



# SALT LAKE CITY TRANSMITTAL

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Salt Lake City Council Chair

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**Subject:**  
Transmittal of Proposed Naming Recommendations for Major City Assets

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**Budget Impact?**  
 Yes  
 No

**Recommendation:**

As part of our commitment to creating a city environment that reflects our cultural and historical identity, and forward-looking vision, we are submitting a proposed name for a major public asset. This selection aims to honor community leaders, highlight local history, and strengthen our collective sense of identity.

The 2022 Parks Master Plan outlined the following strategy associated with creating more welcoming parks within Salt Lake City.

Action 1.3 D Work with community partners to rename some parks with names more meaningful to the community, including indigenous names for places, names that celebrate community leaders, and similar approaches.

This transmittal formally requests naming the northeast city baseball field in Riverside Park as the Neil Draper Field in honor of Neil Draper, who passed away in March 2025. Mr. Draper was a dedicated local business owner and an engaged community member whose contributions, particularly through Rose Park Baseball, left a meaningful mark on the neighborhood.

His strong ties to the community and his role in supporting local youth sports make him a worthy candidate for this recognition. We respectfully request that this proposal be reviewed in accordance with the City's naming policies.

The PL Department recommends naming the northeast field at Riverside Park Neil Draper Field. City Code Chapter 3.65 addresses naming city assets. Section 3.65.020B classifies city assets as either minor or major. The mayor is responsible for naming minor assets, which are handled through a letter to the Public Lands Department files. Major assets, including land regardless of acreage, require Council approval.

**Background/Discussion**

See first attachment for Background/Discussion

**Will there need to be a public hearing for this item? \***

Yes

No

**Public Process**

N/A

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**CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL**

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Jill Love, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date sent to Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Salt Lake City Council  
Chris Wharton, Chair

**DATE: June 2, 2025**

**FROM:** Kim Shelley, Director  
Department of Public Lands (PL)

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Proposed Naming Recommendations for Major City Assets

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**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Informational Item

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve naming the northeast baseball field at Riverside Park as the Neil Draper Field.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** NO

**TRANSMITTAL INTRODUCTION**

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Dear Council Members,

I am requesting that the northeast baseball field at Riverside Park be named the Neil Draper Field.

City Code Chapter 3.65.020 says that the naming of major assets requires City Council approval and the naming of minor assets requires Mayor approval. That section says that a major asset includes a structure or any acreage of land. The baseball fields at Riverside Park thus constitutes a major asset. The Council may choose to approve the name change through legislative process or defer the approval to my office. Chapter 3.65 allows the Council 15 business days after receipt of this notice to determine whether it wishes to use a legislative process for the naming of the field. If, at the conclusion of those 15 business days, the Council has not responded to this notice, the naming decision and process reverts to the Mayor's office to use the minor asset approval process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Mendenhall', written over a faint circular stamp.

Mayor Erin Mendenhall

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