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City of Venice  
Office of the City Manager

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Isaac D. Turner, City Manager *IDT / RK*

**Date:** April 1, 2009

**Re:** Renaming of Parks

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At the February 9, 2009 meeting of the City of Venice Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the members voted to submit an application to rename Tramonto Visa Park. The requested name was the Clark Recreation Center. The application was made by Ms. Dawn Stoddart, a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the granddaughter of Mr. Clark. On March 16, 2009 Mr. Gary Budway reviewed an application with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to rename the Tramonto Visa Park to the Maxine Barritt Park. The Board voted to forward the request to City Council without a recommendation. During Audience Participation at the April 14, 2009 City Council Meeting, Mr. Budway requested that the renaming of Tramonto Vista Park be placed as an agenda item on the April 28, 2009 City Council Meeting agenda. The applications submitted by Ms. Stoddart and Mr. Budway are attached.

During Council Reports at the March 24, 2009 City Council Meeting, Mr. McKeon informed City Council of both applications and of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's actions. At that time, it was determined that Mr. McKeon would work with staff regarding the rules of order for the renaming process and the City Manager would look for alternatives, such as naming specific areas in the park after an individual.

Subsequently two City Council members (Ms. Lang and Mr. Zavodnyik) have requested that this item be placed on the April 28, 2009 City Council agenda.

City Council Options:

The following options are available for your consideration:

1. Rename the park for one of the individuals requested.
2. Name a section of the park after one of the suggested individuals. (The tentative plans include a large gazebo/pavilion.)
3. Name a section of Heritage Park in honor of one of the individuals.
4. Place a commemorative plaque in Heritage Park in honor of one of the individuals.
5. Rename another existing park in honor of one of the individuals.

In the event that it is determined that the park name be changed, Staff has requested that the effective date of the change be after the formal opening of the park to avoid the confusion caused by the resubmission of paperwork in the midst of various permitting processes.

Mr. Turner indicated this was the continuation of previous practice and percentages were based on population figures to be reviewed annually.

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

**VIII. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM CERTAIN LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX LEVIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 336.025(1)(B) F.S. - APPROVED**

Mr. McKeon **moved** to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding distribution formula for allocation of revenue from certain local option fuel tax levied pursuant to Section 336.025(1)(b) F.S. and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. **Seconded** by Ms. Taylor.

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

**IX. RENAMING TRAMONTO VISTA PARK - APPROVED**

Mr. Turner presented background information regarding renaming Tramonto Vista Park after either Robert Clark or Maxine Barritt, and explored options including naming a section of Tramonto Vista Park, naming a section or placing a commemorative plaque in Heritage Park, and renaming another existing park.

Marjorie El-Kadi, 1229 Lucaya Avenue; Joanne Corliss, 5840 Venisota Road; Joyce Ottinger, 578 Park Estates Square; Mike Gelormino, 801 Auburn Lakes Circle; Rosemary Vauzanges, 536 Riviera Street; and Barbara Strife, 783 Vivienda South Court supported renaming Tramonto Vista Park after Maxine Barritt.

Walt Jennings, 601 Alhambra Road, favored retaining the park name as Tramonto Vista Park.

Ted Koszarski, 1229 Lucaya Avenue, and Walter Hake, 682 Pond Willow Lane, spoke in favor of renaming the Park after Maxine Barritt.

Dawn Stoddart, 708 Cadiz Road, displayed a photograph of Robert Clark, reviewed Mr. Clark's contributions with regard to surveying and laying out Venice in 1926, and requested that council rename Tramonto Vista Park to Clark Recreation Park.

Mr. Turner left the dais at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:01 p.m.

John Patten, Venice resident, supported renaming Tramonto Vista Park after Maxine Barritt.

Elaine Schwartz, Venice resident, commented on Maxine Barritt's efforts to establish Venice Paw Park.

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APPLICATION FOR NAMING OF MAXINE BARRITT PARK

Mayor Martin and City Council Members;

Please find attached an application for the naming of the former 1-Brohard Park 2-South Brohard Park temporary named Tramonto Vista Park to now be named after Maxine Barritt. The application is self explanatory and since City Council is the final authority for naming/renaming parks I am sending you this request to review and act upon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary F. Budway

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**APPLICATION FOR NAMING/RENAMING OF:**

- 1) a. Park  
b. Portion of a park (circle one)  
c. Designated facility  
d. Public area
- 2) Name of person/organization for which the area is to be named:  
*MAXINE BARRITT PARK*
- 3) Location of the area to be named and specific details of request:  
*TEMPORARILY NAMED TRAMONTO VISTA PARK; FORMERLY 1-BROHARD PARK  
2-SOUTH BROHARD PARK  
HARBOR DRIVE WHERE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WAS TO BE NAMED*
- 4) Is this person, or was this person a resident of Venice or the Venice area?  Yes No  
*MAXINE BARRITT PARK*
- 5) What significant contributions did this person/organization make to the Venice area?

Maxine Barritt was a Venice community organizer and dedicated volunteer who worked tirelessly to create a public park where there was once a sewer treatment plant. She circulated a petition and collected over 3000 signatures in support of the initiative, and she persuaded the City that a park should be built on the site. She worked tirelessly and supported the passage of a bond whose proceeds would be used to create and preserve a passive natural park in an area that has been identified as the largest remaining area of unspoiled beach front in Sarasota County. She was a member of the City's Bond Oversight Committee and served on the Board of various public service organizations. It would be fitting if the person most responsible for the creation of this asset would have it named in her honor.

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- 6) Please be prepared to have a personal representative present at a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to discuss the merits of this application. You will be contacted as to the time and place of the meeting. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerks office at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the naming is to be discussed.

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**Biehl Park is named for Michael Biehl, who donated money to the Sarasota Conservation Foundation for the purchase of the property on which the park was created.**

**Amenities:** Landscaping, benches, litter receptacles, fountain and mural.

**Restrictions:** [Click here to view restrictions.](#)

**Location:** 100 W. Tampa Ave., at the corner of U.S. 41 Business

