



Friends of East Bull Mountain Park (EBMP)

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Mr. Steve Martin, Parks and Facilities Manager
City of Tigard
13125 SW Hall Blvd.
Tigard, OR 97223

Dear Steve:

As we discussed, the Friends of East Bull Mountain Park (FEBMP) would like to recommend a permanent name for what has been called East Bull Mountain Park, aka, Paull Property Park.

“Forest Meadow Park” is the clear winner by popular vote. The alternate vote by majority is “Bull Mountain Family Park.” We initiated a name change for the park after learning that it is confusing for the City / Metro to have two Tigard parks so closely named; East Butte... is very similar to East Bull... Friends of East Bull Mountain Park consider it a privilege to participate in renaming the Park, now that we have spent hundreds of volunteer hours there. Clearly, there is a ‘sense’ of what the Park means to each of us.

Our approach was to begin with a discussion at the open Friends of East Bull Mountain Park meeting held on August 22, 2013. We requested those in attendance to consider what the park should be called and that they ask others who do not typically attend the meeting for their input. We also included an article in the October issue of the Friends of East Bull Mountain Park Newsletter, released in September, entitled, “What’s In a Name?” This was used to introduce the idea to its readers and provide process information. During the meeting held on September 26, 2013, recommendations were presented by those in attendance, which included the three on the ballot. The fourth selection was a ‘write in’.

Bruce Harbison worked with a secured on-line internet survey service provider, in order to enable one vote per internet user. This was publicized through the Friends of East Bull Mountain Park Newsletter, posted on the Friends’ social networks, by word of mouth and emails. By using these methods, we are certain that at least 168 people, including our student volunteers, had access to the voting process.

The survey company and social networks were enabled with the ballot for the entire month of October. The results of the vote are that 49 ballots were completed, which is 29% representation of the neighborhood. Of the 49 votes received, 23 were for “Forest Meadow Park”. For a complete summary, please see the following:

Proposed names on the ballot

Forest Meadow Park -23 votes

Alpine Park - 2

Forest Legacy Park - 2

Write In Voting

East Bull Mountain Park -2

Paul Forest Park -1

Forest Meadow Legacy Park -1

Tigard Highlands Park -1

Our Backyard Park -1

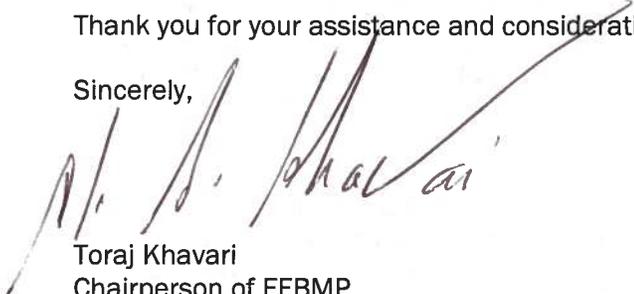
Bull Mountain Family Park -16 (from slightly different IP Addresses, which indicates an organized collection of computers; such as the Library or School)

On behalf of the Friends of East Bull Mountain Park, we appreciate having had the opportunity to participate in naming the Park. As we continue to work with the City to establish a neighborhood park, you can clearly see, by some of the write-in votes, the attachment and ownership reflected by the voters.

We concluded the "What's In a Name" article by appealing to the neighborhood, "Friends, help us present a recommendation to City of Tigard that will represent the generations to come in the use of this park; that all may enjoy."

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



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P.S. To learn more about the FRIENDS of EBMP at the following sites.

- Yahoo® User Group - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FEBMP/>
- Face book® - <http://www.facebook.com/FEBMP>
- Park Security - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EBMPNWC/>