



Interoffice Memorandum

December 29, 2021

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
—AND—
County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director 
Community and Family Services Department

FROM: Matt Suedmeyer, Manager
Parks and Recreation Division

SUBJECT: **Discussion Agenda Item – January 11, 2022**
Park Naming Request

The Parks and Recreation Division is in the process of developing a community park on County owned property along the Little Econ River and Rouse Road. The land was previously identified as the Harrod Property. This 30-acre parcel of land is currently being master planned for future development.

The Parks and Recreation Division received three requests to name the park. The first request came from Commissioner Bonilla. After completing a commission districtwide survey with 693 responses, the request is to name the park Timber Bridge Preserve. The Parks and Recreation Division received a second request from the Rouse Family to name the park Willis A. Rouse Park, the first family member to settle in East Orange County. Lastly, after hearing both naming requests, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended a third option to name the park Willis Rouse/Timber Bridge Preserve.

Orange County Administrative Regulations, Section 2.16 outlines procedures for the naming of county parks and related facilities. The Administrative Regulations require a review and recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on naming requests, with final approval by the Board.

If you have questions prior to the Board meeting, please contact me at (407) 836-6202.

ACTION REQUESTED: Selection of the name for park land located along the Little Econ River. District 4.