

RESOLUTION 2014-117
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SELECTING A NAME FOR A 31-ACRE 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 after the families that homesteaded and farmed the Property, prior to Woodward, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the LCSB did not make a recommendation to City Council regarding adoption of any name proposed at its January 15, 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2014, pursuant to Section 23-141(b) if the City Code, Mayor Karen Weitkunat requested an ad hoc City Council committee be formed to select and recommend a name for the Property; 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 name for a loop trail on the Property and to restart the process to name the overall natural area; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution 2014-075, naming a loop trail on the site the "John and Emily Coy Homestead Trail", and directing staff to restart the naming process for the Property as a whole; and

WHEREAS, staff has evaluated additional names solicited by the public and recommended to the LCSB that the Property be named "Homestead Natural Area"; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2014, the LCSB approved a recommendation to the City Council of "Homestead Natural Area" and "Homestead on the River Natural Area" as potential names for the Property that reflect the historical, cultural, geographic and natural significance of the site and area of the site in the heart of the City; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the recommendations of the LCSB and staff, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to select "Homestead Natural Area" as the name of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby adopts the name "Homestead Natural Area" for that 31-acre parcel of real property, located adjacent to the Poudre River, that was conveyed to the City by Woodward, Inc., on January 15, 2014, for natural area purposes.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of December, A.D. 2014.

Karen Weikunst
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

