



- A. Park A: 3.6 acre park at the northwest corner of the 122 acre development on Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard visible from the Ford Parkway bridge as people head east from Minneapolis. The park is adjacent to the MRB trail, which connects to Ford Parkway. It is also on the A-line rapid bus transit to that connects to both the Green Line and Blue Line light rail transit. Walking trails through the park wind around the open stormwater pond and two stormwater basins planted with native species. Picnic and game tables as well as benches provide seating in several locations through the park including within and around the natural areas and places to sit and the activity at the skate park. The new skate park includes a large bowl area as well as a skate trail with varied events along it to appeal to all levels of skaters.
- B. Park B: 1.55 acre park has a programmatic focus on active recreation and is centrally located on the development site and surrounded by townhomes. The park is also on Bohland which is a designated bike and pedestrian street and connects this park to both the Central Stormwater feature and Mississippi River Boulevard. The design includes an 8000 SF play area with zones for 2-5 and 6-12 year olds. The full basketball court is adjacent to the city's first designated pickleball courts. There is an open lawn for yard games, casual use or programming like fitness in the parks. The park also includes a dog relief area (for leashed dogs) and a place for a future restroom.
- C. Park C: 6.4 acres includes a nature play area, an off-leash dog park on the north end and a stormwater channel that connects to Hidden Falls. Trails along the stormwater channel lead toward the south end of the park along Mississippi River Boulevard where there will be a small shelter, sand volleyball courts, an adult fitness area and hammocking grove in addition to a small open lawn for casual use or to be programmed for exercise in the park or similar uses.
- D. Park D: 1.5 acre park with a level area at the entrance from Montreal on the park's the north end with a steep slope in the middle of the park and another flatter area on the south side of the park that is encumbered by wetland and wetland buffer. On the north end, a walkway borders a lawn area that can later be used for future community gardens. There are benches and the site has been graded so that an accessible path can be constructed on the steep slope to the south toward the CP Rail site.

Name Suggestion

Submittal notes

879 Square

The men and women who worked at the Twin Cities Assembly Plant were represented for seven decades by the Local 879 chapter of the United Auto Workers. Naming a park after this now defunct and dissolved organization, whose union hall was just a few blocks away (now converted into Erik’s Bike Shop) would be a fitting tribute to the generations of workers who built millions of automobiles on the site.

A, B, C and D

Because we cannot predict the future, it will save your successors a lot of trouble if we stop naming parks (and buildings, streets) after people now. Look at how much time and money has been wasted in Minneapolis about the name of Lake Calhoun. ABC and D are perfectly good names, and will also be the least expensive to make signs for.

Adolph Dehn

Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers: Adolph Dehn was an artist born in Waterville, MN. He attended MCAD (Formerly Minneapolis School of Art. Died in 1968. Satirical realism. Dehn was connected to New York’s politically left swinging activists.

Ahsin.....Rock

I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Ahsinneeg.....Rocks

I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Alan Page

former MN Viking and Chicago bear retired to go into legal career. Served as an associate justice of MN Supreme Court from 1993 until 2015. Founded Page Education Foundation providing financial and mentoring assistance to students of color in exchange for those students' commitment to further volunteer service in the community.

Alexis Jean Fournier

Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers. Fournier known for painting minnesota landmarks. Alexis Jean Fournier was an American artist. He is well known in Minnesota for his naturalistic paintings of Minneapolis and St. Paul landmarks, such as Farnham's Mill, which was one of the earliest mills established in Minneapolis. Fournier is also renowned beyond Minnesota as an important figure in the Arts and Crafts movement.

All Seasons Park

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Apistoka Park	Young Dakota Woman who was forced with a group of Dakota to march in a four mile-long procession (3,368 people in total) from the Lower Sioux Agency to Fort Snelling. Many of them did not survive.
ASHA Park	A Sustainable Holistic Area – ASHA Park. A natural playground at Highland Bridge – no plastic or fake stuff. Just logs, grasses, sand, rocks to climb, a healing garden, etc. A park that promotes healing in nature – and from which you get a good sunrise and a good sunset view.
Assembly Green Park	
Assembly Park	(bring people together, also assembly line)
Assembly Park	My suggestion is "Assembly Park" - sublime: "A great place to meet. Capturing the Ford assembly line and the present day place for big group meetings, concerts or just family gatherings. Past and present in one name. Both an historic name and a functional name according to the guidelines paper.
Assembly Park	This park is located on ground where the main assembly building for Ford once stood.
Assembly Square	I would like to be the first person to propose that Park B adopt the name "Assembly Square." The name has more than one meaning: It honors the past 100 years of use on the prominent site as an assembly plant for one of the world's leading and largest auto manufacturers but it also bows to the future uses as a place of "assembly" for residents to come and enjoy a game or just to meet and talk with neighbors. The "Square" part of the name also references the fact that this is the only park that truly is about the shape of a square whereas all other parks have much diverse dimensions they would no way be confused as to being a "_____ Square" and it harkens to the common phrasing used in numerous small towns all over the country that had a central park that was often referenced as simply "the Town Square."
Aurora Borealis	
Auto Workers Park	Auto Workers Park, to honor the thousands of laborers who worked on the site, bringing prosperity to the area and spurring development.
Balto Park	This name could be again with a plaque. Named after the Alaskan dog that saved many lives from epidemic in the 1800. He pulled a dog sled carrying vaccine when there was no roads. His name was Balto. An Imogene carved in his likeness could grace the side of this bridge and his story retold
Bancroft	MN Explorer
Bapeewug.....Laughter	I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Bdote	Bdote – Bdote is a Dakota word that generally means “where two waters come together.” The bdote where Ĥaĥáwakpa (Mississippi River) and the Mnísota Wakpá (Minnesota River) come together is central to Dakota spirituality and history.
Beboong.....Winter	I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names
Bellamy Park (Lou Bellamy)	Lou Bellamy is the founder and Co-Artistic Director of Penumbra Theatre Company in Saint Paul, Minnesota. During his thirty-nine year tenure, Penumbra has evolved into one of America’s premier theaters dedicated to dramatic exploration of the African American experience. Under his leadership, Penumbra has grown to be the largest theater of its kind in America and has produced 39 world premieres, including August Wilson’s first professional production. Pe
Big River	
Bluff View	
Boundary Waters Park	
Braveheart	for all of our 1st responders and healthcare workers
Bravo	Bravo for the Canine that protected our law enforcement
Bridge Park	
Bridge View	
Bridgetown Park	
Bridgeview Park	
Bridgeway Park	
Capa (Sioux for beaver)	
Carter Park	I think of Melvin Carter, Sr., who I met when he lived at the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul. I believe he moved from maybe Texas on his own to become a porter for the railroad. Melvin Carter, Jr. was a policeman in St. Paul and is still trying to help young men in life. His wife, Toni Carter, has/is a representative on the Ramsey Co. Board, and their son, Melvin Carter III is the mayor of St. Paul. The Carters have contributed greatly to the life of St. Paul.
Chaytan (Sioux for hawk)	
Chickadee	We have lived in Highland and walked the RiverRoad (including the Ford Dam area) for 50 years. These birds are regulars in this area. As names we like these four best.
Chickadee	

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
<a href="#">Chuck Nehls Park</a>	<p>people wanted a way to honor Chuck, the neighborhood volunteer who works so hard to make the neighborhood beautiful. My suggestion is naming a park after him if it seems appropriate. I completely understand this is outside of the names you were looking for if this doesn't work.</p>
<p>Chuck Nehls Park</p>	<p>When I think of the Highland Village community, one of the best things that comes to my mind and might be honored with the naming of a park is Chuck. He is the tall lean gentleman who donates his time and energy around Highland to trim bushes, walk school children across busy Ford Parkway, and pick up trash. The Highland Village has had an article about him in the past. I do not know his last name, or if this honor would be welcomed by him.</p>
<p>Chuck Nehls Park</p>	
<p>Chumani (Lakota for dew drops)</p>	
<p>Claira Mairs</p>	<p>Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers. 1878-1963. Painter and printmaker born in Hastings. Lived in St. Paul and supervised Nimbus Club, an informal group formed to allow artists to work from a live model. Instrumental in founding the art league of St. Paul. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clara_Mairs">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clara_Mairs</a></p>
<p>Collective Park</p>	<p>St Paulites are proud of the Highland Bridge development and what it represents. It also signifies to visitors of the park that they can be proud of who they are.</p>
<p>Community Park</p>	<p>Community Park - a place for all members of the community to find something to do that they enjoy.</p>
<p>Comorant</p>	<p>We have lived in Highland and walked the RiverRoad (including the Ford Dam area) for 50 years. These birds are regulars in this area. As names we like these four best.</p>

Name Suggestion

Submittal notes

[Cornbread Harris](#)

Born 1927. Still alive. Mostly self-taught jazz musician. Sally award for Commitment who has brought his interpretation of Blues and Jazz. Stated as he accepted the award, If you want to be blessed, be a giver. Father of Jimmy Jam!! Plays/volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday at Camden Community Center in Minneapolis. "The ladies really love him."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornbread\\_Harris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornbread_Harris) I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great.

Coyote Cayon

in recognition of wildlife that has always been in our area

Dagwaging.....Fall

I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

dakota name

Park C with the water feature, should be a reminder of what was there prior to when the Ford Plant was built. The name should reflect a name from from other entries that would reflect all man's connection to the natural surroundings. the indigenous groups that populated the area before St. Paul was even a city. I do not know that language but you may have received indigenous names

Dakota Names

the 2 largest areas should get their original names back. I don't know the original place names, but the Dakota would

Dakota or Ojibwe names

I'd like to recommend that you choose 4 indigenous Dakota or Ojibway names, since this land originally belonged to them. I don't have any particular names to recommend, but perhaps you could ask someone from the Native community (perhaps Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan) how to best "honor" their heritage. There is an overlook above Highway 5 (Old Fort Rd), on the East side of the Mississippi River that lists indigenous names for the area. Perhaps one or more of these would be appropriate.

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Dakota or some ties to native residents	My choice would be to name the parks something with ties to the Native residents that have been displaced from this area. I sincerely hope that we do not avoid "controversy" and instead opt for something corporate sounding or something that does not honor something of significance to the area.
Dakota Park	Dakota Park, based on the first residents of the area. Alternatively, it could be an approximation of "high land" in the Dakota language.
Dakota people name?	The historical significance of the land belonging to the Dakota is extremely important as we try to repair the violence against Dakota people
Dakota Ridge	Section A on the map could be named for the tribal people who inhabit the area ( yes they are still here) and have a rich history in this area . I would submit- (Dakota Ridge).
Deerwood Park	in recognition of wildlife that has always been in our area
Diaspora Park	Diaspora Park, to recognize the displacement and resettlement in Highland of successive waves of Jewish, Hmong, and Somali people.
Discovery Park	(the counterpoint reflection of the newly re-exposed Hidden Falls)
<p data-bbox="131 1465 542 1499"><u><a href="#">DO NOT NAME AFTER HENRY FORD</a></u></p>	<p data-bbox="662 972 1471 1293">This site has a huge history in that it housed a Ford auto manufacturing plant. This plant provided middle class jobs for many people over the years and that was very important to the Twin Cities community. However, I ask that you not name a park with the name Ford. Although he should be credited for being a great industrialist who created an industry that gave rise to a middle class in America, he was known to have anti-Semitic views. Given that the Highland area has been home to many Jewish families over the last years, I ask that you take this into consideration.</p> <p data-bbox="662 1304 1458 1367"><a href="https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/henryford-antisemitism/">https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/henryford-antisemitism/</a></p> <p data-bbox="662 1377 1468 1478">Many thanks for soliciting the community for names. I think that this is a testament to the egalitarian and community oriented St. Paul city that we have.</p>
Dog Poo Park	



Name Suggestion

Submittal notes

In April 1846, Dred and Harriet filed separate lawsuits for freedom in the St. Louis Circuit Court against Irene Emerson based on two Missouri statutes. One statute allowed any person of any color to sue for wrongful enslavement. The other stated that any person taken to a free territory automatically became free and could not be re-enslaved upon returning to a slave state.

Neither Dred nor Harriet Scott could read or write and they needed both logistical and financial support to plead their case. They received it from their church, abolitionists and an unlikely source, the Blow family who had once owned them.

Since Dred and Harriet Scott had lived in Illinois and the Wisconsin Territory — both free domains — they hoped they had a persuasive case because of "Once Free Always Free." When they went to trial on June 30, 1847, however, the court ruled against them on a technicality and the judge granted a retrial.

[Dred and Harriet Scott](#)

Eagle

We have lived in Highland and walked the RiverRoad (including the Ford Dam area) for 50 years. These birds are regulars in this area. As names we like these four best.

Eastway Park

it's the most east park of highland bridge and it's fun and easy to say

Edsel

My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.

Edsel

Edsel

How about the "Edyth Bush" Park? I grew up in St. Paul and did some community theater of which the old Edyth Bush Theater in Highland Park was an enjoyable venue. I acted in 3 productions in 1969 (so, yes, I am an old gezzer) and the history of that theater should continue. I am sure you know the history of Edyth Bush herself? She was an actress and her husband provided this theater for her acting. I believe that would be a real tribute to the Bush family and the history of the Highland Park area. Some may say that is not relevant anymore but I have a strong connection with Highland Park and that theater!

Edyth Bush Park

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Ehaaaki Park	To celebrate the return of hidden falls creek to the surface from its current stormwater pipe, the Dakota word for "to return back to the original place".
Eliza Winston	Eliza Winston, an enslaved woman who visited Minnesota with her owners from Mississippi, obtained her freedom in 1860 after a judge ruled she was a free woman.
Elsa Jemne	Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers. Elsa Laubach Jemne was an American landscape painter, portraitist, muralist and illustrator born in St. Paul, Minnesota. She attended the St. Paul Institute before continuing her art studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Jemne returned to the Midwest, where she made most of her art.
Episcopalian Bishop Henry Whipple Erik the Red Park	Episcopalian Bishop Henry Whipple became an advocate for Dakota prisoners after the US-Dakota War, raising money for their care and arranging for the release of several.
Escape	My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.
Escape	
<a href="#">Evelyn Fairbanks (author "The Days of Rondo")</a>	I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great. Below are suggestions of a few historical figures it would be wonderful to honor.
Explorer	
Fairlane	My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.
Fairlane	
Fairmont	My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.
Farm Creek Nature Park or simply Farm Creek Park	

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Fiesta	My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.
Finn Circle Park or Finn's End Park	In addition to being a geographic name that would help identify the park (at the end of Finn Street within the development, with a circular lawn and path being the park's most prominent feature) this name would reference William Finn. Finn was an immigrant, a veteran, a farmer, and one of the first white settlers in the area. A park named after him would allow exploring many angle's of the area's history. Park D may contain community gardens, so naming the park after a farmer would tie back to the future agricultural uses back to those that preceded development in Highland Park
Fivver	one of the parks or multiple parks after the common nicknames of the Model T back when it was popular
Focus	My suggestion would be to acknowledge the history of the Ford plant in Highland by using names of Ford cars such as Focus, Edsel, Escape, Fairmont, Fairlane, Fiesta. There certainly are many from which to chose.
Ford	
Ford Park	The Ford Plant site produced automobiles for over 100 years. The new name for the site, "Highland Bridge", remembers that history by using the same font format as Ford used.
Ford Park	
Ford Park	
Ford Park	
Ford Place	in recognition of the former Ford Motor Company
Frederick McGhee	When he settled in St. Paul in 1889, he became the first Black lawyer in Minnesota. One of the founders of the St. Peter Claver Church. Helped W.E.B. Dubois to found the Niagara Movement, the "mighty current of change" to combat racial discrimination. One of the main forces in establishing Minnesota's first branch of the NAACP in St. Paul.
Freedom Park	
Fusion Field/Fields	
Gateway Park	(past-future / StP-Mpls)
Gateway Park	

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
George Bonga	<p>“Born near Duluth in 1802 to an African-American father and an Ojibwe mother, George Bonga is believed to be one of the first people of African-American descent born in Minnesota. Fluent in English, Ojibwe and French, Bonga, who married an Ojibwe woman, also worked as an interpreter and was an influential advocate for the fair treatment of American Indians. He served as a witness to the 1867 treaty that created the White Earth Indian Reservation in north-central Minnesota. His biggest claim to fame, though, may be the role he played in Minnesota’s first criminal court proceeding. Bonga spent days tracking the man accused of killing Alfred Aitkin in 1837. He eventually caught him and brought him to Fort Snelling bound on a sled, prompting the state’s first murder trial. Bonga was widely admired as a man who “took the high road,”</p>
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George Bonga Memorial Park	<p>“George Bonga Memorial Park” the first black person to be born in Minnesota.</p>
George Floyd Memorial Park	<p>My choice would be to name the parks after Philando Castile (Philando Castile Memorial Park) and or George Floyd (George Floyd Memorial Park). I sincerely hope that we do not avoid "controversy" and instead opt for something corporate sounding or something that does not honor something of significance to the area.</p>
George Morrison Get this lot off the taxable Park	<p>Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers</p>
Gichi-Ziibi	<p>Big River in Dakota</p>
Gjallarhorn Park	

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Goldenrod or other wildflowers	I do have rather strong feelings about naming parks, lakes, streets, schools, stores etc after a person. It's become very political and divisive even though I definitely agree with the intentions behind changing names. In this spirit I would like the names chosen to be timeless and neutral. For example, wild flowers and animals who habitat in the parks' area. I know that may sound overly simple, but I don't think people would object
Gordon Parks	Gordon Roger Alexander Buchanan Parks was an American photographer, musician, writer and film director, who became prominent in U.S. documentary photojournalism in the 1940s through 1970s—particularly in issues of civil rights, poverty and African-Americans—and in glamour photography.
Great River Park	
Grytback Park	Martin Sigvart Grytbak was an immigrant and a St. Paul city bridge engineer. He designed the Intercity Bridge (Ford Parkway Bridge) that this park overlooks and which inspired the "Highland Bridge" development name. The monumental bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was and remains critical to the vitality of the neighborhood.
Hahawakpa	(Dakota for "River of the Falls")
Hahawakpa or Haha Wakpa	I have seen it written both ways as listed above. The National Park Service River Facts state that the Dakota Indians called the Mississippi River, Hahawakpa. The word also means or is used for river of the falls and/or falls of the river.
Harmony Park	
Harriet Bishop Memorial Park	"Harriet Bishop Memorial Park". Founder of St. Paul's first public and Sunday schools.
Headwaters Park	
Henry	For Henry Ford
Heritage Park	a place for all members of the community to reflect on their Heritage as they visit or reference the park.
Hidden Falls Creek	
High Ford Park	
Hinterlander	Hinterland is German word meaning "the land behind" Originally the term was associated with the area of a port where materials for export and import are stored and shipped. Subsequently, the use of the word expanded to include any area under the influence of a particular human settlement
Hoǵáŋ Park	(Dakota for fish)

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Horace Cleveland Park	Horace Cleveland was a legendary landscape architect who was instrumental in creating the renowned park system in St. Paul and Minneapolis — including the creation of Mississippi Boulevard and Hidden Falls Park, both of which frame and connect to Park C. The daylighting of the creek and other naturalistic features in Park C are consistent with his nature-focused style. Naming this park after him would be a fitting way to honor his contributions, both in the immediate area and in the metro area generally.
Ikçę Wicašta Dakota Honor Park	Common people or person in Dakota
Iktomi	spider-trickster spirit in Lakota mythology and culture hero for Lakota people.
Imnizaska (Dakota name for Saint Paul)	
Imnižaska (ee-mah-knee-zha-ska	Dakota word for the white sandstone bluffs we see all along the riverfront/ also the word we call Saint Paul as a city
Imniza-Ska (White cliffs)	I'm a Dakota artist living here in St Paul. I saw there was an opportunity to suggest names for the new parks and I would like to suggest "Imniza-Ska" which is the Dakota name for St Paul and means "White cliffs" to reflect the colors of the cliffs along the Mississippi in this area. I'm the creator of the popular Dakota landmap of the Twin Cities, you can learn more about the Dakota place names of the Twin Cities on my website as well as hear the audio pronunciations: <a href="https://marlenamyl.es/project/dakota-land-map/">https://marlenamyl.es/project/dakota-land-map/</a>
Imnižaska	
Iron Range Park	
Ishpakamigaa	Ishpakamigaa meaning High Ground in Ojibwe.
Jack Kleinbaum Park	Jack was a legislator who was instrumental in securing funding for many historical sites around the Twin Cities, including the Hill House and Sibley House

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
James Thompson	<p>He was a founding member of the Old Settlers' Society, which honored him in 1871 for his community contributions. In St. Paul and the surrounding region, Thompson was in fact quite well-known: He was the city's first resident of African descent and had arrived in Minnesota in 1827 enslaved to a white man. He married a Dakota woman named Marpiyawecasta. After he was freed, he helped as a translator for missionary Alfred Brunson. Jame donated the lumber and shingles necessary to construct the city's first Methodist church. He helped construct the house of Edward Phelan and John Hays, considered to be the first home built in St. Paul. He also built and operated the first ferry boat between modern-day downtown and West St. Paul.</p>
James Thompson	<p>James Thompson, an enslaved man, lived at Fort Snelling in 1827 and was emancipated in 1837. He lived in St. Paul, where he worked as a carpenter.</p>
Jitney	<p>one of the parks or multiple parks after the common nicknames of the Model T back when it was popular</p>
Jo Lutz Rollins	<p>Josephine "Jo" Lutz Rollins was a Minnesota artist. She is best known for her lengthy teaching career at the University of Minnesota from 1927 to 1965 and for founding of the Stillwater Art Colony. Rollins also co-founded the West Lake Gallery in Minneapolis. Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers</p>
<a href="#">John Francis Wheaton</a>	<p>First African American to serve in the MN Legislature. I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great.</p>
Kangee (Lakota for crow)	
Kapemni	<p>Dakota word that speaks to the relationship between the stars/sky and the earth</p>
Kaška (Dakota for "tie")	<p>(Dakota for "tie")</p>

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Submittal notes

Kensington Runestone

(Minnesota historian Theodore Blegen wrote in 1968 that “few questions in American history have stirred so much curiosity or provoked such extended discussions” as the Kensington Runestone. There are two uncontested facts. Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman came to Douglas County, Minnesota, in 1879. While clearing land on his farm near Kensington in the fall of 1898, he turned up a slab of rock with symbols carved on the side and underside. These markings were later identified as Scandinavian runic writing.)

Kimimila

(Butterfly in Lakota)

Kitchi Kabekong...Great Falls

Great Falls

Knappehide and Spangenberg

Speculators from 1867 map or Reserve Township

Lady Slipper Park

Lake Itaska Park

Latimer Park

Leaping Lena

one of the parks or multiple parks after the common nicknames of the Model T back when it was popular

Leif Eriksson Park

[Lena O. Smith](#)

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In 1937 she defended a Black man beaten by two off-duty white police officers for drunkenness. Smith got the charges dropped, monetary settlement for client, and persuaded the police department to transfer the offending officers to another district. Smith was active the Minnesota state and local bar associations. She was honored in 1965 as one of the invited guest at the Johnson-Humphrey inaugural in Washington, D. C. Lena Smith died in 1966, leaving a record of accomplishments that serve as a lasting example.



Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Liberty Park	
Lindbergh	MN Explorer
Little Crow Park	
Lock One Park	
LoDa Park	
Longships Park	
<a href="#">Lou Bellamy</a>	<p>Illinois to ElVeeda Lockett Bellamy and James Kirk. Bellamy graduated from Saint Paul Central High School in 1962, and received his B.A. degree in psychology and sociology at Minnesota State University, Mankato in 1967. He later earned his M.A. degree in theater arts at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 1978.</p> <p>Bellamy founded The Penumbra Theatre Company in 1976 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Under Bellamy's leadership, Penumbra produced thirty-nine world premieres, including an early production of August Wilson's <i>Jitney!</i> in 1982. Bellamy went on to work for the theater and dance department at the University of Minnesota in 1979, while continuing to direct Penumbra. Bellamy became an associate professor of theatre at the University of Minnesota in 1994. He taught classes on the history of African Americans in American theatre and contemporary Black theatre, as well as courses in acting, directing and oral communication. Bellamy advocated for the creation of the August Wilson Fellowship in dramaturgy and literary criticism at the University of Minnesota, providing graduate students with support, mentorship and practical experience. Bellamy also directed plays at Arizona Theatre Company, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Signature Theatre, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Cleveland Play House, Indiana Repertory Theatre, The Guthrie Theater, The Kennedy Center, and Hartford Stage Company. After thirty-two years of teaching, Bellamy retired in 2011 from his position with the University of Minnesota. In 2014, the board of directors of Penumbra Theatre Company appointed his daughter, Sarah Bellamy, as the theater's next artistic director. Bellamy then served as emeritus artistic director.</p>
Macawi (Lakota for coyote)	(Lakota for coyote)
Makawi	
Makha (Dakota for earth)	(Dakota for earth)

**Name Suggestion****Submittal notes**

Makhá Park (or Uŋči Makħa )

(Dakota for earth)

Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers passed away March 14, 2002 after a fall. Renowned artist and esteemed and beloved professor emeritus of art at the University of Minnesota. Graduated from Wichita State U and earned a master of fine arts degree from the U of Iowa. Also studied at the Art Students League in NY, and in Paris (1950) and Mexico (1954) on Guggenheim Foundation fellowships. Joined the U of Minnesota art faculty in 1948. Works appear in more than 30 museum and corporate collections throughout the world. known for Abstraction, printmaker. Malcolm Haynie Myers was born June 19, 1917 in Lucerne, Missouri. He earned his BFA from the Univ. of Wichita, Kansas in 1939, his MA in 1941, and his MFA at the Univ. of Iowa in 1948. Joined the faculty of the Univ. of Minnesota in 1949 and taught there for over 50 years.

Malcolm Myers

Manajiwini.....Respect

I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Mato (Lakota for bear)

(Lakota for bear)

Maya

(Dakota for "bank of a river")

[Medicine Bottle Park](#)

Dakota Leader executed at Fort Snelling

**Name Suggestion**

**Submittal notes**

I have a suggestion for a possible name for one of the parks. As you know there is a coyote pack currently living near the development. (Known locally as the Hiyote pack.) Coyotes have long existed in the Mississippi River corridor. Their adaptability to coexist with humans is why they will, in all likelihood, continue to exist within the area even with the completion of Highland Bridge. The Dakota term for coyote is micaksica. I would like to respectfully request that you consider naming one of the parks Micaksica Park. Doing so would not only be a nod to the coyotes that have long existed along the Mississippi River but also to the Dakota culture, which has several important historic sites near the Highland Bridge development. The Dakota language is a beautiful and descriptive language. (Attending college in South Dakota in the 1970s, I took Lakota language courses. Lakota is a different dialect of the same language.) I have included a link below to a website that features a number of Dakota terms (including coyote) and links to the pronunciation of those terms. <http://www.npss.sk.ca/bell-games/prairie/fieldguide/dakota.html>

Micaksica Park (Miča) or (coyote)

Michee Zeebee...Greatest river I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Midnimo Park (Somali for unity)

Mini Hanwi (Water and moon in Dakota)

Minisi.....Island I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Minnehaha View

Minnesota 4 longest rivers in MN

Minnie Farr In 1881, she was the first Black graduate of St. Paul's school system, and she went on to become St. Paul's first Black school teacher. She taught at Lincoln School for 19 years.

Misae (Osage for white sun) (Osage for white sun)

Misi-zibi Messipi park The word Mississippi itself comes from Messipi, the French rendering of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe or Algonquin) name for the river, Misi-zibi (Great River).

Missford Park for Mississippi and Ford Co.

Mississippi 4 longest rivers in MN

Mississippi Heights

Mississippi Park

Mní Park (Dakota for water)

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Mni Wiconi	<p>“Mni Wiconi” which means “Water is Life” for one of the Parks adjacent to the Mississippi River. Waterways have been important to the Dakota as a means of travel, sustenance, fishing, and swimming; people have always gathered near water. The waterway was also instrumental to the location of the Ford plant in Saint Paul. Hydro-electric generation brought life to the early Ford plant.</p>
Mni Wiconi	Lakota - Water is life
Model-T Park	manufactured at this plant
Model-T Park	Model-T Park - because it was the old main building site - and it honors the History and Industry
Model-T Park	Park B and D would continue the theme with the names of the products produced by the many diversified employees of the Ford Plant, Model T Park and Ranger Park for the Ford Ranger that was made on the site.
Moeller Memorial Park or Moeller Mall	in honor of one of the oldest businesses in Highland still operated by the family
Montreal Cliffs Park	
Mustang	Mustang Park - because it is the wild small one out the outskirts
Mustang	Reference to Ford Motor
Mustang	Reference to Ford Motor
Myrtle Park	<p>For I. Myrtle Carden “ When black families from St. Paul’s Rondo neighborhood needed basic services or just a place to hang out, they turned to I. Myrtle Carden. For 20 years, beginning from its founding in 1929, Carden led the Hallie Q. Brown Community House, a social-service agency inspired by the era’s settlement house movement. Carden, a social worker from Pittsburgh, mentored a generation of young girls shut out from white school groups and social programs. Named after an Ohio educator who led the establishment of black women’s clubs across the country, Hallie Q. Brown soon became St. Paul’s second-largest neighborhood center. Among other activities, teenage girls taught nutrition and home economics to other teens.”</p>
name after family farm owners	Speculators from 1867 map or Reserve Township - see email for map. There are several from Burt, Knappheide, shangenberg, merritt and Hill, Emmet, Tozer, Finn
Native Park	
Navigator	
Nawayee.....Center	Center - I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names
Neebing.....Summer	Summer - I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
<a href="#">Nellie Francis</a>	<p>Francis was the author of Minnesota's anti-lynching bill, passed in 1921, and had long been a leading figure in the movement for women's suffrage. Despite her stature and accomplishments, residents of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood burned crosses on her lawn when she and her husband, William (himself a prominent lawyer), moved to Sargent Avenue in 1924.</p> <p><a href="http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHHistoryMagazine/articles/67/v67i03p128-138.pdf">http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHHistoryMagazine/articles/67/v67i03p128-138.pdf</a></p>
Nellie Francis	<p>I have a suggestion for you: Nellie Griswold Francis. Ms. Francis, an African-American, was a distinctive voice in St. Paul for civil rights, AND for women's suffrage. In this year she would seem to be a very worthy person deserving of this honor, in part because 2020 is the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage in the United States, but also because this choice would be a loud endorsement of the concept that Black lives do indeed matter in St. Paul. Further, she was a nearby resident-- in 1924 she moved to 2092 Sargent Avenue, which is not far from Highland Bridge. (And, in fact, crosses were burned on their lawn when she and her husband moved in to that neighborhood.) Vision, conviction, and courage--what more could we hope for.</p>
Nellie Francis	<p>We would like to suggest the Nellie Francis Park as the name of one of the parks. She was an African American woman who pioneered racial equality and women's rights in St. Paul about 100 years ago.</p>
<a href="#">Nellie Stone Johnson</a>	<p>I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great. Below are suggestions of a few historical figures it would be wonderful to honor.</p>
Nellie Stone Johnson	<p>Nellie Stone Johnson became prominent labor organizers in Minnesota.</p>
Nibi.....Water	<p>Water - I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names</p>
Nicholas Brewer	<p>A prominent 19th century portrait and landscape painter in Minnesota, New York and Texas, Nicholas Richard Brewer was born in High Forest, Minnesota in 1857 and was raised on a farm along the Root River in southeastern Minnesota. He was a prolific artist who focused on landscapes and portraits. Fitting to name 4 parks after those in our history who have reveled, revered, and revealed the MN landscape and her rivers</p>
Norm Coleman	
Norseland	

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Northern Lights Park	
Odamino	make, play with in Ojibwe
Ohiyesa Park	<p>A name not on the list we would also recommend for consideration is <b>Ohiyesa Park</b> in honor of Dr. Charles Eastman, a Dakota man whose Dakota name, Ohiyesa means winner. He was born in Redwood Falls, MN in 1858. He went on to become a physician and in 1893, Charles, his wife and their new baby moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he started a medical practice and then accepted a position as field secretary for the International Committee of the YMCA. We recommend that you connect with the Beane family if this is a name that Parks would consider using.</p>
Old Ford Park	
Olivia, Jack and Gracie Becker Park	<p>In 2006, my sister and her husband lost their triplets due to prematurity—they passed away one at a time over the course of a month. Their names were Olivia, Jack and Gracie Becker and they were born at St. Paul Children’s Hospital. Since that time, their parents, Keri and Dean Becker (both long-time Saint Paul residents) have fundraised in their name—building an endowment called the Olivia, Jack and Gracie Becker (or Three Angels) Fund. They drive additional donations at a semi-yearly event called Evening for the Angels. The proceeds from this endowment benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Paul Children’s hospital.</p>
Omar Park	(Ilhan Omar, the first Somali American, the first naturalized citizen of African birth, and the first woman of color to represent Minnesota in the United States Congress.)
Oriole	We have lived in Highland and walked the RiverRoad (including the Ford Dam area) for 50 years. These birds are regulars in this area. As names we like these four best.
Owasin Garden	Owasin being the dakota word for all
Parky McParkface	
Paul Bunyan Park	
Peace Garden	in recognition of the many houses of worship in our area. They have lived in harmony since Highland park was plotted
Peace Park	
Perigrine Park	Long email describing the history of perigrine falcons at the Ford bridge since 1972
Perseverance Park	like Mars rover
Phéta Park	(Dakota for fire)

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Philando Castile Memorial Park	My choice would be to name the parks after Philando Castile (Philando Castile Memorial Park) and or George Floyd (George Floyd Memorial Park) I sincerely hope that we do not avoid "controversy" and instead opt for something corporate sounding or something that does not honor something of significance to the area.
Philando Castile Park	He was an influential supportive member of the education team in Saint Paul, and his memory is frequently invoked when we think of human rights and compassionate staff of SPPS. His life is missed in Our community.
Philando Castile Park	
Philando Castile Park	
Phoenix Rising Park	
Pride Park	it describes the location and something that can be done at the park in order for people to connect to a natural waterway.
Prince	
Rainbow Park	
Rainy	4 longest rivers in MN
Ramapough	it's the name of the Indian tribe that called this land home for centuries.
Ranger	
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Ranger Park	"Ranger Park" to recognize the Ford truck that was built at this site. it was a top selling truck and was made exclusively at the Ford Plant by local employees for many years.
Ranger Park	in recognition of one of the most popular vehicles ever manufactured on the site and because it will provide an open range for residents and ultimately connect them to the river
Ranger Park	Park B and D would continue the theme with the names of the products produced by the many diversified employees of the Ford Plant, Model T Park and Ranger Park for the Ford Ranger that was made on the site.
Ranger Park	Ranger Park - because it is in the middle - and it specifically honors the production of the plant and St. Paul workers
Ranger Park	
Ranger Park	
Ranger Park	
Ranger Park	
Ranger Park	
Ranger Park	That would honor all the men and women who built the Ford Ranger at the Ford plant.

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Ranger Park (nature reference, truck reference)	
Ranger Ridge	
RBG - Ginsburg	<p>One could argue that she does not meet the suggested 'criteria' for naming a MN/St. Paul park. However, I would counter that by saying her perseverance and work is what has enabled and contributed for young girls to be able to play and be themselves in this park today. And that, in my opinion, not only meets but exceeds the criteria for a naming one of the Highland Bridge Parks in her honor and memory.</p>
Red	4 longest rivers in MN
Reserve Park	<p>The site falls in "Reserve Township," an area of land that was home to some of the first white settlements in Minnesota before being set aside as a "reserve" for historic Fort Snelling</p>
Reverend Robert Hickman	<p>Reverend Robert Hickman and about seventy-five enslaved men, women, and children escaped from Missouri and traveled north to live and work as free persons. They were found adrift on the Mississippi River, where the Northerner encountered the raft and towed it to St. Paul.</p>
Riverbend Park	
Riverview Park	<p>Riverview Park - it describes the location and something that can be done at the park in order for people to connect to a natural waterway</p>
Riverview Park	
<a href="#">Shakopee Park</a>	<p>Shakopee or Chief Shakopee may refer to any of the three Mdewakanton Dakota leaders, in what is now the United States, who lived in the area of Minnesota from the late 18th century through 1865. The name comes from the Dakota Shák'pí meaning "Six," as the wife of the first Shakopee gave birth to sextuplet boys</p>
Silica	there was silica sand that was mined for windshield
Sister Mary Ann Fath, CSJ	<p>Name one park after Sister Mary Ann Fath, CSJ, who was a groundskeeper at St Kate's known as "Sister John Deere" for her habit of riding around on a tractor. She never learned to drive a car, but was often seen exploring Highland neighborhood on foot or on her bicycle. You can learn more about her by calling the Sisters of St Joseph archives office at 651-690-7001.</p>
Ska	(Sioux for bird)
Škáta Park (Dakota for play)	(Dakota for play)



Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Sophie Wirth	One of the original founders of Neighborhood House in 1987 with the Mount Zion Temple Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society's Jewish Relief Society sewing classes > Neighborhood House in 1900 > Became non-sectarian in 1903. Appears to have been a part of the committee who created the first playground in St. Paul in 1899. Follow up with Mount Zion? Or Neighborhood House?
Spirit Park	
St. Catherine Park	St. Catherine Park, to honor the original name of Ford Parkway and it's namesake, St. Catherine University.
St. Joseph Park	<p>Our sisters first arrived in Highland in 1905 to open Derham Hall High School/the College of St. Catherine (now St. Catherine University). (Derham Hall High School merged with Cretin to form Cretin Derham Hall, in 1987, I think.) In 1947, our sisters opened St. Leo's Grade School, followed by St. Therese in 1949 and St. Gregory's in 1953. (These schools later merged to create Highland Catholic School at the Lumen Christi Catholic Community.) In 2011, our community, along with Presbyterian Homes, opened Carondelet Village, a residence providing independent and assisted living, along with memory care and long term care. In addition to the information I sent to you in my first email, you should also know that the Sisters of St. Joseph continue to be active in the Highland area by being involved with the Lumen Christi Catholic Community on social justice issues, by providing spirituality programs through Carondelet Center, and by providing health care resources through the St. Mary's Clinics whose administrative office is located at Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave., St. Paul. Thank you.</p> <p>Mary E Kraft, CSJ</p>
Steiger	MN Explorer
Sunka Park	(Dakota for dog)
Tamaha	(Dakota leader also known as Standing Moose)
Tate	(Lakota for large deer)
Tatonga	(Dakota for wind)
Thaté Park	(Dakota for wind)

Name Suggestion

Submittal notes

[The Jackson/Simpson Families](#)

1908 Jacksons were an African American family who moved to Prospect Park - they were the only African American family until their friends the Simpsons bought a lot around the corner. Prospect Park Neighborhood Improvement association launched what was described by the Minneapolis Tribune as a "race war"

"The white residents of this district do not want members of your race domiciled in our midst, if there is any way which men of judgment, prudence and determination can adopt to prevent it" Crane asserted that the visit was merely a "peaceable conference between races" but he delivered this chilling warning: "rumors have been brought to our attention that there are parties in this vicinity" who are "ready to take any steps necessary to bring about your removal." I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great. Below are suggestions of a few historical figures it would be wonderful to honor.

The Wedge

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Three Angels Park

Thunderbird Park - because it is on the cliffs and is a sacred symbol of Native Americans across the country

Thunderbird

Thunderbird

one of the parks or multiple parks after the common nicknames of the Model T back when it was popular

Tin Lizzie

Ua Ke Park

(Hmong for together)

in recognition of the auto workers who operated the Ford plant for so many decades and in recognition of its ability to unite the residents of St. Paul's newest neighborhood

Union Park

Valdo Turner

One of Minnesota’s first Black physicians. Helped Frederick McGhee found Minnesota’s first chapter of the NAACP in St. Paul.

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Veterans View	My mom, a WW2 Lady Marine, lives at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. She looks across the river to the Highland Ford site. Therefore, I'd like to suggest you name a park - Veterans View.
Village Green Park	
Village Park	
Wakpa Park	(Dakota for river)
Wambdi Park	(Dakota for eagle)
Wancha Park	(Dakota for one)
Wanda Gag	Wanda Hazel Gág was an American artist, author, translator, and illustrator. She is best known for writing and illustrating the children's book Millions of Cats, the oldest American picture book still in print. Gág was also a noted print-maker, receiving international recognition and awards. Growing Pains, excerpts from the diaries of her teen and young adult years, received widespread critical acclaim. Two of her books were awarded Newbery Honors and two received Caldecott Honors
Washta	(Lakota for handsome)
West Village Park	
Westford Park	
<a href="#">Wigington</a>	I would strongly recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the City Council, consider names that honor diverse figures in the Twin Cities. As a resident of Saint Paul who is a person of color and also considering moving to Highland Bridge, I would feel more comfortable with this new community if it honored the diverse men and women who've made the Twin Cities great. Below are suggestions of a few historical figures it would be wonderful to honor.
Wigington Park	As a 20+ year Ward 3 resident of St. Paul, I am excited about the prospect of being able to have a park named for a local leader who literally shaped the city's built environment: Clarence "Cap" Wigington – the first Black municipal architect in the nation, Minnesota's first Black architect, and designer of the iconic Highland Park Water Tower. Letter with quotes and signatures of AIA members. See email for additional information.
Wigington Park	based on his contributions to Saint Paul and strong association with the iconic Highland Park water tower.

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Wigington Park	He designed the Highland Park water tower - the landmark of our neighborhood!
Wigington Park	I nominate Cap (Clarence W.) Wigington, an African American St. Paul city architect unrecognized in his own time. Among the many lovely buildings he left us is the Highland Park water tower.
Wigington Park	I'm assuming someone offered the suggestion we name a park after Clarence Wigington, especially since the neighborhood hosts one of his masterpieces, the Highland Tower. Somehow I doubt he lived in the neighborhood, but recognizing him at Highland Bridge strikes me as appropriate. I had a bunch of boring names -- Ravine Park, Gorges Park, etc. -- that friends waved off...
Wigington Park	Mr. Wingington was possibly the nation's first African-American municipal architect and designed two other buildings listed on the NRHP. See link below from Ramsey County Historical Society <a href="https://www.rchs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/RCHS_Winter2000_Taylor.pdf">https://www.rchs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/RCHS_Winter2000_Taylor.pdf</a>
Wigington Park	<a href="https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/saint-paul-regional-water-services/highland-tower">The proposal is to name a park "Wigington Park", after Clarence "Cap" Wigington, the African-American architect who designed the Highland Water Tower that can be seen looking East up Ford Parkway from the sight along with a number of other significant buildings in and around Saint Paul. An interactive link to the tower and the information on Mr. Wigington can be found on the SPRWS website <a href="https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/saint-paul-regional-water-services/highland-tower">https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/saint-paul-regional-water-services/highland-tower</a> .</a>
Wigington Park	
Wigington Park	
Wigington Park	
Wigington Park	
Wigington Park	
Yang Park (Sai Shoua Yang, local Hmong community leader who recently died of COVID)	

Name Suggestion	Submittal notes
Zahgidiwin.....Love	I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names
Zeegwung.....Spring	I suggest Ojibwa/Ashinabe names
Zuzeca Park	(Dakota for snake)

**From:** [Xiong, Moua \(CI-StPaul\)](#)  
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Hi Ellen,

The Saint Paul Youth Commission voted and recommended eight names. Please see the statement from Commission Kamaria Milton.

Greetings Parks Commission,

On the behalf of the Saint Paul Youth Commission, these are the 8 names we recommend you choose from for the four parks that are being built on the Highland Bridge development.

- **Ehaåki**
- **Lena O. Smith**
- **Nellie Francis**
- **Bdote**
- **Kapemni**
- **Hahawakpa**
- **Diaspora**
- **Apistoka**

Have an excellent day.

Kamaria Milton  
Pro Nouns: She, Her, Hers  
District 8 Ward 1

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this project. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Moua Xiong



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# HIGHLAND BRIDGE PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECOMMENDATION TEAM:

- ❖ **Maggie Lorenz** (Dakota/Ojibwe), Executive Director, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Wakan Tipi Center
- ❖ **Mishaila Bowman** (Dakota), Cultural Programs Coordinator, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Wakan Tipi Center
- ❖ **Franky Jackson** (Dakota), Board Member, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Wakan Tipi Center. THPO Compliance Officer, Prairie Island Indian Community.
- ❖ **Crystal Norcross** (Dakota/Ojibwe), Volunteer, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Wakan Tipi Center. Board member, Oyate Hotanin.
- ❖ **Barry Hand** (Lakota), Volunteer, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Wakan Tipi Center. Dakota Language Teacher, Bdote Learning Center.

We are honored to have been asked to support the Highland Bridge development project by vetting and providing recommendations for the four community parks from an American Indian perspective. We know that American Indian people make up a small percentage of the population of the City of Saint Paul as a direct result of the genocidal policies and practices aimed at Indigenous Peoples by the United States, the State of Minnesota, and the City of Saint Paul in its early development. We also know that in our current “majority rules” democratic system, American Indian people are often left out of public discourse around racial justice and equity and are often without representation in many levels of government and local decision making.

Recent research from Reclaiming Native Truth has shown that most American’s do not understand American Indian people and largely operate based on myths and misperceptions about who Indian People are. This research has also shown that a vast majority of Americans want to know more about American Indian history, culture, and perspectives. Projects like this that create place names that bring visibility, education, and interpretation of American Indian life are important, desired, and necessary to create a more equitable and just city.

We also believe the City has more work to do. Though this parks name project, and the intentional inclusion of American Indian inspired names is admirable, the fact is that most American Indian people in the city could not afford to live in this neighborhood and will not benefit in any tangible ways from this effort. The Highland Bridge community, located in one of the wealthiest areas of the City, has received incredible support and investment from the City of Saint Paul, yet many development projects on the East Side of the City, with higher concentrations of poverty and BIPOC communities, have languished with little to no City investment. In fact, the City has not invested much at all in its American Indian people or communities for decades.

By contrast, the City of Minneapolis has invested for years in a city staff position that engages the American Indian community and provides a direct line of funding to the city’s American Indian community through its MOU with the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID). No such position exists in the City of Saint Paul, and no such relationship exists with Saint Paul’s American Indian community leadership group, Saint Paul Indians in Action (SIA). American Indian organizations and projects in the City of Saint Paul have largely operated despite the City, rather than as a result of City investment and support.

We are encouraged by some of the work happening within the Parks and Recreation department, like the efforts at Indian Mounds Regional Park and Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary. The partnerships Parks and Rec is building with the Dakota tribes and communities has not gone unnoticed. Our hope is that the City as a whole will begin to take bigger and bolder steps to engage with, support and invest in its American Indian residents and organizations.

## **Recommendations:**

**Park A – Riverview Park** is a name on the list we all agreed would be appropriate for this park given it's location. A name not on the list we would also recommend for consideration is **Ohiyesa Park** in honor of Dr. Charles Eastman, a Dakota man whose Dakota name, Ohiyesa means winner. He was born in Redwood Falls, MN in 1858. He went on to become a physician and in 1893, Charles, his wife and their new baby moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he started a medical practice and then accepted a position as field secretary for the International Committee of the YMCA. We recommend that you connect with the Beane family if this is a name that Parks would consider using.

**Park B – Wigington Park.** We support the many nominations for Cap (Clarence W.) Wigington, an African American St. Paul city architect unrecognized in his own time. Among the many lovely buildings he left us is the Highland Park water tower.

**Park C** – The group would like to see this park with a Dakota name. This specific area does not have a place name we have been able to identify. **Makhá Park** was suggested as a name for any park. Makhá means Earth or Nature in Dakota. We agreed this name would be simple enough for English language speakers to say and express a reminder to care for the earth to those who visit the park. We recommend if this name is used, interpretive signs would be available to translate the word to English and convey Dakota philosophy on our relationship with the earth and all living things.

**Park D – Míča Park or Coyote Park.** This was a recommendation on the list in honor of the coyote pack that lives in the area. Because Park D has the least built amenities, we thought suggested name would be the most appropriate name for this park. Míča is the abbreviated way to say Coyote in Dakota and would be easier for English speakers to attempt to pronounce. We would also be comfortable with the English version, Coyote Park, being on the sign.

Respectfully submitted March 26, 2021