

# Arapahoe County Naming Policy

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# Objectives

- Provide background information
- Propose changes to existing criteria
- E-Team Recommendation
- BOCC discussion and recommendation

# Background

- Surrounding counties lack a naming policy
- Neighboring cities are most common to have naming policies with a strong involvement of Parks, Recreation & Golf
- The County has relied on discretion from leadership
- County facility names have typically consisted of Colorado landmarks, locational names, and geographical names
- In 2011, the Detention Center was named after a person who later faced significant disgrace
- Guidelines were drafted in 2012, never formalized
- Seeking to provide additional clarity

# Proposed changes

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## CURRENT NAMING CRITERIA

- The geographic location of the facility; this includes descriptive names.
- An outstanding feature of the facility.
- An adjoining subdivision, street, school, or natural feature.
- A commonly recognized historical event.

## ADDITIONAL NAMING FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Cultural
- Ecological
- Functional
- Clarify whether names should or shouldn't be duplicative throughout the County.



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## CURRENT NAMING CRITERIA

- Facilities shall not be named after individuals.

## ADDITIONAL NAMING CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

- Should there be exceptions?
- Living or deceased?



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- No property belonging to Arapahoe County shall be named for living persons with the following exceptions:
  1. A County property may be named for a living individual if the property resides on a street, zoning area, or other geographical identification that is already named for a living individual by another government entity, i.e. a County Property may be named “Jane Doe County Annex: if it resides on Jane Doe Boulevard.”
  2. A County Property may be named for a living person who makes a significant monetary contribution to the development of public property when such a contribution is made with the intent and prior agreement of Commissioners to name such Property for the living person.
- Memorial Naming of Public Property
  1. The person who is being honored by a memorial shall have made a significant contribution to the well-being and betterment of Arapahoe County.
  2. The party requesting a memorial naming shall submit a brief biography of the person to Arapahoe County for consideration.



# Proposed changes

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## CURRENT PROCESS

1. A request or proposal to name a facility shall be first submitted to the Director of the Facilities and Fleet Management Department, or in the case of an open space, fairground, or park facility, to the Director of the Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces Department.
2. If the Director determines that the criteria have been satisfied then the Director shall forward the request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. In the case of open space facilities, the request shall first be forwarded to the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board for its recommendation and then to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.
3. When a request to name a facility has been forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners, then it may, at its discretion, schedule the request for consideration at a public meeting. At such meeting, the Board may approve the name, disapprove the name, or select a different name for the facility. The Board may also continue the matter for further review and consideration.

## PROPOSED PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

- Eliminate the requirement that all proposed names shall first be submitted to the Director of the Facilities and Fleet Management Department.
- Department director that of where the property is in relation to the County should provide additional review and recommendation to the BOCC during a drop-in.
- Clarify whether requests can be made by external individuals and provide a process for such.
- Include a process for properties being named after disgraced individuals.
- Reference established process in case of street naming and name change requests (Res. 2189-85)



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# E-Team Recommendation

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- Approve additional naming factors
- Make no exceptions for properties named after individuals
- Approve process improvements





# Discussion and Recommendation

