



**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services Director  
**COPY:** Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee; Kurtis Kingsolver  
**PRESENTER:** Reuben McKnight, Planning and Development Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** Renaming Marine Park to Judge Jack Tanner Park  
**DATE:** January 9, 2019

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Request for Resolution

**SUMMARY:**

Planning and Development Services staff will present the recommendation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (Commission) to rename the portion of Marine Park located at 3427 Ruston Way to Judge Jack Tanner Park based upon its review of a naming request made by Metro Parks Tacoma.

**BACKGROUND:**

Metro Parks Tacoma is requesting to rename the 4.92-acre Marine Park, at 3427 Ruston Way, to Judge Jack Tanner Park. This renaming would commemorate Judge Tanner's contributions to civil rights and social justice in Tacoma. Judge Tanner was the first African-American in the Pacific Northwest to be appointed to the Federal bench as a district court judge. He presided over several landmark cases involving social and environmental justice in Washington and Tacoma.

On February 13, 2018, the Metro Parks Board (Board) decided to rename Marine Park in honor of Judge Jack Tanner as part of their commitment to social equity, inclusion and diversity, key elements of their Strategic Master Plan formally adopted by the Board in January 2018.

On September 12, 2018, the Commission determined the proposal was complete and scheduled the public hearing. On October 24, 2018, the Commission held a public hearing to take testimony on this item. On December 12, 2018, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the property be renamed Judge Jack Tanner Park.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If the name is not changed, the parcels would continue to be referred to as Marine Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff concurs with the Commission's recommendation to rename Marine Park to Judge Jack Tanner Park, based upon the guidelines set forth in the City Council Policy on Place Names and Name Changes (Resolution No. 38091).



3427 Ruston Way