

**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department**  
**Memorandum 10-03**

**DATE:** January 28, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Joyce Downing and City Council Members

**FROM:** Bill Simmons, City Manager *WMS*  
Amanda Peterson, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director *AP*

**SUBJECT:** CR-23 - Park Naming Request for Bill Gillespie

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend the approval of the attached Resolution which would name the unnamed trail around Croke Reservoir the "Bill Gillespie Nature Trail." A Parks and Recreation Advisory Board action form supporting this recommendation is attached, as is a copy of the request letter originally submitted by the Gillespie family and friends.

**BACKGROUND:** The attached request was submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on August 31, 2009, and originally discussed at the board meeting on September 17, 2009. The request was for either naming the nature trail around Croke Reservoir to the "Bill Gillespie Nature Trail" or to rename Sperry Park "Bill Gillespie Park. Criteria for naming or renaming a park were considered by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in accordance with resolution 09-112, including the 90 day waiting period after the receipt of the request.

Between September 2009 and December 2009, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board posted the request as a discussion item on the agenda each month. During this time, Mary Ann Gillespie and Eric Gillespie spoke to the board in favor of this request.

The board supports the first request of the family to name the trail at Croke Reservoir the "Bill Gillespie Nature Trail," and feels that it upholds the guidelines outlined in the Park Naming policy. The board wishes to support the Gillespie family's request to honor the service that Bill Gillespie provided in the City of Northglenn as a resident, a volunteer and a City Council member by naming this trail after him.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** A metal sign on a wooden post would be erected at each end of the trail, at an anticipated cost of approximately \$150.00. This cost would be absorbed into the existing Parks Maintenance budget.

**STAFF REFERENCE:**

If Councilmembers have any comments or questions, you may contact Amanda Peterson at [apeterson@northglenn.org](mailto:apeterson@northglenn.org) or at 303.450.8950.

***PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD***

***ACTION FORM***

**SUBJECT:** Bill Gillespie Naming Request

**DATE:** 11/9/09

**ACTION/  
RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend naming the nature trail at Croke Reservoir the  
"Bill Gillespie Nature Trail in honor of former City Council  
member Bill Gillespie

***Approved Unanimously***

930 Claire Lane  
Northglenn, Co 80234  
August 31, 2009

Kathy Novak, Mayor  
City of Northglenn  
11701 Community Center Dr.  
Northglenn, Co 80233

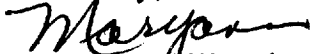
Dear Kathy (Mayor Novak):

This comes from the family and friends of Bill Gillespie requesting that he be remembered for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Northglenn. Bill not only lived in the city for 40 years but he served the city in many different capacities during those years. He was elected as city councilman from ward 4 for 5 terms or a total of 19 years. His record while on city council was exemplary as he took his commitment to the residents very seriously. He spent many extra hours answering questions and digging up information requested by various people. He was available both to Northglenn City Council and its residents at many extra functions and occasions. He gave freely of his time and his many talents on all of the city boards and a number of commissions. Bill loved living in Northglenn and saw much potential for this landlocked city. To honor Bill's dedication and service to this community we, his family and friends, are asking that there be a memorial dedicated in his name.

Since Bill resided in and represented Ward 4 for so many years, we would like for that memorial to be in Ward 4. One area of consideration could be the nature trail around Croke Reservoir – we don't want to change the name of the reservoir but think the nature trail could be called the Bill Gillespie Nature Trail, another possibility would be to rename Sperry Park to Bill Gillespie Park. If neither of these suggestions can be considered, perhaps there is some part of Historic Stonehocker Park that could be dedicated in his honor. Bill, along with Joyce Downing, were instrumental in saving the house from demolition. Without their efforts the house would have been used for a fire training facility and would have been lost to the city and the residents.

If the Parks and Recreation Board has other suggestions, we are open to your input. You can contact us at the numbers below.

Sincerely,



Maryann Gillespie  
303/451-0524

Eric Gillespie  
303/842-6381

Teresa Gillespie

Brice Gillespie

Michael Gillespie  
720-987-8612

cc. City Council

We, friends of Bill Gillespie, feel a memorial dedicated in Bill's name by the city of Northglenn is a way for the city and its residents to honor him for his years of dedicated service.

NAME	ADDRESS	
Catherine J. Gredy	730 W. 100 St. Northglenn	303 451-8375
Beatrice R. Martini	10479 Ronald Dr. Northglenn	303 452-5138
Charles R. Sloan	10479 Ronald Dr. Northglenn	3-452-5138
Mary Beer	462 Melody Dr. Northglenn	303-450-7731
Mary Ida Oliver	1260 W. 104th	" (303) 80234 452-536
Albert P. Oliver	" "	" " "
McClintock Akers	10486 Pompey Way Northglenn	451-880234
Beulah G. Griffith	1308 N. 102nd Ave. Northglenn	457-0278
John Lippert	1308 W 102ND AVE NORTHGLENN	80260 457-0278
Ann T. O'Neil	533 Kennedy Dr. Northglenn Co	80260
Leo A. DeWitt	533 Kennedy Dr. Northglenn, Co	80234
Wesley E. DeWitt	10718 Rosewood Dr. Northglenn, Co	80234
John F. Hall	10718 Rosewood Dr. Northglenn, Co	80234
Mary E. McCarron	10946 Springton Dr Northglenn, Co	80234
Sandra K. Hoffman	10231 Melody Dr Northglenn, CO	
Victoria M. Jacobs	10231 Melody Dr. Northglenn, Co	80260
Sheldon S. Jacobs	10731 Melody Dr Northglenn, CO	80260
Jeanne Dawson	10778 PATTERSON NORTHGLENN, CO	80234
Harvey Cowan	930 Claire Lane Northglenn, CO	80234

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-23  
Series of 2010

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A RESOLUTION NAMING THE UNNAMED TRAIL AROUND CROKE RESERVOIR AS THE BILL GILLESPIE NATURE TRAIL

WHEREAS, the unnamed nature trail around Croke Reservoir is an amenity enjoyed by many visitors on a daily basis and is a great asset to the City of Northglenn; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Gillespie provided invaluable service to the City of Northglenn as a resident, volunteer and City Council member; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved action on November 9, 2009 to recommend to Council that the trail around Croke Reservoir be named Bill Gillespie Nature Trail, and City Council wishes to express their gratitude for Mr. Gillespie's many contributions to the City of Northglenn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

The trail around Croke Reservoir shall hereafter be officially known as the:

**BILL GILLESPIE NATURE TRAIL**

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

ATTEST:

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JOYCE DOWNING  
Mayor

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney