



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 13, 2015

Ordinance 18125

Proposed No. 2015-0305.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE renaming Lakewood Park in honor of
2 Dick Thurnau, to recognize his service, dedication and
3 profound influence in the White Center community.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

5 1. Dick Thurnau was born on February 17, 1925, in Pingree Grove,
6 Illinois.

7 2. Dick graduated from Seattle's Edison Technical Institute and served in
8 the U.S. Army in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946.

9 3. Dick married Helen Grisham on April 25, 1946, and the two traveled
10 by train from Illinois to Seattle on their honeymoon to start a new life
11 together.

12 4. Dick lived in the Lakewood park neighborhood for more than four
13 decades and raised four children there - Cheri, Kathleen, Marvin and Terry
14 - who, in their youth, leafleted the neighborhood for park-based events
15 organized by their Dad. The family now includes eight grandchildren,
16 twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

17 5. Dick was employed by Mack Trucks for thirty years, working his way
18 up to Manager of Service Engineering for the Mack Western Division in

19 Hayward, California, before retiring in 1980 and returning to his home
20 near Lakewood park.

21 6. Dick was an expert woodworker and master mechanic and generously
22 used both talents to benefit family and friends; Dick has been a friend,
23 mentor and "car go to guy" in the White Center community for many.

24 7. Dick formed Friends of Hicklin Lake with the help of his partner,
25 Marcia Wollam, advocating to clean up the lake water and petitioning
26 successfully to rename the lake to properly honor original settler Leonard
27 Hicklin.

28 8. The Friends of Hicklin Lake also welcomed the Technology Access
29 Foundation as a creative addition to the park and a great way for future
30 generations to prepare themselves for successful careers.

31 9. Our community owes Dick a debt of gratitude for his local volunteer
32 work and his service to our country in World War II.

33 10. Dick established a lasting legacy of support and advocacy for Hicklin
34 lake, Lakewood park and the White Center community he loves.

35 11. The renaming of Lakewood park in honor of Dick Thurnau is
36 supported by multiple community organizations, including Friends of
37 Hicklin Lake, Friends of North Shorewood Park, North Highline UAC,
38 Puget Soundkeeper, Technology Access Foundation, White Center CDA,
39 White Center Chamber of Commerce, White Center Jubilee Days, White
40 Center Kiwanis and YES Foundation of White Center.

41 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

42 SECTION 1. Dick Thurnau is honored and memorialized by renaming Lakewood
43 park as Dick Thurnau Memorial park.
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Ordinance 18125 was introduced on 8/17/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/12/2015, by the following vote: .

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.
Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

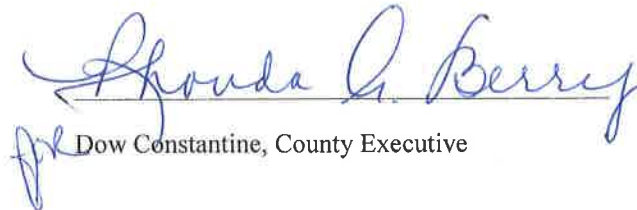
ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 22nd day of October, 2015.



Rhonda L. Berry
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None