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Heidi Harrison
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Re: Commemorative Naming Application for new East Duluth dog park

Dear Ms. Harrison,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Duluth's Commemorative Naming Committee regarding your nomination to name the new dog park in East Duluth after Denette and Bill Lynch. The Committee has thoroughly reviewed the request at a recent meeting. In reviewing the development of the Duluth's dog parks, we fully acknowledge and appreciate the significant contributions of Denette and Bill Lynch. Duluth's dog parks are inviting community spaces that are reaching wide scale use and enjoyment.

As for naming the new dog park, conventional wisdom would lead us to institute a practical association of the new dog park with location and sense of familiarity. Both Keene Creek and Observation dog parks followed in that manner. Therefore, referencing the new dog park as the Jean Duluth Dog Park would provide proper identification aligned with previous practice.

The Naming Committee also discussed another recommendation. In light of the significant contributions of Denette and Bill Lynch, the Naming Committee recommends acknowledgement of their dedicated love for parks and creating accessible public spaces for four legged friends with a commemorative plaque to be affixed at the new Jean Duluth dog park. The Committee is also aware that this undertaking would require the review of resources and approval by the Duluth Parks Commission.

We sincerely thank you for your nomination and greatly appreciate your efforts to raise awareness of the Lynch's noteworthy efforts. At this time, the Naming Committee defers to the Duluth Parks Commission and the Parks Manager, Lindsay Dean to advance the recommendation of a commemorative plaque.

Sincerely,



David W Montgomery
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Naming Committee Members
L. Dean