



Staff Report

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To: City Council

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Subject: **Considering the East Bay Regional Park District's naming of the Regional Park/Conservation Area at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station as the "Thurgood Marshall Regional Park - Home of the Port Chicago 50."**

Report in Brief

The East Bay Regional Park District is considering the name “Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50” be given to the Regional Park/Conservation Area at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. The item will be considered by the East Bay Regional Park District Board at their meeting on June 1, 2021.

The City/Local Reuse Authority requests input on the name “Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50”.

Recommended Action

Consider the information found in the East Bay Regional Park District’s staff report found in Attachment 1, take public comment, provide direction to staff regarding Council’s preference for the proposed name, and authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to the East Bay Regional Park District’s Board supporting the City Council’s park name preference.

Background

In May 2020 the City Council expressed the City’s support for the name “Concord Hills Regional Park” after reviewing the results of community surveys.

During the East Bay Regional Park District's initial consideration of park names – the Park Advisory Committee (Councilwoman Carlyn Obringer sits on this Committee as the Contra Costa County Mayor's Group representative) and the Board's Executive Committee requested additional research and consultations be conducted regarding possible Native American park names and a park name related to the history of the events at Port Chicago. After considering various options and reviewing the history of Thurgood Marshall's advocacy for the Port Chicago 50, the District is considering the adoption of the proposed name "Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50" at their meeting on June 1, 2021.

Analysis

The City Council's input is being requested on the proposed name "Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50".

The complete timeline, additional research, and stakeholder consultations conducted by the Park District is best summarized in the District's May 11 staff report to their Board's Executive Committee found in Attachment 1.

Should the City Council so direct, staff will prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature to the East Bay Regional Park District's Board supporting the City Council's park name preference.

Financial Impact

There is no fiscal impact in supporting the proposed name.

Public Contact

The City Council Agenda was posted.

Attachment

1. EBRPD Staff Report to Board Executive Committee