



Thursday, October 13, 2016

To: Prineville City Council,

Recently I was contacted by Melissa Adams who is a Hospice care giver at Saint Charles. Melissa stated that one of her clients, Wally Gervais, is nearing the end of his life and one of his final requests before he passes on is to have the Library Park named after him. Mr. Gervais donated the land that is now the Library Park to the City of Prineville back in 1993.

The City of Prineville owns the property that the Library Park is built on. Crook County has a long term lease with the City on the land due to it being part of the Library plot. Crook County Parks and Recreation District has an intergovernmental agreement with Crook County to manage the park.

On October 12, 2016 the CCPRD board of directors voted unanimously in favor of renaming the Library Park, "Gervais Park" with a sub-title of "Library Outdoor Learning Center". Due to the fact that CCPRD does not actually own the property, we are requesting that the City Council also approve and adopt the name change. CCPRD is not aware of any potential conflicts with doing this or any past naming rights associated with this park. After reviewing our records, the only name that was identified by a community group was, "Outdoor Learning Center" of which we are proposing to keep in the name. I believe that the current title name of "Library Park" has been given to the park simply to describe it in the absence of any other title given.

The CCPRD Staff and Board agree that renaming the park, "Gervais Park – Library Outdoor Learning Center", would show honor to the Gervais name would be a good and appropriate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

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