BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A NAME FOR A NEW CONSERVATION FUTURES TRAILHEAD SERVING ANTOINE PEAK CONSERVATION AREA TO BE LOCATED AT 17711 EAST WELLESLEY AVENUE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington ("Board of County Commissioners"), pursuant to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 36.32.120(6), has the care of Spokane County ("County") property and the management of County funds and business, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 84.34.230, the citizens of Spokane County authorized the Board of County Commissioners to levy an amount of money to be used solely for the purpose of acquiring rights and interests in real property pursuant to the terms of RCW 84.34.210 and RCW 84.34.220; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the RCW 84.34.240, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution No. 93-1560, establishing a Conservation Futures Fund, designated as County Fund No. 117; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Spokane County’s Conservation Futures Program acquired a 231-acre addition ("Etter Ranch Addition") to Antoine Peak Conservation Area, expanding said conservation area to the intersection of Wellesley Avenue and Flora Road; and

WHEREAS, Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department is in the process of constructing a new trailhead parking lot, located at 17711 East Wellesley Avenue, Spokane, Washington on the Etter Ranch Addition, to provide a third trailhead parking lot to Antoine Peak Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee ("Park Board") has adopted a naming policy to establish a process and criteria for naming future parks and park facilities, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on June 9th, 2021, the Park Board considered four naming options provided by staff consistent with said naming policy; and

WHEREAS, on that same date, the Park Board recommended and advised Doug Chase, Director of Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf, to forward the name “Trentwood Trailhead” to the Board of County Commissioners, for consideration, as the official name for this Conservation Futures trailhead serving Antoine Peak Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, Doug Chase, Director of Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf, has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Park Board’s recommendation of
“Trentwood Trailhead” as the official name for the new trailhead parking lot being constructed at 17711 East Wellesley Avenue, on the Etter Ranch Addition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, that the new Conservation Futures trailhead serving Antoine Peak Conservation Area, to be located at 17711 East Wellesley Avenue, is hereby named “Trentwood Trailhead.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

JOSH KERNS, CHAIR

MARY L. KUNEY, VICE-CHAIR

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board
Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf
“Departmental” Park Naming Policy

Section A: It is the policy of Spokane County to choose names for parks, natural areas, conservation, open spaces and recreation facilities based upon the following criteria in no particular order:

1. **Neighborhood or geographical identification** (e.g. Camelot Park);

2. A natural or geographic feature (e.g. Liberty Lake Regional Park);

3. Historical or cultural significance (e.g. Plantes’ Ferry Park after Antoine Plantes’ River Crossing);

4. A historical figure or an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land, monetary (e.g. Bidwell Park, McKenzie Conservation Area); or civic contribution to the park system; and

5. As required by purchase agreement. (e.g. Bidwell Park, McKenzie Conservation Area)

Section B: The Board of County Commissioners for Spokane County shall designate the names of parks, natural areas, conservation futures, open spaces and recreation facilities. Unless the park name is designated in a purchase agreement or an accepted gift of park property, the Board of Spokane County Commissioners will typically designate a name after receiving a recommendation from the Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee.

Section C: Following a name designation as outlined in above Section B, the Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department shall identify the specific park or facility through installation of appropriate signing and other documents and records as may be appropriate.

Last reviewed: 5/27/2011
AGENDA SHEET FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF: October 5th, 2021

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Golf

CONTACT PERSON: Doug Chase / Paul Knowles

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CHECK TYPE OF MEETING ITEM BELOW:

BID OPENING: ☐
2:00 PM Consent Agenda: ☐
5:00 PM Legislative Session: ☐

BY LEAVE: (Item Title)
SPECIAL SESSION: (Item Title)
9:00 AM BOARD BRIEFING: ☐

BELOW FOR CLERKS USE ONLY:

Clerk's Resolution No. 21-0703
Approved: (Majority – Unanimous)
Denied: (Majority – Unanimous)
Renews/Amends No. 
Public Works No. 
Purchasing Dept. No. 

AGENDA TITLE: Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County establish “Trentwood Trailhead” as the official name for the new Conservation Futures trailhead under construction at 17711 E. Wellesley Avenue?

RECOMMENDATION:
Yes. Please approve.

BACKGROUND:
Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf (“County Parks”) will soon begin construction on a new trailhead parking lot located just east of the intersection of Flora Road and Wellesley Avenue (17711 E. Wellesley Ave) in north Spokane Valley. This new trailhead will feature 20 paved vehicle stalls, shoulder overflow parking, truck and horse trailer parking, and will serve as a third access point to Antoine Peak Conservation Area and provide for a “valley to summit” trail experience. On June 9th, 2021, the Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee (the “PAC”) considered four naming options provided by staff (see below). At that meeting, the PAC recommended and advised Doug Chase, Director, Spokane County Parks Recreation & Golf of their preference for the name “Trentwood Trailhead” to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

The four naming options considered by the PAC are as follows:

1. **Recommended Option: Trentwood Trailhead** – Named after the geographic reference of northern Spokane Valley in the vicinity of this new trailhead location. The name, originating in 1917 (Source: James Phillips, *Washington State Place Names*, ISBN 0295954981, p. 146), was named as a reference to the area’s proximity to fruit tree orchards and lumber. Naming Policy Criteria: Neighborhood or Geographical Area.

2. **Flora Trailhead** – Named after one of two roads serving the trailhead. Naming Policy Criteria: Neighborhood or Geographical Area.

3. **Velox Trailhead** – Named after a former “whistle stop” train station location due south of the trailhead location on Trent Avenue. The name originates from a famous raccoon from Salt Lake City and a favorite of a conductor that served on this train route (Source: Jayne Singleton, Spokane Valley Heritage Museum). Naming Policy Criteria: Historical or Cultural Significance.

4. **Henry J. Kaiser Trailhead** – Named after industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, who lived in Spokane for several years, working at a hardware store (McGowan Brothers Hardware Co.) as a salesman. Kaiser went on to start companies that would build Hoover Dam, construct warships during WWII, produce aluminum (i.e. Kaiser Aluminum), and provide health care to family members and employees (Kaiser Permanente). The latter two still have a significant role in Spokane County’s economic health and well-being. The Trentwood Kaiser Aluminum Plant operates today near the trailhead location, employing approximately 900 people and was instrumental in providing aluminum to build WWII aircraft, including the P-51 Mustang (Sources: Spokane Historical Society, Spokesman Review, Encyclopedia Britannica Online). Naming Policy Criteria: Historical or Cultural Significance.
Staff reached out to the Spokane Tribe and Coeur d'Alene Tribe for additional naming options. Only a response from Audra Vincent at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe was received. Ms. Vincent shared that the tribe does not have a name for Antoine Peak or the area around the trailhead location - only names for former villages along the Spokane River and for Spokane Valley as a whole.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

☐ *This item will need to be codified in the Spokane County Code.*