

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING NAMING A PUBLIC FACILITY; NAMING THE DOG PARK AT BLACKSTONE PARK AS THE "CHRISTINA TURLEY DOG PARK"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County maintains and operates Blackstone Park; and

WHEREAS, Christina Turley demonstrated exceptional civic leadership and commitment to community enhancement by organizing and presenting a petition from residents advocating for the creation of a public dog park in Palmetto, which was formally submitted to the Palmetto City Commission, with a copy transmitted to County leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turley's advocacy directly contributed to increased public awareness and governmental action toward development of a dog park; and

WHEREAS, this grassroots effort resulted in the approval of a dog park at Blackstone Park as a capital improvement project, leading to the creation of a valued recreational amenity for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the dog park at Blackstone Park has since become an important gathering place that promotes outdoor activity, community connection, and responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, Christina Turley passed away in Palmetto on December 7, 2025, leaving a lasting legacy through her instrumental role in the creation of the dog park at Blackstone Park, ensuring that generations of dog owners will have a place to enhance the lives and love of their dogs, promote healthy and happy canine well-being, and enjoy a vibrant community amenity cherished by so many, including her beloved dog, Sparky;

WHEREAS, Manatee County Resolution R-20-153, allows for the naming of a County facility for an eligible individual or organization based on "demonstrated integrity, contribution to the community, patriotism and such other criteria as may from time to time be established by the Board of County Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners finds that the integrity and the innumerable positive contributions to this community of Christina Turley more than qualify her for the honor bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice of intent to consider this Resolution has been published as provided in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes, at least ten days before the public hearing on this Resolution and kept available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Sports & Leisure Services Department as required by Resolution R-20-153; and

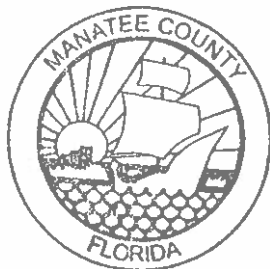
WHEREAS, prior to the public hearing on this Resolution, the County Administrator has developed a fiscal impact statement and the County Attorney has reviewed any legal considerations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that all the procedural requirements to make this dedication have been met and that it is in the best interests of the County to adopt this Resolution and name this public facility in honor of Christina Turley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows.

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of this Board and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The dog park at Blackstone Park is hereby named and designated as the "Christina Turley Dog Park."
3. The County Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to replace all existing signage in furtherance of memorializing the designation and naming of the Christina Turley Dog Park consistent with this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 19th day of May, 2026.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

J. H.

Chairperson

**ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By: _____

Robin Rath, OC

Deputy Clerk



Approved in Open Session 5/19/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

May 19, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Adoption of Resolution R-26-026, naming the dog park at Blackstone Park as the "Christina Turley Dog Park", Molly White, Director of Sports and Leisure Services - District 2

Category

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Presentations Upon Request)

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Molly White, Director of Sports and Leisure Services, ext 6007

Action Requested

Adoption of Resolution R-26-026.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Manatee County Resolution R-20-153

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Manatee County Resolution R-20-153, allows for the naming of a County facility for an eligible individual or organization based on "demonstrated integrity, contribution to the community, patriotism and such other criteria as may from time to time be established by the Board of County Commissioners".

At the Board of County Commissioners January 27, 2026, regular meeting, Commissioner Ballard made a motion to have a resolution drafted to Name the Blackstone Dog Park in honor of Christina Turley, the motion passed 7-0.

Attorney Review

Formal Written Review (Opinion memo must be attached) D'Agostino

Instructions to Board Records

Please ensure that the Chairperson signs page 2 of 2 of the Resolution.
Please forward a copy of the executed resolution to Molly White,
molly.white@mymanatee.org

Distributed 5/20/26, RT

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

One time cost, \$350.00- 1060012603

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Manatee County Resolution No. R-20-153 and Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, (Board) will conduct a public hearing on the 19th of May, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter in the Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers on the First Floor of the Manatee County Government Administrative Center, located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205, to consider, act upon, adopt, or reject the following resolution:

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The proposed resolution may be inspected by the public during normal business hours in the office of Sports and Leisure Services 5502 33rd Ave Dr. W, Bradenton, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed resolution.

According to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter to be considered at the meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include any testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The Board does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions including one's access to, participation in, employment with, or treatment in its programs or activities. Manatee County is committed to providing full access to facilities, programs, and services to all, as well as supporting the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities in its workforce in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Acts of 1990 (ADA) and as amended (“ADAA”), and 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for this meeting as provided for in the ADAA, or assistance with accessing any documents pertaining to this matter, should contact Carmine DeMilio, ADA Compliance Coordinator, at (941) 748-4501, ext. 6016 or carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org, at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled meeting. If you are deaf/hard of hearing and require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 711.

From: [Bryan Parnell](#)
To: [Molly White](#)
Subject: Fiscal Impact Statements
Date: Friday, February 6, 2026 8:48:04 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Molly,

Washington Park Community Center- Signage would be made regardless of the naming, so there is no additional cost to the county.

Blackstone Dog Park – replacement sign is quoted at \$350.00.

Very Respectfully,

Bryan Parnell, P.E. | Deputy County Administrator
Manatee County Government
1112 Manatee Ave West
Bradenton, FL 34205
941-748-4501 ext. 3771
941-720-2658 (cell)
mymanatee.org

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RESOLUTION NO. R-20-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR HONORING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS BY THE NAMING OF PARKS, BUILDINGS, MONUMENTS, STATUES, HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Board of County Commissioners receives requests for the naming of public facilities after distinguished individuals or organizations; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Board of County Commissioners expresses a desire, on its own accord, to name public facilities after distinguished individuals or organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to establish consistent policies and procedures for the naming of public facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in the County by Chapter 125, Florida Statutes and other relevant provisions of law, as follows:

Facilities under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida may be named in honor of distinguished individuals or organizations in accordance with the following procedures.

1. The naming of public facilities in honor of individuals or organizations shall be by resolution adopted at a public hearing after publication of notice in the manner required by law for the adoption of county ordinances under Section 125.66(2) (a) Florida Statutes.

2. Eligibility requirements for individuals and organizations will be based upon demonstrated integrity, contribution to the community, patriotism and such other criteria as may from time to time be established by the Board of County Commissioners.

3. The naming of a facility, whether it be a park, building, monument, statue, highway, street or other public facility, shall be memorialized with the posting of plaques or signage as deemed appropriate and as directed by the Board of County Commissioners

4. Prior to the public hearing, the County Administrator shall develop a fiscal impact statement and the County Attorney shall review any legal considerations.

5. Resolution R-93-156 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

6. This Resolution R-20-153 shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 5th day of September, 2020.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

Chairperson

ATTEST:

ANGELINA COLONNESO

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MANATEE

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **Quantana Acevedo**, who on oath says that she is a **County Employee of Manatee County Government, Manatee County, Florida**; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a public notice in the matters of **Notice of Hearing for Resolution R-26-026** for the **Manatee County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting on April 21, 2026**, in Manatee County Florida, was published on the publicly accessible website of Manatee County Government, Manatee County, Florida, of www.mymanatee.org on **April 9, 2026**.

Affiant further says that the website complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

By 
Quantana Acevedo
Planning and Zoning Tech III

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of April 2026, by Quantana Acevedo, who is personally known to me or who has produced (type of identification) as identification.




(Signature of Notary Public)

Abigail Bonds
(Print Name of Notary Public)

Notary Public
(Title)

My Commission Expires: July 26, 2026
Commission Number: HH 293466

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Date Published: April 29, 2026



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 23, 2026

TO: Molly White, Director, Sports and Leisure Services Department

FROM: Pamela J. D'Agostino, County Attorney

RE: **Review Resolution R-26-026 – Naming of a Public Facility;
Blackstone Dog Park in Honor of Christina Turley; RLS No. 25/26-0210**

Issue Presented:

In this Request for Legal Services (RLS), you have asked the County Attorney's Office (CAO) to review (1) a draft resolution (Resolution) and (2) a fiscal impact statement (Statement) both in furtherance of naming the Blackstone Dog Park in honor of Christina Turley.

Brief Answer:

Provided staff finalizes the Resolution consistent with the advice contained herein, addresses the comments and incorporates the redlined changes contained in the attachments, and otherwise complies with the CAO's legal advice, the CAO will have no legal objection to this matter being presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County (Board) for consideration.

Facts:

At the Board's January 27, 2026, regular meeting, the Board unanimously approved a

*Florida Bar Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law

motion to have a resolution drafted to name the Blackstone Dog Park in honor of Christina Turley. This RLS provides no information regarding the history of Blackstone Park or how it came to be acquired by the County or named. The CAO trusts that staff has conducted the appropriate factual research of Board and County records and determined renaming this portion of this park would not violate any contractual obligation or other County code or policy. The Statement provided alleges that a quote has been received for \$350.00 to replace the existing sign at the dog park.

Although you did not ask for legal review of the required notice of public hearing (Notice), you furnished a copy of same with this RLS.

Discussion:

As you know, the Board's established policies and procedures for naming parks, buildings, monuments, statues, highways, streets and other public facilities is outlined in Resolution R-20-153, which requires that any resolution to name a County facility after an individual must be adopted after a noticed public hearing that satisfies Section 125.66(2)(a), Florida Statutes. The notice must be published at least ten (10) days in advance of the public hearing. Accordingly, the matter cannot be a consent agenda item as a public hearing is required. I trust you know how to comply with the requirements of Resolution R-20-153 and Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, and will contact the CAO if guidance is needed.

Additionally, Resolution R-20-153 requires that the County Administrator develop a "fiscal impact statement." The resolution gives no guidance as to what is required in a fiscal impact statement, but, for some time, the CAO has recommended that statements of this nature identify all direct and indirect costs or savings associated with the naming. The adequacy and/or sufficiency of the fiscal impact statement is not a legal determination for the CAO.

While no legal review of the Notice was performed as none was requested, note that the title of the Resolution within the Notice needs to be revised to be identical to the title of the Resolution, once in final form. I trust you will revise it as needed.

Conclusion:

Provided the legal concerns and issues identified herein and attached are addressed consistently with my advice, I have no objection from a legal standpoint to this matter being presented to the Board for review and consideration. Except as otherwise indicated, I have not reviewed or revised the Resolution or Statement for thoroughness,

accuracy, typographical errors, or ADA accessibility.

This completes my response to your RLS. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Attachment:

Redlined Resolution

Copies with attachment to:

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator

Bryan Parnell, Deputy County Administrator, County Administration

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Commented [PD1]: I trust all factual assertions contained herein are accurate as the RLS contains no documentation or other evidence to support/refute same.

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4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 21st day of April, 2026.

Commented [PD2]: Update as appropriate.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: _____

Deputy Clerk