

RESOLUTION 2014-075
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
NAMING A LOOP TRAIL WITHIN A NEW 31-ACRE NATURAL AREA AND
RESTARTING THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING AN OVERALL NAME
FOR THE NEW NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 134, 2011, which added to the City Code Sections 23-141 and 142 regarding the naming of City properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, Woodward, Inc., conveyed to the City a 31-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Poudre River to be used for Natural Areas purposes (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, Natural Areas staff evaluated names solicited by the public and recommended to the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board ("LCSB") that the Property be named "Coy-Hoffman Natural Area" after the families that homesteaded and farmed the Property, prior to Woodward, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the LCSB voted not to support the name proposed by staff and took no formal action on a second proposed name, "Swift Current Natural Area;" and

WHEREAS, Section 23-141(b) of the City Code states that the naming of a City property or facility for one or more persons or entities shall be approved by the City Council by resolution, after review by an ad hoc City Council committee formed for the purpose of selecting and recommending a name for the property; that the formation of an ad hoc naming committee may be initiated by request of the City Manager or the Mayor, or by majority vote of the City Council; and that the committee may seek such public input and may request and consider such proposals and recommendations of City boards and commissions and the City Manager as the committee deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-141(b), Mayor Karen Weitkunat requested an ad hoc City Council committee be formed to select and recommend a name for the Property; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution 2014-029, appointing Councilmembers Ross Cunniff, Bob Overbeck, Wade Troxell, and Mayor Karen Weitkunat to an ad hoc committee to review the options for naming the Property and to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding a name; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee met on May 8, 2014, and was unable to reach consensus among its members regarding a name to recommend to the City Council for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee met again on August 11, 2014, and voted to recommend a loop trail in the new natural area be named the "Coy-Hoffman Trail," and to recommend that Council direct staff to restart the process to name the overall natural area; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the recommendations of the ad hoc committee and after further review and consideration, City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to name a loop trail after John and Emily Coy, but to restart the process to select a name for the Property overall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby directs that a loop trail to be located in a new as of yet un-named natural area donated by Woodward, Inc. on January 15, 2014, be designated the "John and Emily Coy Homestead Trail."

Section 2. That the City may modify or remove the approved name in the future in the event that the City Council determines such modification or removal to be appropriate in light of changed circumstances or other matters of public interest or convenience.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to restart the process to select a name for that new 31-acre natural area that should strive to reflect the historical, cultural, geographic and natural significance of the site and area of the site in the heart of the City.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of August, A.D. 2014.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

