



Task Force on Street and Park Renaming

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STREET AND PARK RENAMING MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2020 – 5:30 PM

IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING & PARTICIPATION

Task Force will Meet Electronically on November 16, 2020

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of more than 10 people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the November 16, 2020 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

Observe and/or Listen to the Meeting (your options to join the meeting are below):

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Citizen Participation

Those who wish to provide a comment during the “Citizen Participation” portion as indicated on the agenda: may provide written comments to the Senior Public Works Manager ahead of the meeting.

ALL written comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: etate@ucitymo.org or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention Errol Tate, Senior Public Works Manager. Such comments will be provided to the Task Force prior to the meeting. Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided.** Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item, and a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience the meeting format change may pose to individuals, but it is extremely important that extra measures be taken to protect employees, residents board/commission members and elected officials during these challenging times.



A G E N D A

TASK FORCE ON STREET AND PARK RENAMING

November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Procedures for submitting comments for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings:

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5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Oath of Office for Esley Hamilton – Completed
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Sub Committee Reports on Street Names – Action
 - b. Land Acknowledgement – Hendrix
 - c. Action Log Discussion - Discussion
7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
8. ADJOURNMENT

Please call (314) 505-8571 or email etate@ucitymo.org to confirm your attendance.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment¹ for University UMC, St. Louis

As we gather together today, we acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory² of the Osage³ Nation,⁴ and the Illinois Confederacy, which includes the Cahokia, Peoria, and Illini⁵ peoples.

We therefore pay our respect to elders both past and present. May we nurture our relationship with our Native neighbors, and the shared responsibilities to their homelands where we all reside today. Specifically, we commit to learning more about the people, history, and contemporary concerns of these indigenous communities.

What we learn must lead us to action, and we therefore read the following statement from the Osage Nation: "The Osage Nation is currently engaged in the protection and preservation of one of our ancestral mounds, Sugarloaf Mound in south St. Louis. The Nation accepts donations to help support our effort to preserve one of the last remaining mounds in the St. Louis area...⁶ We welcome you to visit the Osage Nation headquarters on our reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The Osage Nation respectfully requests that you honor our land, thank you."⁷

¹ Overview:

<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/News/Pages/Brown-School-Authors-Encourage-Native-Land-Acknowledgment.aspx>

Article: Tovar, M., Leiker, C. (2018). *Acknowledging Native History in Missouri*. *Missouri Humanities, Fall/Winter*, 10-11. https://www.mohumanities.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/MHC_magazine_fall2018.pdf#page=12

If you have questions about offering a Native acknowledgment or seek assistance in identifying someone who can offer one at an event, please contact the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies (bcais@wustl.edu).

² <https://native-land.ca/what-is-territory/>

³ pronounced *wah-zah-zhay*. The word was first written down by French speakers, and then later re-pronounced by English speakers. http://www.bigorrin.org/osage_kids.htm

⁴ <https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/osage/>

⁵ pronounced *ih-LI-nee*

⁶ Specify Sugarloaf Mound support when donating to the Osage Nation Foundation.

<https://www.osagefoundation.org/index.php/ways-to-give/>

⁷ <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/historic-preservation/osage-lands-acknowledgement>

Additional information:

Other tribes, including the Miami, were displaced through St. Louis under the U.S.'s nineteenth-century forced Indian Removal.⁸⁹¹⁰

And beginning in 1955, St. Louis became a receiving city for Indian Relocation,¹¹ which was part of the U.S.'s mid-twentieth century Indian Termination Policy.¹²

Sample land acknowledgment from a [PACA](#) group member:

“Just across the river from us is Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site. Even though the civilization that founded it moved on hundreds of years before European settlers, the Osage are descendants of their culture and work hard to preserve and honor the site. The Cahokians were mound-builders and left a landscape on the bluffs of the Mississippi River that gave St Louis the nickname “Mound City.” One mound remains in St Louis and, until last year, had a mid-century derelict home atop it. When the property was for sale, the Osage nation stepped forward to purchase and protect the site their ancestors had built. To honor the land on which my family and I now live, and to make some small recognition of the native people who were killed, put in camps, and repeatedly cheated by government “treaties,” I made a donation to the Osage fund for preserving Sugarloaf Mound. Equivalent to the cost of our turkey, \$25. Whose land do you live on? Check out their website. Are they, like the Osage, now in reservations in Oklahoma? Or do they maintain a homeland in their original territory? What services do they provide for tribal members? What fund can you contribute to to give thanks and share?”

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_removal#The_North

⁹ “In our language we are myaamia - the downstream people. Today you will hear our name pronounced Miami, a derivation of our traditional name. The United States government recognizes us as a Sovereign Nation, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. We originate from the Great Lakes region where our homelands lie within the boundaries of the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, lower Michigan and lower Wisconsin... in October of 1846 our ancestors, numbering approximately 500 souls, were herded at gunpoint and forced onto canal boats to begin the long journey down the Erie Canal system from eastern Indiana to the Ohio River. The remaining journey called for the use of steam boats to take our people west, down the Ohio River to the Mississippi, up to the Missouri and across to Westport Landing near Kansas City. From that landing our ancestors made their way south by horseback and wagon to a reserve held for them in the land of the Kaw people, near modern day La Cygne, Kansas. Our people remained in Kansas until the Treaty of 1867 called for their removal again, this time to the Indian Territory, known today as Oklahoma.” <https://miamination.com/about>

¹⁰ <https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/miami/>

¹¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Relocation_Act_of_1956

¹² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_termination_policy