



Naming of the Shipley Nature Center Interpretive Center

July 2, 2024

Naming Process

- Per Resolution 2017-25, the naming of parks and park amenities, such as the Interpretive Center at Shipley Nature Center, are vetted through the Community & Library Services Commission for recommendation to City Council for final approval.
- Approval of recommendation for this naming is not required to go before the Commission's Park Naming & Memorial Committee for recommendation to Commission because a name, already meeting the criteria has been recommended.
- The Committee is called upon when no name recommendation has been received, or when there is more than one name to choose from, or additional research is required.

Resolution 2017-25

1. This Resolution is used to guide the naming of City parks (that are not adjacent to schools or donated), park features and amenities, and may also recognize donations of specific furniture, play equipment and other amenities.
2. Parks, facilities, features and amenities may be named after:
 - Former Huntington Beach Mayors
 - Former Council Members
 - Individuals who have made significant impacts on the City, state or at a national level



Resolution 2017-25

3. If the name is based on historical significance, the Historic Resources Board will be consulted by the Commission prior to a formal recommendation to City Council.
4. Only one park, park feature or amenity may be named after an individual.
5. All naming recommendations are processed through the Community & Library Services Commission for recommendation to City Council. However, City Council retains all naming rights, and is not required to return to the Commission for further consideration



Re-Opening of Shipley Center



Naming Recommendation



A request has been made in memory of and to recognize, Shirley Dettloff, a former Mayor, City Council Member, and dedicated community member, who made a profound impact upon the City of Huntington Beach, including her advocacy efforts at Shipley Nature Center and the Interpretative Center.



Background

- In 2002, the City was considering closing Shipley Nature Center (SNC).
- Shirley was instrumental in calling together a group of interested citizens, which became The Friends of Shipley Nature Center (FSNC).
- A Memorandum of Understanding was established allowing FSNC to manage the 18 acres of SNC.



Background

- Coordinated the creation of the panels which chronical the history of the property from the Ice Ages to the 21st Century.
- Created the extensive Docent Manual which forms the basis of training for volunteers who lead the tours inside SNC.
- Entry way was a built through a combination of donations from various contractors.
- Essential to creating the Interpretive Center, drawing thousands of elementary students and visitors.



Interpretive Center - Chronological Panels



Interpretive Center - Exhibition



Interpretive Center - Entrance



Example of Naming & Location

Upper
window
above front
entry door



Recommended Action

Approve the formal naming of the Shipley Nature Center Interpretive Center located at 17851 Goldenwest Street as the “Shirley Dettloff Interpretive Center” as recommended by the Community & Library Services Commission.



Questions?

