

Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space

Place Naming Policies

Approved by the Marin County Open Space District Board of Directors on March 11, 2008.

The practice of naming of parks, open space and trails has educational and community-building benefits. Place naming raises awareness of one's natural surroundings and facilitates way finding. It also enables a community to remember its shared history or recognize individuals or groups that have selflessly given of their time and personal resources for the benefit of others and our environment. For the purposes of this policy, "places" shall refer to parks, open space preserves, trails, fire protection roads, capital facilities, features, areas and landmarks that are under the jurisdiction of the Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space. The naming of minor facilities such as benches, drinking fountains and picnic tables is not covered by this policy.

PN1

Place names shall be based on any of the following:

- a. Local topographic, geographical, geological or astronomical features
- b. Local wildlife, flora or fauna
- c. Local Native American history
- d. Persons, families, events or land uses from local history
- e. Common names that have come to be accepted by local users and residents without dispute

PN2

The Department may acknowledge individuals or groups by naming places in their honor. Such honor may be bestowed when:

- a. such individuals or groups have provided profound and enduring benefit to current and future generations through:
 - i. Highly generous and strategically significant donations of land that enable the Department to complete its park and open space systems; or
 - ii. Highly generous donations of cash or financial assets that enable the Department to purchase land, build capital facilities or provide long term maintenance and protection for land, facilities and resources; or
 - iii. A lifetime of dedication and community service in open space and parkland preservation and/or the provision and improvement of park and recreation facilities and resources at the county, regional, state, or national level.

Or:

- b. A community desires that such an honor befits one its esteemed members. In this circumstance:

- i. The proposed name shall be based on the name of the person or group historically associated with the place, and
- ii. Such honor may be bestowed posthumously only.

The high standards set for the receipt of this honor are meant to indicate that very few places within the County Park and Open Space systems will be named after individuals or groups.

The process for nominating individuals or groups for this honor shall be as follows:

1. Nominations may be from any source and may be submitted at any time.
2. Nominations shall be submitted to the Department Director
3. A completed nomination shall consist of:
 - i. The name of the individual or group to be honored
 - ii. The place to be named
 - iii. A detailed description of the individual's or group's contributions and accomplishments in the field of parks and open space, in no less than 500 words, including a statement of how the contributions and accomplishments benefit current and future generations, and a statement describing the relationship between the person or group and the place to be named.
 - iv. Letters of recommendation from at least three sources familiar with the individual or group and his/her/its contributions and accomplishments.
4. Department staff shall evaluate nominations and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission.
5. The Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission shall consider the nomination and make a recommendation to the Marin County Board of Supervisors or the Board of Directors of the Marin County Open Space District.

PN4

The Department should avoid renaming places. Proposals for renaming shall be considered on a case-by case basis, and be based on improving way finding and/or discouraging trespass.

PN5

Trails and fire protection roads with multiple segments corresponding to intersections should possess a single name to facilitate way finding. The Department shall determine the termini of trails and fire protection roads with multiple segments.

PN6

Place names shall be formally designated by the Marin County Board of Supervisors or the Board of Directors of the Marin County Open Space District.

Marin Sanitary Service

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August 27, 2010

Assistant Director Ron Miska
Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Miska:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the renaming of Creekside Park in Greenbrae to "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside." Supervisor Hal Brown's longstanding support of parks and open space has benefited not only the citizens of his district but all the citizens and visitors to Marin County. Renaming the park is a fitting tribute for someone who has done so much to preserve open-space, community parks and public recreational areas throughout the county.

Not only has Supervisor Brown been a strong advocate for environmental protection, he has served the county and the Ross Valley with honor for many years. He brings common sense solutions to complex issues and always works with an eye on what is best for his constituents and the county as a whole without consideration of political expediency. Too often the hard work of public servants like Supervisor Brown goes unnoticed. Renaming Creekside Park is an opportunity to show the community's appreciation for his many accomplishments while serving on the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

It is my sincere hope that when this item is before the Open Space Commission for review on September 15, 2010 that the commission move unanimously to rename Creekside Park to "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside." In so doing the work of Supervisor Hal Brown will be honored and memorialized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patty Garbarino".

Patty Garbarino
President
Marin Sanitary Service

Marin County
Parks and Open Space

AUG 31 2010

Received.



From: Greg Shaughnessy [mailto:grs@grs-law.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 9:08 AM
To: Miska, Ron
Subject: RE: Letter in Support of Renaming Creekside Park

→ I am sending this message as a private citizen. The Advisory Board will not be meeting between now and September 7.

----- Forwarded Message

From: Greg Shaughnessy <grs@grs-law.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2009 14:17:43 -0800
To: Scott Sherman <scott@avidgreen.com>
Subject: Creekside Park

I serve as the Chairman of County Service Areas #16 Advisory Board. I have read the nomination, drafted by AvidGreen Landscaping, to rename Creekside Park to "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside" in honor of all the contributions and accomplishments of Supervisor Hal Brown and unanimously endorse and support this change.

Please forward this letter of recommendation to the appropriate authorities.

Gregory R. Shaughnessy
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Miska, Ron

From: Carleen Cullen [ccullen@cooltheearth.org]

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 6:40 AM

To: Miska, Ron

Subject: Hal Brown Park at Creekside!

Dear Mr. Miska,

I am writing on behalf of Cool the Earth, a school-based climate change nonprofit in Marin, to support renaming Creekside Park to "the Hal Brown Park at Creekside." As I am sure you are aware, Supervisor Brown has a long-standing record of supporting youth and the environment.

He has consistently given support to our organization, helping us grow from just two Marin schools to over 45 today and reaching over 25,000 students and their families. By attending assemblies to meet the students and faculty, introducing CTE to other government officials, and providing financial support, Supervisor Brown has played a key role in bringing this important program to kids and families throughout Marin.

In summary, we believe it is appropriate to rename this park as mentioned and honor Supervisor Brown's support of our community.

Sincerely,

Carleen Cullen
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SUBCOMMITTEE NO.3
ON RESOURCES

August 24, 2010

Mr. Ron Miska, Assistant Director
Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Marin County Civic Center
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San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Miska:

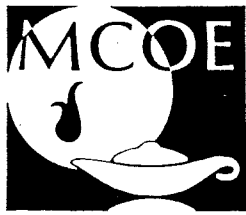
This letter is to support the proposal to rename the *Creekside Park* in Greenbrae to *The Hal Brown Park at Creekside* in honor of Supervisor Hal Brown's constant and effective leadership on programs and projects throughout Ross Valley during his years of service as a Marin County Supervisor.

This recognition is well-deserved in consideration of Supervisor Brown's extensive contributions to the Ross Valley community and visitors in preserving and improving open space and recreational programs in his District including work on open space easements, trail improvements, and median strip landscape projects. Likewise, his devotion to and support for recreational and youth programs, school infrastructure and safety projects such as the bike path along Corte Madera Creek and bike racks at local schools have left a significant impact on the quality of life for our youth. And his work on The Ross Valley Watershed program to develop lasting watershed solutions for the entire Corte Madera Creek Watershed will have lasting effects for the environment and the extended community for years to come.

It is appropriate to name this park after a person who has done so much for our children, the community and the environment in enduring ways. I am honored to recommend this distinction for such an outstanding public servant.

Sincerely,

JARED HUFFMAN
Assemblymember, 6th District



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August 23, 2010

Ron Miska, Deputy Director
Parks & Open Space Administration
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Miska:

I am writing to support the initiative of the Greenbrae Property Owners Association (GPOA) Board and County Service Area (CSA) 16 to rename Creekside Park in Greenbrae as "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside." I join with the Larkspur City Council and many others who have endorsed this proposal because of Hal Brown's unwavering commitment to open space, community parks and public recreation areas throughout Marin County. Since his appointment to the Board of Supervisors in 1983, Hal Brown has spent 27 years advocating for keeping Marin County an open space. Because of his work, today 85% of our County is open space.

Beyond his work on open space, Hal Brown has been a voice for children and families in our community. He has insisted on providing places where children and families can be outdoors in safe, well-maintained parks and playgrounds. He has supported strengthening our schools, community clinics and law enforcement to make Marin County a safer, healthier place for all of our residents. He is a champion for the most vulnerable in our community. As a Supervisor, he is hard-working, available and responsive to his constituency.

Based on his record of accomplishment, public service and commitment to open space, the renaming of Creekside Park for Hal Brown is a fitting tribute. While some feel such honors should only come posthumously, I think it is sometimes more meaningful to award such an honor while the recipient is still living and serving. I have known and worked with Hal Brown over many years and I know that he is someone deserving of this honor now. I am pleased to support the proposal of the GPOA Board and CSA 16.

Sincerely,

MARY JANE BURKE
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

PETER ARRIGONI
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FAIRFAX, CALIFORNIA 94930

August 20, 2010

Ron Miska, Deputy Director
Parks & Open Space Administration
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 260
San Rafael, CA. 94903

Dear Ron,

It is my understanding that the Larkspur City Council has voted to support renaming the Creekside Park in Greenbrae to "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside." I support this proposal initiated by Greenbrae Property Owners Association and CSA 16.

I was a member of the Marin County Board of Supervisors back in the 60's and 70's when the Board, working with the community, prevented the marsh from being filled in order to accommodate a development project.

Hal Brown is an outstanding and hard working county Supervisor and renaming this marsh in his honor is certainly appropriate.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Arrigoni

CC: Cynthiarose Connolly
Board of Supervisors
Civic Center, Room 315
San Rafael, CA. 93903

Miska, Ron

From: Ethel Seiderman [ethel.seiderman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 9:07 AM
To: Miska, Ron
Cc: cconnolly@comarin.ca.us
Subject: re-naming Creeksid Park

Dear Ron

I hope you have had a good summer, tho' I'm sure there was hardly any "down time"

It is a pleasure for me to support, endorse, recognize and add my name to the proposed rename of The Creekside Park to The Hal Brown Park at Creekside.

I am a neighbor, friend and constituent of Hal's and to name these 3 relationships in one breathe significantly distinguishes Hal as an outstanding civic leader. He leads with thoughtfulness and studies and expands his information and knowledge on the issues that come before him. He embraces all the citizens by opening his heart to those issues that matter to him and to them; and though I often seek his understanding, input and support on my issues, he insists on learning the points of view of others before announcing a position. This is refreshing and underscores his belief that there is a wide range of thinking and opinions and he represents all the persons in his district.

Hal Brown is authentic, honest and humble and reveals where he stands. He never tires of meeting the people where they are and extends himself to be present where it is convenient for them.

It is an honor for me to have worked with him these many years and it will be an honor for the community and to Hal Brown to rename The Creekside Park to The Hal Brown Park at Creekside.

Sincerely ,
Ethel Seiderman

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August 19, 2010

Ron Miska, Deputy Director
Parks & Open Space Administration
3501 Civic Center Dr., Rm. 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Miska,

I am writing on behalf of the many thousands of EcoMom Alliance members in support of Creekside Park in Greenbrae being renamed *The Hal Brown Park at Creekside* in honor of his longstanding commitment to preserving open space, community parks, and public recreation areas throughout Marin.

Having grown up here in Marin County, I have long known Supervisor Brown as a committed supporter of children, youth, and a healthy environment. Now, as an adult citizen and the founder of an advocacy organization, EcoMom® Alliance, I have come to respect and appreciate Supervisor Brown's dedication to "the people" even more so.

Hal Brown is a public servant in the truest sense of the word. His open door and willingness to listen, hear, and take appropriate action on behalf of his constituents is a remarkable testament to his commitment to our citizenry, our children, our future, and, our County as a leading and visionary region of the United States.

It is with great appreciation of Supervisor Brown that I submit my support for *The Hal Brown Park at Creekside*, and with great hope, that I may one day be able to take my children and grandchildren there and tell them about the good man for whom the park was named.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to ask if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kimberly D. Pinkson

Kimberly Danek Pinkson
Founder, EcoMom® Alliance

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August 18, 2010

Mr. Ron Miska
Assistant Director
Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Renaming Creekside Park "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside"

Dear Mr. Miska:

I am writing on behalf of the Greenbrae Property Owners Association ("GPOA"). I am the current President of the GPOA.

I have read the December 17, 2009 letter that Scott Sherman, of AvidGreen Landscaping, submitted in support of the proposal to rename Creekside Park to "The Hal Brown Park at Creekside." Mr. Sherman's letter amply details the many contributions and accomplishments of Supervisor Hal Brown.

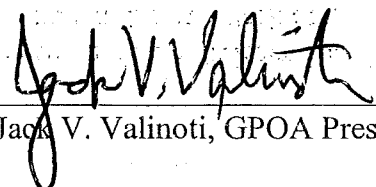
The GPOA Board represents approximately 1,200 households in Supervisor Hal Brown's district. In addition to Mr. Sherman and me, Brendan Fogarty, David Sternberg and Ron Peluso also serve on the GPOA Board of Directors. I have reviewed Mr. Sherman's letter with all of the members of the GPOA's Board of Directors. Supervisor Hal Brown's many years of efforts to minimize development of and preserve open space in Marin County make him most deserving of this honor. It is with tremendous gratitude and pleasure that I inform you that the GPOA unanimously endorses and supports the changing of the name of Creekside Park to The Hal Brown Park at Creekside as a way to honor Supervisor Hal Brown's continuous efforts to benefit the people and environment of Marin County.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Greenbrae Property Owners Association

By:


Jack V. Valinoti, GPOA President

Miska, Ron

From: Lise Stampfli [lstampfli@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2010 12:49 PM
To: Miska, Ron
Subject: Re: Naming Park for Hal Brown

Dear Mr. Miska,

I write to tell you how very much I would wish this honor for Hal Brown —having a park named for him.

Hal's recent championing of the cause of Flood Mitigation against many opposing and critical voices has resulted in a landmark program for flood control moving forward (after 45 years of inactivity).

The Ross Valley Watershed Flood Mitigation Program will protect the environment and our public places, homes, and infrastructure including parklands. It will save property and economic opportunity and it will save lives. While this one project alone should commend him for the honor of having a park named for him, his decades long service to the people of Marin in protecting open space, trails and recreational lands and facilities are a stunning and exceptional example of public service and accomplishment that would be daunting to follow.

Throughout my time living in Marin, over 20 years, Hal has consistently been at the forefront of preservation of open space and quality of life issues. We owe him a tremendous debt for this service. Naming this park for him is the least we can do, and while I know it is an old custom to create these honors in memoriam, in current practice in other counties and cities, this is seen as outdated.

I invite the Open Space Committee and other decision makers to consider carefully the importance of giving credit where credit is due and to allow Supervisor Brown to enjoy fully the gratitude and recognition his exceptionally fine work deserves.

Regards,

Lise Stampfli Torme
Flood Mitigation League of Ross Valley, President Longtime open space, parks and recreation advocate

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Library 415-927-5005

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CITY OF LARKSPUR

July 21, 2010

Mr. Ron Miska, Assistant Director
Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Support to rename 'Creekside Park', Greenbrae to 'The Hal Brown Park at Creekside'

Dear Mr. Miska:

The Larkspur City Council enthusiastically supports the renaming of 'Creekside Park' in Greenbrae to 'The Hal Brown Park at Creekside'. This community park, across from Marin General Hospital on Corte Madera Creek with a priceless view of Mt. Tamalpais, fittingly symbolizes Supervisor Brown's leadership with parks, open space, environmental and recreational projects across the Ross Valley and the County. His numerous efforts to preserve the natural environments, including this park, continuously benefit residents and visitors to Marin County.

Renaming this park 'The Hal Brown Park at Creekside' is also appropriate because of Hal's leadership with the Ross Valley Watershed Program to create a solution to flooding in the Ross Valley through a watershed wide solution. His many years of work for a lasting solution to flood control is moving forward through his tenacity.

Also Supervisor Brown has secured the preservation of nearly 1,500 acres of open space throughout District 2. This has included new open space, open space easements, trail improvements and trail easements for the public to enjoy Mt. Tamalpais hillsides. In Larkspur he assisted in the preservation of King Mountain and in gaining a public trail easement in Baltimore Canyon.

For these and other achievements, the Larkspur City Council is pleased to request that the Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space honor Supervisor Brown's years of service by renaming this park to 'The Hal Brown Park at Creekside.'

Sincerely,



Joan L. Lundstrom, Mayor
City of Larkspur





December 17, 2009

Mr. Ron Miska
Assistant Director
Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
San Rafael, CA 94903
415-499-6391

Dear Mr. Miska,

It is with profound appreciation that our Boards unanimously nominate to rename 'Creekside Park' in Greenbrae to 'The Hal Brown Park at Creekside.' This community park, with its priceless view of Mount Tamalpais across Corte Madera Creek natural spaces and adjacent to several local schools, symbolizes the numerous enduring results of Supervisor Brown's leadership with open space, environmental, and recreational projects across District 2 and the County. The results of Mr. Brown's efforts continuously benefit residents, visitors and the natural environment...and will continue to do so for many generations. For example,

- Supervisor Brown's efforts minimized development and secured preservation of nearly 1,500 acres of open-space throughout District 2. This includes new open space, open space easements, trail improvements and public trail easements in Baltimore Canyon in Larkspur; King Mountain in Kentfield; Bald Hill, the Sleepy Hollow-Terra Linda Divide, and Hawthorne Canyon in San Anselmo; Cascade Canyon Preserve, Loma Alta, and White Hill in Fairfax.
- He led development of the original County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and Ordinance to protect the long-term health of residents and the sustainability of our natural environment.
- Across the District, in schools and Open Space, Supervisor Brown continues his long-term support of numerous recreational and youth programs including recreational soccer, baseball, high school athletics, and Open Space youth programs. He was a valued leader in projects to restore and improve Red Hill Field and Memorial Park in San Anselmo, Lefty Gomez Field in Fairfax, Bret Harte and Gerstle Parks in San Anselmo, and numerous neighborhood park and playground renovations throughout the Ross Valley.
- He was instrumental in funding landscape improvements to all the medians of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from Highway 101 to Ross. This provides a beautiful, cherished and seasonally evolving entry to our Ross Valley.

Scott Sherman's
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- Through his initiative and leadership with the Ross Valley Watershed Program, working closely with the communities and scientific experts, he is helping to develop lasting watershed solutions for the entire Corte Madera Creek Watershed.
- He continues to help with school infrastructure and safety such as the bike path along Corte Madera Creek and, under the auspices of 'Safe Routes to School,' helped fund installation of bicycle racks at various local schools.
- Similarly, in the community of Greenbrae, Mr. Brown continues decades of support and leadership with landscaping and environmental issues that continue to benefit our numerous landscaped medians, parks and roadways and, ultimately, the beauty and enjoyability of our home community.

Supervisor Brown's dedication and leadership on projects and programs throughout the Ross Valley will continue to benefit our County for generations. It is fitting that a park, and particularly this park, be named after someone who has done so much for our children, our environment, and our entire community in so many enduring ways.

It is with sincere, profound thanks that we make this recommendation.

Sincerely,

- The Board of Directors of the Greenbrae Property Owners Association (GPOA)
- The Board of Directors of Marin County Service Area #16 (CSA 16)
- The Board of Directors of AvidGreen Fine Landscaping & Vineyards