

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

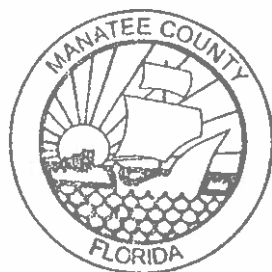
WHEREAS, prior to the public hearing on this Resolution, the County Administrator has developed a fiscal impact statement and the County Attorney has reviewed any legal considerations; and

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