



## **CITY COUNCIL NAMING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

**City Council Workroom  
City Hall 301 King St.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: Councilman Chapman, Chair
2. Park Naming Proposal for Judy Guse-Noritake  
Jack Browand, Deputy Director (RPCA), Naming Committee Liaison
  - a. Attachment 1 - Proposal
  - b. Attachment 2 - Site Map
  - c. Attachment 3 - Public Comments
3. Public Comment
4. Adjournment



April 6, 2023

## Renaming of the “Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space”

Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice-Mayor and City Council:

We write this letter in support of the application to change the name of the “Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space” at 600 North Henry Street to the “Judy Guse Noritake Braddock Park.”

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Today, all around our City, Judy leaves a rich legacy of what is possible when you work to bring people together around good ideas. That legacy of parks, good design, diverse neighborhoods and sustainable communities is one that will benefit generations. We can think of no better name for our neighborhood park as the “Judy Guse Noritake Braddock Park.”

### **Braddock Metro Citizens Coalition Board**

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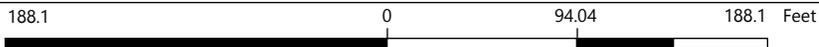
Cc: James Spengler, Jack Browand



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**THE HENRY****THE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE HENRY CONDOMINIUM**

May 2, 2023

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services  
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Subject: Renaming of the "Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space" for Judy Guse-Noritake.

Mr. Browand,

As representatives of the Henry Condominium Association immediately adjacent to the park, we write this letter in support of the application to change the name of the "Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space" at 600 North Henry Street to the "Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park." Judy was a mentor, colleague and a friend to many in the neighborhood and the City at large, and was very helpful in bringing together our community with others in the neighborhood in order to activate the Park through neighborhood-facing activities, including Movies and Yoga in the Park.

As one of the founders and the first President of the Braddock Metro Citizens Coalition, Judy helped to act as a voice for the many different kinds of residents in the Braddock neighborhood. She worked with several allied organizations and associations to sponsor events in the park for families and children of all incomes living in the area and led several BMCC meetings in our own building prior to the pandemic.

If you stop by the park and take a look at the grass and the trees, they are healthy and thriving in part because of the many days Judy spent watering when the park first opened, as well as her work to coordinate volunteers to do the same on hot days. She'd often let the neighborhood kids know when the sprinkler would be out, inviting them to play and cool off on a hot summer day, and also asked neighborhood residents to contribute ideas for resources and play items that can still be found for community use under the ping pong tables.

Beyond the immediate impact she had upon our neighborhood in her later years, we appreciate the contribution that her values and influence made to many of the City's approaches to green space, including her consideration of the needs of the community at all income levels through her shepherding of BMCC's partnership with Charles Houston Rec Center amongst others.



THE HENRY

**THE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE HENRY CONDOMINIUM**

We have heard from some of our residents about the impact and legacy Judy has left and support the renaming of the Interim Park in accordance with her memory.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact me by email at [thehenrygeneralmanager@gmail.com](mailto:thehenrygeneralmanager@gmail.com) or by phone at 703-739-1525.

Sincerely,

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(Rawley Vaughan | Anh Tran | Salena Zellers | Abbey Oklak)

Cc: James Spengler, Jack Browand

Braddock Lofts Homeowners Association  
715 N Fayette St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

10 April 2023

Mayor and City Council  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

I write this letter on behalf of the board of directors and members of the Braddock Lofts Homeowners Association. We are enthusiastically supporting the application to change the name of the "Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space" at 600 N Henry St to the "Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park".

Judy was a special friend to the City of Alexandria and the Braddock metro neighborhood. For many years she served in any number of volunteer roles, all focused on the needs of the community at every income level. She was an organizer and influencer for initiatives that bettered the lot of many of our citizens. Just one of many examples of Judy's overriding interest in improving the lives of our citizens, especially children, was the interest she focused on supporting the development and use of our city recreation centers. She was a strong and forceful advocate for these neighborhood hubs and their hard-working staff. She promoted park development of available green space wherever possible, for the same reasons that she saw value in our rec centers. These were places where children and families could relax, play, and come together as a community of good neighbors.

Notably Judy was a founder of the Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition. Under her leadership, the BMCC was a strong advocate for public and affordable housing and the preservation of green space for citizen enjoyment. Judy was the driving force for the development of the Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space Park and helped sponsor many events at this small but wonderful location that combined open green space with bocci ball courts and permanent table tennis and picnic tables. She encouraged neighborhood folks, young and old, to gather at this site that promoted relaxation, sport, and peaceful collegiality among neighbors. I seriously doubt if this tiny park would exist were it not for the leadership that Judy provided in helping the concept and development come together for approval by the city government.

What a wonderful legacy of dedicated, productive service Judy left in the wake of a too short, but very fulfilling life, on behalf of her neighbors and fellow Alexandria citizens. Without a doubt, Judy's effective form of advocacy and practical ideas for improving the living environment for all the citizens of Alexandria and, most especially the Braddock neighborhood, has made this a better place to live, work and play. We believe there is no more appropriate name for our neighborhood park than the Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park.

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Steve Beggs  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:25 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Cc:** danacolors  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Renaming Braddock Interim Park

Jack,

I fully support the renaming of Braddock Interim Park to honor Judy Guse-Noritake.

She was a fierce advocate of recreation and open space in the City and dedicated a great deal of her time in service to her community as a member and chair of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Steve Beggs**

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Yvonne Callahan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Braddock Park Renaming

Good morning, Jack,

I see from the City website that comments on renaming Braddock Park in honor of Judy Guse-Noritake are to go directly to you.

So, I'll put in my two cents worth and tell you that I very much like Gina's idea that it be named Judy Park. This fits well with Judy's utter lack of desire to bring attention to herself and to work for all the common good. Also, anyone with the name name can feel it is named for them. We need more simplicity in our parks and our lives.

Thank you.

Yvonne

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Rawley Vaughan  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:50 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Cc:** Salena Zellers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Neighborhood HOA Letter - Park Re-naming  
**Attachments:** Alexandria - Judy's Park.pdf

Mr. Browand,

Attached is a letter from the Board of the Braddock Place Town Homeowners Association supporting the re-naming of the Interim Open Space in our neighborhood to Judy Noritake Braddock Park.

Thank you,  
Rawley

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Jesse O'Connell  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 9:55 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support for naming Braddock Interim Park after Judy Noritake

Jack first of all, it's been far too long - I hope you're doing well.

I'm writing to share a quick note of support for the intention to name both the interim, and long-term permanent, Braddock Park after Judy, which, I doubt you find my position surprising! Rather than write something new, I thought what I might do is share the remembrance of Judy that I wrote last year. I think it very much lays out why I'm thrilled to see the city honor her in this way.

"You may not realize it, but if you live in Alexandria your life was touched by Judy Noritake in some meaningful way. Mine more than most.

She died yesterday after a long illness, but her passing still feels impossibly sudden.

It's left me wanting (needing) to share a reflection about the way we show up in our communities and change the lives of others.

Judy served 20 years on the city parks and rec commission, and chaired it for much of that time. She tirelessly fought to create and improve countless open spaces in Alexandria that we all enjoy daily, most notably Four Mile Run park.

She also saw our city rec centers for the community hubs they are and was a constant advocate for the hard-working staff, as well as for the variety and scope of programming they were able to offer.

If you've enjoyed something free and public and fun or enriching in Alexandria, it's likely that Judy laid the groundwork for it somewhere along the way. There's a reason, after all, the city recognized her with the Ellen Pickering award a few years back.

Judy built things. She built parks and outdoor spaces with the city. She built buildings and offices as an architect. And she built networks and communities, this last being her most enduring legacy by far.

When I first moved to Alexandria I was looking to get involved, and on a whim I attended a neighborhood planning meeting. It was boring and picayune (as these things are) but halfway through the meeting a woman slides over to where I was seated by the windows and smiles at me.

She stage whispers "WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU HERE"

I didn't really know how to answer that, but that was ok because before I could she whispers again "DON'T LEAVE, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU AFTER."

So I didn't leave. And Judy talked to me after. We went on to found a civic association for our neighborhood together, and I joined that neighborhood planning group and took my own turn on the parks and rec commission.

She introduced me to countless people that became close friends and parts of my daily life. She showed me how to care about a place and how to work to change it for the better. She showed me Alexandria.

What I'm left thinking about, bereft that she's gone, is the incalculable debt I owe to her life-altering interest in a stranger at a public meeting. And how simple it is for each of us to have that impact on someone, how each of us can love the places we live as much as she did.

Judy Noritake loved Alexandria. And we loved her. She built a legacy of people and place that will long outlast her, carried forward one stranger and one smile at a time."

Thanks Jack, and please let me know how I can continue to help and be involved, in any way.

Yours,

Jesse

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Luca Gattoni-Celli  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 8:00 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]On Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

This is very obviously the correct decision and naming the park after anyone else would be almost insulting to Alexandria and to the memory of Ms. Guse-Noritake. She mentored and inspired at least one of the most experienced and engaged civic advocate so I know of in the city. Please do the right thing.

My only reason to question the decision is to wonder whether she should be honored in some other way as well. I am sure there will be other opportunities.

Thank you,

Luca Gattoni-Celli  
Chief Executive & Founder  
YIMBYs of Northern Virginia

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Ken Notis  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 7:56 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Naming Braddock Interim Park

I support naming that park after **Judy Guse-Noritake**.

Ken Notis

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Catherine Glocker Poulin  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:14 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Park

Dear Mr. Browand,

I'm writing to support recognizing Judy Guse-Noritake's tremendous impact in Alexandria with a park named in her honor. The only part of the proposed park naming I am not delighted about is that Wythe Street Park is interim. Judy's contribution to the city warrant recognition in a permanent space. I served on the park commission just after Judy finished her tenure, but her stewardship and advocacy for Alexandria was impressively apparent. I fully support naming a park space in her honor and hope a more permanent recognition is considered in the future.

Respectfully,

Caty Poulin  
Former Member  
Alexandria Commission for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Duncan Blair  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 5:10 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Cc:** Duncan Blair  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

I can think of no person in recent history who so deserves to have a park named in her honor; especially a park that she was so instrumental in bringing into existence. Duncan

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## Jack Browand

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:04 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Cc:** Al Cox  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

Jack:

In response to the City's recent solicitation for comment, I strongly support renaming the existing Braddock Interim Park and planned future permanent park the **Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park** for Judy's many years of volunteer efforts to support public open space throughout Alexandria.

Thanks,

Al Cox, FAIA

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** D. Hardwick  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 6:43 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Braddock Interim Park naming support

Jack -

I hope you're doing well.

I wanted to send in my very strong support for the renaming of the Braddock Interim Park in honor of Judy Guse-Nortike. In addition to the many accolades noted in the email from the city, Judy's life and work before she was active member of the Alexandria community is one that we could all hope to enjoy. Whether it was growing up in Montana, spending time in Alaska (including landing on a glacier), and seeing some of the greatest natural wonders of our country, she was a true force. I only got to know this side of Judy once I left public life and it's one that I was blessed to know.

The park naming recognizes Judy's contributions to the larger Alexandria community, but is also a testament to her life as advocate for what the natural world gives us all.

My best you.

Many thanks,  
-Dak Hardwick

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Nate Macek  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 2:37 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** RE: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

Dear Mr. Browand:

I would like heartily endorse the proposal to name the Braddock Interim Park and the planned future permanent park Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park.

Judy was a mentor, a colleague, and a friend, and had an indelible impact on our community over the years as a community leader and resident of Alexandria.

When I was elected chair of the Waterfront Committee in 2009, Judy was many years into her tenure chairing the Park and Recreation Commission. She and I would regularly meet for lunch and talk about how our two commissions could collaborate to better our waterfront parks and public spaces. Many of the changes today on the waterfront—and in parks throughout the city—are the result of Judy's dedicated service.

Judy was also a founder of the Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition, a different kind of civic association that actively advocated for an urban, mixed-income, transit-oriented neighborhood near the Metro. Under Judy's leadership, the coalition became a voice for public and affordable housing and frequently sponsored events for families and children of all incomes living in the area. Many of those events were held at Braddock Interim Park, a new model for Alexandria as an active, urban park providing neighborhood-focused open space and recreational opportunities. The park is a manifestation of her, and the coalition's, vision for a vibrant park in the heart of a growing community.

I can think of no more fitting honor than to name this park for Judy, and encourage the Naming Committee and City Council to support this proposal.

Thank you,

Nathan Macek

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Nathan M. Macek

Email:

**From:** Alexandria eNews <noreply@everbridge.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 10:00 AM

**To:****Subject:** City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake***For Immediate Release: April 21, 2023***

The City of Alexandria is soliciting feedback on a proposal to formally name Braddock Interim Park and planned future permanent park Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park. Additional information on the current interim park and proposed future park may be found by visiting the [Braddock Metro Neighborhood and Braddock East Master Plans](#) website. The Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities will receive comments through Sunday, May 7, 2023. Those interested in providing their comments on the proposed name, or other name ideas, can email to [Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov) or by mail to RPCA, C/O Jack Browand, 2900-A Business Center Drive, Alexandria VA 22314 through May 7.

The park naming recommendation is based on Judy Guse-Noritake's tireless efforts and invaluable work in the field of environmental policy and advocacy, and as an inspiration for future generations to follow in her footsteps and contribute to the betterment of our environment. Ms. Guse-Noritake, was a longstanding City resident and had 20 years of service on the Park & Recreation Commission, she devoted her life to advocating for environmental causes and championing lasting policies that positively impacted the City, and was directly involved in numerous projects and initiatives that have improved parks and natural spaces. This naming recommendation is supported by the Braddock Lofts Homeowners Association and the Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition.

If you prefer communication in another language, free interpretation and translation services are available to you, please call 703.746.3961 or email [genevieve.babecki@alexandriava.gov](mailto:genevieve.babecki@alexandriava.gov).

For reasonable disability accommodations, contact [Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov) or 703.746.5504, Virginia Relay 711.

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:** Jody Manor  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 1:18 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

Jack –

I certainly agree w Tom’s words. I knew Judy well as a Bittersweet customer and for her great and long-term commitment to Parks & Rec Commission and the development of the Braddock neighborhood. Beyond that, it’s as if the Park - with a name like Braddock Neighborhood Interim Park is crying out for a new name. Judy’s couldn’t be more appropriate. I look forward to Council’s support of this well-deserved honor.

Thank you.

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**From:** Tom & Sue Kaiden  
**Date:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 9:51 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

Jack:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed renaming of Braddock Interim Park in honor of Judy Noritake. I knew and worked with Judy, and think this would be a fitting tribute to someone who provided extended thoughtful service and counsel to Alexandria, and especially the Braddock neighborhood.

Thanks,  
Tom Kaiden

## Jack Browand

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**From:** Tom Kaiden  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:51 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support for Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

Jack:

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Dianne Childers  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:32 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Park

There could not be a more appropriate name for the Braddock Interim Park than after Judy Guse-Noritake. She literally helped build this park and community. Thank you for honoring Judy and her work/passion.

Sent from my iPhone

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## Jack Browand

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**From:** Rob Krupicka  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 4:49 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Park Name

Mr. Browand,

Please add my name to the many people who believe we should name the Braddock area park after Judy Noritake. Her contributions to the city and this neighborhood are so many. Few people ever reach the level of civic engagement that Judy did. She was one of a kind!

Thank you,

Rob Krupicka

Small business owner in Parker Gray

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**Jack Browand**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Braddock Interim Park and planned future permanent park

Dear Jack,

For the record, I totally support naming Braddock Interim Park (and planned future permanent park) the Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park. Judy deserves recognition of a permanent nature for her dedication to stewardship of the environment, and her many years of service as Chair of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities. Judy was instrumental in elevating the status of the the Department of Recreation to be on par with that of other City Departments. It was a privilege to serve three terms with her on the Commission, two of which as her Co-Chair. I can't think of another person more deserving of the honor.

Thank you Jack, and have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

Kirk

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**From:** Jennifer Sheridan Palute  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

Hello Jack,

I strongly support naming the park in honor of Judy. She was a wonderful advocate for Alexandria and the park is a testament to her advocacy.

Thanks,  
Jennifer Sheridan Palute

Jennifer Sheridan Palute

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**From:** Rose Boyd  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:03 PM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Park Naming

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Hi Jack,  
I support naming the park in honor of Judy Norotake. It is long overdue!  
Rose Williams Boyd

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dianne Childers  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** Jody Manor  
**Cc:** ginabaum; Salena Zellers; Jack Browand  
**Subject:** Re: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

I am thrilled this is in the works. Judy deserves it for sure. Thank you all. PS. Alana is so touched and proud. I don't know about weighing in on comments. Thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2023, at 11:44 AM, Jody Manor wrote:

Ladies –

Guessing we should all weigh in or would that be sort of untoward as we're the sponsors? Forgive my paranoia but that's something I've picked up from being on Planning and having Christina Brown, the staff atty sitting right next to me on the dais.

Thrilled we are finally getting this together and if ever a park was in need of a new name... It's really tailor made for our quest and does dear Judy the honor she certainly deserves.

Please LMK about weighing in as I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize our vision.

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**From:** Gina Baum  
**Date:** Friday, April 21, 2023 at 8:59 AM  
**To:** Salena Zellers , DIANE CHILDERS , Jack Browand <jack.browand@alexandriava.gov>, Jody Manor  
**Subject:** Fwd: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

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**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:46 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fwd: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

Jack,

I am writing in support of the naming of the Braddock Interim Park and the planned future permanent park to be Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park. Judy was such a force for creating public space for both the City of Alexandria as well as for the Braddock neighborhood in her lifetime. I can speak personally about how she helped create and build community in Braddock through our neighborhood movie nights and other activations in the Interim Park, but her efforts leading the Parks and Rec commission are felt broader across the city and are such a positive influence on our neighborhoods. Thank you for honoring Judy's legacy and renaming the park in her honor.

Best,  
Abbey Oklak

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Abbey Oklak

"Until next time, get your sleep, live your life, be a dork. ... Oh, yea. And go Irish!" ~J Mraz

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Jack –

I add my sincere thanks for your assistance in doing something notable for Judy, who certainly deserves a lasting tribute to her efforts to make Braddock a real neighborhood. And if ever there were a park in need of a new name...

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**From:** Mindy Lyle  
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**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Braddock Park

Hi Jack,

The new name for Braddock Park is appropriate and much deserved. Judy did so much to guide the planning of Braddock and the park was one of her ideas. This is a great name.

Mindy

*Mindy Lyle*

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**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** Fw: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

Jack, I wanted to lend my two cents to this wonderful effort to name the Braddock Interim Park after Judy. She worked tirelessly for this city in its efforts to improve our parks and open spaces, especially in the Braddock Metro neighborhood she called home. She also worked to improve the neighborhood in general through her efforts to support smart growth for this community so close to Metro and so in need of revitalization. She along with Salena Zellers helped turn this neighborhood around and bring new vitality and vibrancy for the entire community. She remains sorely missed and naming the park after her will keep her spirit alive.

Thanks, Mary Catherine Gibbs

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**To:** hartgibbs  
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**From:** Zack DesJardins  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 10:16 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** Re: City of Alexandria Solicits Feedback for Naming of Braddock Interim Park in Honor of Judy Guse-Noritake

Jack,

What a thoughtful gesture, thank you! I strongly support this.

Zack DesJardins

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**From:** Joan Singer  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park

I'm in favor of honoring Judy'sr tireless devotion to Alexandria.

Joan

Joan Singer, Music Director, QuinTango

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**From:** Bill Kehoe  
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**To:** Jack Browand  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Judy Guse-Noritake Braddock Park.

Too complicated. No one is ever going to remember all those words to identify a park. The sign for/at the park would be overwhelming. Keep it simple--Braddock Park. Her name can be associated with the park in literature.

Bill Kehoe

Fire is Everyone's Fight

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