the time of her passing. Of course, the Voss family and the Hoffman family are significant Nichols Hills families. We may be able to ask Rainey Williams for information about Roy and Alta's contributions or if it was a donor-sponsorship that resulted in the park naming. He is related to them. Peter Hoffman may be another source.
- "Four Sculptures" were donated by the children of Alta and Roy Woods, Sr. in 1988.
- "Contemporary Totem" was donated in 1986.

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Board's Compiled Ideas on Naming Parks

1. The Board should adopt a process for naming parks to be added to the City Code by ordinance.

2. The process should include a written application and a review process.

Application is filed with the City by a minimum number of nominators who are qualified as follows:

- Nichols Hills residents
- not related to the person to be honored
- not compensated directly or indirectly for the application

The Application is then reviewed by:

- Nichols Hills Parks, Inc.
- Board of Park Commissioners
- City Council

A confidential and anonymous opportunity for citizen comment should be provided.

3. The process could include either or all alternatives:

- Honoring someone without a donation.
- Naming a Park as requested by an individual(s) in exchange for a monetary donation.
- Different process for large vs. small parks.

4. Honoree criteria – options discussed:

- Nichols Hills residency requirement. The person must live (or if deceased, have lived) in Nichols Hills. Should residency be required for a certain period of time?

(Note that the current City Code provision requires that the person live or work (or if deceased, did live or work) in Nichols Hills.)

- Extensive service to the City.

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- City employees and officials. Should there be a time period to follow the person's leaving the job or position before they can be considered?

5. **Donation criteria – options to discuss:**

- A significant donation should be paid at the time of naming, not a pledge to a campaign.
- Annual or periodic support of the park should be required. Otherwise, the park could be re-named after a certain time period.

6. **Proposed rules regarding the nomination process to discuss:**

- One named park per honoree. A person's or family's name may only be assigned to one park.
- Time restriction. Should each naming be for a certain period of time so it does not go on into perpetuity?

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Nichols Hills Parks
City Code Provisions – Park Events

Nichols Hills City Code
Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

ARTICLE II. PARK USE RULES

It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

Sec. 34-5. Private social activities and use of ball fields in City facilities.

(a) *Permits required for private social events and ball field use.* Permits are required for all private social activities in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, including events such as school picnics, birthday parties, weddings, and the like. Permits for private social events are limited to two hours. Permits are also required for use of ball fields for team practices in Parks. Permits for team practices are limited to one hour.

(b) *Fees.* The fee to be paid for a permit provided under this Section shall be as established in the City Fee Schedule.

(c) *Application for permit for private social event; determination by City Manager.* At least 48 hours before any Person intends to host any such private social activity at which 20 or more people are anticipated to be present, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application shall be accompanied by a written statement giving the name of the host, the date and time of the event, and the approximate number of Persons anticipated to be present, the area to be occupied, and the nature and the purpose of the activity. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.

(d) *Application for permit for ball field use. At least 48 hours before any Person intends to use a ball field for team practice in a Park, written Application for a permit therefor shall be filed with the City Manager. The Application may include proposed use of the ball field for a season, not to exceed three months on a particular day of the week and particular time. The Application shall be on a form provided by the City Clerk. It shall be the duty of the City Manager to then determine whether the permit should be granted or denied.*

(~~e~~) *Revocation of permit.* Any permit granted by the City Manager shall be revocable at any time by the City Manager or the Chief of Police if, in their discretion, it is determined that the activity has or will unduly hamper or interfere with any regular municipal service, general traffic, public convenience or will otherwise be in Violation of this Section.

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(e f) *Other applicable regulations.* Requirements for permits for parades, public meetings, public celebrations, and demonstrations are addressed in Chapter 38, Article V.

Chapter 3, City Fee Schedule

Sec. 3-34-1. Revocable Permit for private social activities **and ball field use** requiring permit.

Private social event (other than children's birthday party)\$200.00

Children's birthday party with 30 or fewer children\$50

Ball field practice ... \$2.00 per practice; \$20 per season

.....\$20.00

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Nichols Hills Parks
City Code Provisions – Park Rules

Nichols Hills City Code
Chapter 34, Parks, Recreation and other Public Facilities

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 34-4. Standards for use of City facilities; prohibited acts.

Proposed activities in or use of Parks shall not reasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the Park or the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation. The activities or use shall not be of a nature reasonably anticipated to excite violence, crime or disorderly conduct or entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the City. Activities prohibited in Parks and all other Public Grounds and Public Places include:

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- (7) Placing litter or debris anywhere other than in designated containers;
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- (14) Violation of the regulations with respect to public morals and regulations with respect to the public peace and order as set out in Chapter 32, Articles IV and V, respectively;
- (15) Spreading ashes of cremated human remains;
- (16) Spreading ashes of cremated Animal remains and burying dead Animals;
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- (19) Making a fire or using charcoal grills.

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Sec. __. Electric and motorized vehicles and devices on sidewalks and Park trails prohibited. Riding and operating vehicles and devices powered by electricity, combustion engine or other power source on Park trails is subject to Section 38-352.

Sec. __. Unmanned Aircraft in Parks. The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including drones, in City Parks is subject to Section 32-218 and Section 32-222.

Sec. __. Mobile Food Vendors in Parks. Mobile Food Vendors may operate in City Parks only as set out in Section 24-122.

Secs. 34-__—34-62. Reserved.