



Comment on District Naming Advisory Committee petitions (Creekside, Kenne, Laurel Creek)

1 message

Kurt Rossetti <kurtrossetti@gmail.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 10:03 AM

While I appreciate the work of the Advisory Committee, I cannot get behind any of the top three names proposed, as not one has anything to do with our district. Seems like a lot of good names were left of the table in the interest of finding a bland, uninspiring choice.

Creekside and Laurel Creek are fictitious misrepresentations of our geography.

Kenne is the worst option, as our new name should not require a phonetic spelling of the name in parenthesis.

Miller Creek is the only option that is local and was previously endorsed by Change the Name members. Marin Hills was a fitting tribute to our local geography - no idea why this option was shelved.

Best regards,
Kurt Rossetti (parent of two Vallecito students)



District name

1 message

Julie Rhinard <jrhinard2@hotmail.com>

To: "dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org" <dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 1:09 PM

Hello,

The new name of the Dixie School District should either be Creekside School District or Laurel Creek School District.

Creekside would be a wonderful tribute to Mrs. DiBenedetto who was the beloved Dixie Elementary School teacher who tragically lost her life earlier in the year. Laurel Creek would also be appropriate given the creek running through the back of the school.

The name Kenne School District does not have enough relatability to this area and would be very difficult for people to pronounce. The name shouldn't even be considered.

Respectfully,

Julie Rhinard
District parent



New Names for Dixie School District

1 message

Golbus, Aaron (PRT) <aaron.golbus@sport.com>

To: "dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org" <dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:21 PM

I do not support the names Creekside, Kenne and Laurel Creek

Creekside: too generic and not all our district schools are Creek side.

Kenne: too confusing. Had to be told this was an Olohne word, I thought it was for the TL area architect.

Laurel Creek: did not know we had a Creek named Laurel. Where is that?

I do support Miller Creek which is both a significant Place Name and impactful historical figure.

Regards,

Aaron Golbus



DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Comments <dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org>

naming choices

1 message

Jean Gallagher <jeangallagher@comcast.net>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 3:58 PM

1st Laurel Creek

2nd Creekside

Kenne needs explaining and has no relatable image. I suggest dropping it.

Jean Gallagher

1 Silver Pine Terrace

San Rafael



I lived in Dixie District frm July 1976 till May 2003. My son attended 3 of the 4 schools.I have never heard of Laurel Creek. It has no local meaning.i have never heard of Laur

1 message

Jerry Moore <perfinhole@yahoo.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 4:08 PM

I lived in Dixie District from July 1976 till May 2003. My son attended 3 of the 4 schools. My two granddaughters attend Vallecito.

I have never heard of Laurel Creek. It has no local meaning.

I have never heard of Creekside. It has no local meaning.

I have never heard the word "Kenne" I thought you meant Kenny (as in the Kenny-built homes on Woodbine Drive). It has no local or contemporary meaning.

I was told by Marnie Glickman at a past meeting that if the name chosen was an Indian name then state law rules that the school has to teach that Native American language. If you're going to honor the Miwoks, then Mary Dixie should be fine!

Jerry D. Moore
443 Calle de la Mesa
Novato



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don't like any of these names!!!

1 message

Judi Schellenberg <judi@lucasvalley.net>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 7:41 PM

Bob and Judi Schellenberg

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Renaming the Dixie School District

1 message

larry m. rich <lmrdkr@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:12 PM

To: "dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org" <dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org>

We are surprised and opposed to all three of these suggested names. Kenne? Are you referring to the housing developer? You want to name the district after a developer? Good grief. Laurel Creek - does it exist? If it does we've never heard of it and we've lived in the area for over 50 years. Creekside - too nebulous. If you want a creek that people recognize why not Miller Creek? It's familiar to everyone in the district.

Larry and Diane Rich



Let go of racist reminders!

1 message

Alex Stadtner <astadtner@gmail.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:35 PM

TWIMC,

Thank you so much for changing the name!

It is long overdue that we create a more open atmosphere to minorities in this lily white school district, and do away with at least one micro-aggression perpetuated by local governmental agencies.

It seems the School Naming Advisory Committee took their job very seriously and gave much consideration to all name options. I think all three proposed names are suitable, though I really like Creekside School District. Kenne School District would be my second favorite, as many in our community want to give at least a nod to the Miwok people from whom we (early settlers) stole this land. Many people believe James Miller and his pro-slavery family were part of the problem. He, after all, notoriously named the district after the Confederate south on a dare from his racist construction crew. So anything containing "Miller" should be automatically rejected. Lest this debate rage on for years to come.

Doing away with racist reminders of local confederate supporters is the right move. Yay!!!

Good luck, and pick a winner!

Sincerely,
Alex Stadtner

Now-More-Proud District Parent



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Renaming of Dixie School District

1 message

Marjorie Hoversten <hoverstn@lvha.net>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:51 PM

I like the name Miller Creek Elementary School District. It is a name specific to and meaningful for our community. Creek side too generic; Laurel Creek wrongly suggests that there is a creek here named Laurel; and Kenne a word that no one will recognize or know how to pronounce.

Sent from my iPad



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1 message

Mark Brady <mark@baybrady.org>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at 10:17 AM

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District name change comments

1 message

Theresa Brady <theresa@baybrady.org>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at 10:32 AM

To whom it may concern:

I have strong feelings about the DNAC'S finalists.

Creekside

This feels like a watered-down, "safe" name that should actually be "Miller Creek". As a Terra Linda resident, I can relate to Miller Creek because all of our children end up at the middle school and Miller Creek is a landmark in our greater community, but I can't relate to Creekside.

Laurel Creek

We don't have a Laurel Creek. Again, the obvious choice is Miller Creek. Furthermore, Fairfield has a number of landmarks with the name "Laurel Creek", including an elementary school.

Kenne

A name that requires extensive research and is unclear how to pronounce is not appropriate and does not adequately represent our community.

Miller Creek Elementary School District is the obvious choice.

One final note. The elementary school and district names should not be the same (Creekside). This would suggest that somehow the school formerly known as Dixie elementary is more important than the other two elementary schools.

Thank you,
Theresa Brady



Why I didn't vote for the Advisory Naming Committee's final three names

1 message

Norm Levin <norm@naturalportraits.co>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at 3:49 PM

Dear Dixie School District Trustee

I had the privilege to be selected as one of the eleven members of the Naming Advisory Committee. I volunteered my time as I felt that my 30 years in marketing communications could lend a touch of professionalism to this emotionally charged process. I also strongly felt that the community needed to find a path towards healing after the contentious conflicts that arouse these past many months. Having lived in Terra Linda for 28 years and putting three daughters through Vallecito and Miller Creek, I further believed my voice would be considered.

To some extent that was true. In others, not as much as I had hoped. To be clear, the committee tackled a most difficult task, reviewing, rating and culling a list of 89 unique names submitted by the community, down to the final three before you: Creekside, Laurel Creek and Kenne. We knew and acknowledged from the beginning that no name would make everyone happy; and that any name we recommended would likely upset someone. To that end, we were omniscient.

When the semifinal list of seven names was announced to the community, there was a response that ranged from "Not very inspiring" to "Are you kidding?" Some the names were indeed worthy of mockery, others simply too generic. Some generated altogether new controversies. Our ranking process, one that I devised, to score each vetted name on a 1-5 scale on how well it met each of your four criteria (Local, Lasting, Inclusive and Inspiring). Each member's scores were tallied to come up with a total score that reflected our cumulative judgement.

As the committee was fairly selected to be a reasonable cross representation of the community, the final result was a group decision. Those seven names were then opened up to the petition process where the public could come in to "vote" for their favorites. Alas, none seemed to capture the imagination of our community, as evidenced by the relatively sparse turnout on the two days designated for community members to review and sign the petitions. The most approved was "Creekside" with some 70 signatures. I am convinced that people were yearning for "Miller Creek" and this and "Laurel Creek" were the nearest approximations.

As I said, my opinion on a new name or *brand* for the district is informed by my professional experience in the field. Here's how I personally evaluated each of the three final names before you. Keep in mind, too, that there will be a *graphic design element* and representation of whichever name you settle on.

- **Creekside:** Not particularly local to Marin, as a quick internet search revealed Creekside is the name of elementary and middle schools in Stockton, Castro Valley, and San Jose. Strangely, it was also registered as a name by the Marin County Board of Education from 1980-1989 with an address on 1405 Lucas Valley Road, although there's no buildings there. It is also widely used as a school name in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota. I'm sure there's many more. It's truly one of the most *generic* place names in the country. There are uncounted commercial operations with that name, including Creekside apartments in Larkspur. Does the ubiquitousness of this name add or detract from its ability to *inspire*?

- **Laurel Creek:** Truth be told, I submitted this one (as a dare!) Partly I was looking for a more localized creek name and one that was descriptive of the dominant tree that grows along its banks. Plus it's my oldest daughters name! How it survived many committee votes to the final three baffles me. I think the committee simply couldn't find enough fault with it. That's not really a good enough reason to rebrand the district using it.

- **Kenne:** Truly the oddest choice of the group a it doesn't really meet any of the four criteria in my opinion, mainly because no one knows what it means or even *how to pronounce it*. As a brand for our school district, it has little resonance. At first I thought of Kenny the other builder who constructed even more homes than Eichler. I own one of those traditional tract homes in Terra Linda. Its proponents wanted to make a nod to the Miwok as it means "one" in that extinct language. Still, *one what?* The district represents a plethora of races and ethnicities, three distinct neighborhoods, and two separated valleys. A name that few can grasp doesn't make a strong brand, let alone become lasting. I can visualize even five years from now staff members having to spell and pronounce the name to callers. Teachers will have to do the same when handing out their business cards. The only other common usage of Kenne is a style of cheese made by Cowgirl Creamery in Pt. Reyes Station. Yes, cheese. Pretty inspirational, right? This one should never have gotten on the tracks. Surely, there are better ways to remember and honor our land's former residents.

The main reason for a new name was to supplant Dixie. If the purpose the this rebranding is to begin the community healing process, the new name should be readily *identifiable* and *embraceable*, as well as inclusive, local, lasting and inspirational. "Miller Creek" does that more than any of these three weak substitutes advanced by the committee. And it's clearly the most popular name as seen by the results of the dot charts at the school events and number of petition signees. More are being collected now. Miller Creek doesn't further "honor" James Miller. It honors and reflects our local watershed, our history, our pride in our middle school and mostly the community. It is us.

Norm Levin

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San Rafael, CA 94903



Name

1 message

kim obrien <kimobrienbangkok@yahoo.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at 10:11 PM

I completely disagree with the change of name from Dixie. If the name is to be changed, then I want Kenne district.

Kim OBrien
325 Johnstone Dr.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad



support for renaming of school district

1 message

Susan Hurst <sjavelina@yahoo.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sun, Jun 30, 2019 at 8:27 AM

I fully support any of the names recommended by the District Naming Advisory Committee for the school district and elementary school.

I do not support the name "Miller Creek" for a myriad of reasons including the fact that the district contains more than one creek including Santa Margarita and Las Gallinas Creeks.

Susan Hurst
90 Mt. Tenaya Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903



School District Names

1 message

Jody Morales <jodymorales@lucasvalley.net>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Sun, Jun 30, 2019 at 7:51 AM

Dear Dixie School District Trustees:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the final names chosen as the **only** options for our school district's name.

It is quite obvious that both Creekside and Laurel Creek are overused names for schools, parks, apartment complexes and even pizza parlors, bakeries and mental health facilities. Creekside is also the name of a housing development in Larkspur.

The list below is only a very small fraction of those listed on a brief Google search.

Our school district deserves more than a generic name. We were told to consider names with geographical references, among other possible criteria. Miller Creek fits the bill perfectly.

As for Kenne, that is simply unacceptable. I'm not even sure if I've spelled it correctly because the word is unfamiliar. It relates to nothing in our communities and will be misunderstood and misspelled by almost everyone.

Any objection to the name Miller Creek relies on word-of-mouth smearing of the district's founder, James Miller. We have already abandoned the name Dixie, which most residents considered completely benign, to placate a small group of people who decided it was offensive.

I believe it is time to draw a line in the sand as to how much "power" this small group of residents and outside activists is given in the name chosen to replace Dixie.

It is time to listen to what appears to be overwhelming community support for the Miller Creek Unified School District.

I want to also take this opportunity to voice my concern that people like me - who have raised their children here but no longer have students in the local schools – are completely left out of the discussion and communications. We have to rely on NextDoor for the news concerning our school district which we have supported over decades. That is unconscionable.

Regards,
Jody Morales
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San Rafael, CA 94903

CREEKSIDE

Creekside Pizza & Taproom

4.6 (135) · \$\$ · Restaurant
San Anselmo, CA · (415) 785-4450
· Late-night food · Happy hour drinksHappy hour food

Creekside Center

5.0 (1) · Professional services
San Rafael, CA · (415) 492-8475

Creekside Bakery

4.7 (102) · \$\$ · Bakery
Novato, CA · (415) 892-7655

Web results

Creekside Elementary - Danville
Creekside Middle School, Castrol Valley
Creekside – Sonoma Schools

Creekside Church - Martinez

LAUREL CREEK

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Laurel Creek Elementary School, Fairfield

3.8 (19) · Elementary school

Laurel Creek Community Park, Fairfield

Laurel Creek House a short-term crisis residential treatment facility that is licensed by the California Department of Social Services

3.0 (4) · **Mental health service**

956 E Tabor Ave – Solano County



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New Dixie Name

1 message

Michael Elgie <melgie46@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 30, 2019 at 6:53 PM

To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

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Mike Elgie
Sent from my iPhone



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Petitions

1 message

debra taube <debra.taube14@gmail.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 7:42 AM

I support either Creekside or LaurelCreek. Both are lovely references to place and natural beauty of our community. I adamantly DO NOT support Miller Creek because James Miller originally named the district Dixie, Dixie and by association Miller are racist names, the petition goes outside of the process decided upon by the board and, as such, subverts what the board as representatives of the community has voted for.

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Debra Taube

885 Appleberry Dr. SR

Resident and parent of a Dixie/Miller Creek/TL graduate.



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District Naming Advisory Committee petitions

1 message

Diane Hiland <dianehiland1@gmail.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 1:47 PM

Re: District Naming Advisory Committee petitions (Creekside, Kenne, Laurel Creek)

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Henne- yes please

1 message

Bruce Anderson <bruce@home2150.com>
To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2019 at 1:06 PM

Henne - one

What a perfect name for our district. At a time when many people throughout the world are pausing to acknowledge that the land we currently occupy was once inhabited by native peoples. This from the US Department of Arts and Culture:

"WHY INTRODUCE THE PRACTICE OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Offer recognition and respect.

Counter the "doctrine of discovery" with the true story of the people who were already here.

Create a broader public awareness of the history that has led to this moment.

Begin to repair relationships with Native communities and with the land.

Support larger truth-telling and reconciliation efforts.

Remind people that colonization an ongoing process, with Native lands still occupied due to deceptive and broken treaties.

Take a cue from Indigenous protocol, opening up space with reverence and respect.

Inspire ongoing action and relationship.

Acknowledgment by itself is a small gesture. It becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationship and informed action. But this beginning can be an opening to greater public consciousness of Native sovereignty and cultural rights, a step toward equitable relationship and reconciliation."

By naming our district "Henne" we build a lasting relationship to our past that our children can use daily to get in touch with the history of our land. Our district could implement a daily pledge:

Example of daily acknowledgement at a school:

We'd like to take a moment to acknowledge this school is situated upon traditional territories and we give thanks to the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-o-show-nee), the Neutrals and the Anishnabee (a-nish-na-beh) Peoples for the ability to learn and work on their traditional lands. We also recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal Peoples on this land.

Please choose "Henne" and implement a land acknowledgement statement for our District. Our children will gain much more from this name than any of the other's presented so far.

Respectful submitted by
Bruce Anderson
Resident and Parent of an eight grader.

Sent from my iPhone

Bruce Anderson



Dixie School District - Yes to Miller Creek and either Eichler or Lucas Valley Elementary

1 message

Rich Wenzel <rwenzel@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 2:15 PM

To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org, millercreekpetition@dixieschooldistrict.org, elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

Dear Board Trustees,

As I have said before, I would have been in favor of a name change if the process had been open and transparent, based on facts and truly engaged with the community. Since you voted to change the name, in spite of the significant failings of the process, and only to try and stop the ongoing financial damage and division caused by the tactics employed, we must now make the best of the situation that Marnie has forced upon our community.

More than anything else, the naming process is a branding exercise, and one that needs to establish a new identity for our community. That identity must represent us all and belong to us alone. We must love that identity.

The criteria you established were good.

The name should be: Inspirational, lasting, inclusive and local.

1. Deceased individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.
2. Geographical area or geographical features in which district is located.
3. Reflective of the values of our schools/community.

Unfortunately, the naming committee has failed to deliver a single petition with a name that meets these criteria. Even reviewing the broader list suggests the naming committee did not understand the criteria.

Dixie School District - naming committee short list and petitions

Creekside, Laurel Valley, Acorn Mountain, Walnut Oak, Quail Song, Laurel Creek, should all be struck off the list for failing on all criteria. There is nothing inspirational or lasting in any of these names. They are completely bland, meaningless and fail to differentiate our community and school district from thousands of others. They are not names that we can celebrate. If we had the funds to hire a branding consultant and they had the chance to truly poll the community, these names would never have made a shortlist. ***They appear to have only been chosen solely because we cannot fear them. NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!***

Josephine Leary could work, but nobody appears to know who she is and even google searches don't really answer the question clearly. She may be well regarded by some and may have had a role to play in school district history, but who is to say that she didn't harbor unpopular views of some kind that may come to light in the future. Too little is known and she just isn't compelling regardless. **NO!**

Joseph Eichler is potentially a very good choice, particularly given his outstanding contributions to the broader area (it shouldn't matter that he didn't design every house here). His name is known but not overused and he has a very good reputation, particularly as one of the first developers to actively ensure housing was accessible regardless of race or color. Thumbs up! **YES!**

Kenne cannot be pronounced and is meaningless to our community. It might make a few feel like they are at one with the universe, but many others will just remember the sordidness of the last 12 months because the tactics used were patently not about unity, but rather division. **NO!**

Miller Creek petition - YES!

This is the only current petition that meets the criteria. James Miller was a very significant and outstanding local figure, who built the area's first school house and made many other positive contributions. Miller Creek is a unique geographical feature named after him. Perhaps if the scaremongers can accept this it shows some respect for the good this man did for our school district. It may also be a chance to show that they truly want the community to heal and reconcile.

Other considerations should be:

Miwok - historical connection to the region, likely to be received well seeing as they believe the Dixie district was named after their ancestor anyway, and there is a Miwok burial ground under MCMS. Obviously potential issues with cultural appropriation, but this is a recognition, not an appropriation.

Dixie Elementary - Lucas Valley Elementary or Eichler Elementary - YES!

The elementary school (if the district obtains sufficient funding from MCF/Marnie) should be renamed Eichler (Best!) or Lucas Valley (Good) Elementary. They are already established brands for our community and fit perfectly.

This will likely be the most important decision a school board has to make in decades. Please honor to the criteria you established, show strength and leadership and consider making a decision for the betterment of us all.

Sincerely
Rich Wenzel
53 Mt Whitney Dr



Comments on District Naming Advisory Committee Petitions

1 message

Susan McCarthy <mccarthysusanm@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 1:29 PM

To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org

Dear Trustees:

Attached please find comments on the District Naming Advisory Committee petitions.

Sincerely,

Susan McCarthy



Comments on DNAC July 2019.pdf

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July 3, 2019

Board of Trustees
Dixie School District
380 Nova Albion Way
San Rafael, CA 94903

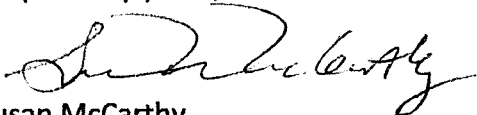
Dear Trustees:

Thank you for moving forward with a new name for our school district. I am writing in support of the three names, Creekside, Kenne, and Laurel Creek, submitted via petitions by the District Naming Advisory Committee. As Laura Trahan, a committee facilitator from the Marin County Office of Education, stated at the board meeting on June 25, the committee members held true to the process and identified names that met the criteria established by the board.

I attended the fifth and final meeting of District Naming Advisory Committee on June 17. My sense is that a majority of the committee members are hopeful that the board will honor the naming process. They have devoted a significant amount of time serving on the committee during what is probably the busiest time of the school year. While the board is not obligated to choose one of the names put forth by the committee, not doing so would be disrespectful to the committee members.

What matters most is that our district will no longer have a name that is hurtful and not inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan McCarthy", written over a horizontal line.

Susan McCarthy

District resident, homeowner, and parent of two children in district schools



I support the names proposed by the Advisory Committee

1 message

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Dear Board of Trustees,

Thank you so much for your work on these issues, and for the process you have put in place to change the name of our school district. The Advisory Committee has taken their charge seriously, and has come up with three good, viable names — each of which meets the criteria established for this process. I lean toward Creekside — which evokes the creeks that flow through our district, and have long given life to this bit of land. That said, I would support any of the three names.

I ask you to select one of the three names that the Advisory Committee has named through the process thoughtfully set out for resident input. Please follow your process, and help lead us into a bright new future.

Respectfully yours,
Rev. Scott Clark
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