

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-326

To rename the park in the city of Richmond known as Carter Jones Park as “Fonticello Park.”

Patron – Mrs. Lynch

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 12 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council has from time to time found it appropriate to name or rename City-owned streets and facilities for historic and honorific reasons; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, the park known as Carter Jones Park was named in honor of a former member of the Council of the City of Richmond who ensured that the land was acquired by the City to provide green space for Southside residents; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, Native Americans called the land Fonticello; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, the land was once owned by W.G. Taylor, who called his estate on that land Fonticello and operated a mineral water bottling company known as Fonticello Lithia Springs Company using the water spring on the land; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 12 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, community members continue to refer to the park land as Fonticello; and

WHEREAS, sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, generally prescribe a process for the renaming of City facilities, including parks such as Carter Jones Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the park located in the city of Richmond and known as Carter Jones Park be renamed as “Fonticello Park” without the necessity for strict compliance with the requirements set forth in sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

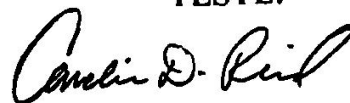
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, or any other law to the contrary, the park located at 2715 Bainbridge Street and 2813 A Bainbridge Street in the city of Richmond, with Tax Parcel Nos. S000-0914/001 and S000-0799/001, respectively, in the 2022 records of the City Assessor, and known as Carter Jones Park be and is hereby renamed as “Fonticello Park.”

§ 2. That, in order to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance, the Chief Administrative Officer shall (i) cause the appropriate City agency to prepare and erect signs appropriately marking “Fonticello Park,” (ii) request that all City agencies note such renaming in the records maintained by each such agency, and (iii) take all other appropriate actions to effectuate the renaming of Carter Jones Park as “Fonticello Park.”

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**



City Clerk



Richmond City Council

*The Voice of the People**Richmond, Virginia*

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member
Amy Robins, 5th District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

DATE October 27, 2022

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TITLE **Rename Carter Jones Park as 'Fonticello Park'.**

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☒ **Resolution** ☐

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Stephanie Lynch

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that legislation be drafted renaming the park currently known as Carter Jones Park as "Fonticello Park."

BACKGROUND

Patron has received requests from residents and volunteers at the park requesting this renaming. The park is owned by the City and under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Residents have done research and found evidence that the Native Americans called the area *Fonticello* in a Richmond Virginian newspaper article (dated Thursday, August 11, 1910).

This portion of the City was annexed by the City approximately a hundred years ago. The park is an area once owned by W.G. Taylor, who purchased an estate there called Fonticello in 1872. Long-term community members still refer to the park as Fonticello. The water spring in the park area was the source of mineral water for mineral water bottling company known as Fonticello Lithia Springs Company owned by Mr. Taylor.

Carter Jones was a City Council member who saw to it that the parkland was acquired by the City in 1924 in order to provide green space for Southside residents. There are hopes that a feature in the park will be named in Mr. Jones' honor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

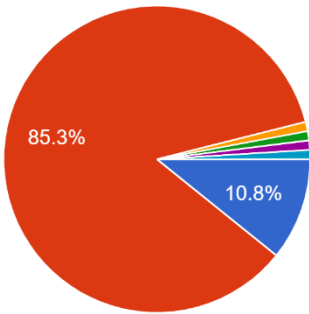
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Exact costs of signage changes are not known at this writing.

Attachment/s Yes ☐ No ☐

Which name do you prefer?

102 responses



- Carter Jones Park
- Fonticello Park
- I say take a survey of the long term residents from the generations and see what they would name the park. I want something to remember Markea
- Woodland Heights Park or Powhatan (River) Heights Park
- Need more info
- Seven Springs Park