

**WOODBURN RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-01**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING NAMING ALVAH G. COWAN PARK IN RECOGNITION OF AL COWAN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE AREA OF RECREATION AND PARKS.**

**WHEREAS**, Alvah (Al) G. Cowan, as he was a leader in the formation of the Jesse H. Settlemier Memorial Park Association in 1946, and was chiefly responsible for the acquisition of the City's first two parks, Settlemier and Triangle Park, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan did in 1946, work successfully for the passage of a community wide referendum to provide funds for the construction of a City Swimming Pool, and which, substantially due to his efforts, lead to the completion of Woodburn Memorial Swimming Pool in 1948, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan was, in January of 1948, appointed by the Woodburn City Council to the Woodburn Recreation and Parks Board as a Charter Member, an appointment he held for 13 years between 1948 and 1961, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan, did in 1948, work to gain community support for the establishment of a permanent source of funding for the operation, maintenance and expansion of the Woodburn Park System and Recreation Programs, through the creation of the Park and Recreation Millage Levy, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan, did in 1965, become the first City Park Superintendent and the Recreation and Parks Department first employee, a position he held until his retirement in 1972, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan, during over 25 years of service to the community during his tenure as Board Member, Superintendent, volunteer and advisor, was mainly responsible for planning, organizing and developing the Woodburn Parks System and the first recognized Recreation Programs of the City into what is now considered to be among the finest in the State of Oregon, and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cowan has given of himself to the community for over three decades as a public servant, community leader, shaper of community opinion, and as an exemplary citizen and community promoter, now therefore:

**THE WOODBURN RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD DOES RESOLVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL:**

**Section 1.**

That Triangle Park, located at the corner of Settlemier and Garfield Streets, be renamed in perpetuity, **Alvah G. Cowan Park**, in recognition of his accomplishments and service to the community in the interest of Recreation and Parks and as **'Father'** of the Woodburn Park System.

**Section 2.**


That a sign and suitable descriptive plaque be erected on that Park site, noting the deeds and commitment of this individual related to the improvement of Woodburn's quality of life and the enrichment of the City's texture, as an example; to encourage and inspire others to public service, and to engender the type of positive community attitude and humanitarian concern Al Cowan has long been known for.

**Section 3.**

That this Resolution, recommending the naming of Alvah G. Cowan Park is hereby approved by the Woodburn Recreation and Parks Board. A copy is forwarded to Alvah G. Cowan with the communities heartfelt thanks.

APPROVED:   
Frank J. Lonergan, Chairman  
Woodburn Recreation and  
Parks Board

Date Passed By Board: October 4, 1984  
Date Submitted To Chairman: October 4, 1984  
Date Approved By Chairman: October 4, 1984  
Date Filed With Recorder: October 9, 1984

ATTEST:   
Barney O. Burris, Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 835

RESOLUTION NO. 762

A RESOLUTION NAMING A PARK FOR ALVAH G. COWAN IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Woodburn City Council is aware that Alvah "Al" Cowan has given many outstanding years of devoted public service as a charter member of the Woodburn Recreation and Parks Board, City Parks and Recreation Superintendent, volunteer and advisor in the interest of maintaining a strong parks and recreation program and a sound local government, and

WHEREAS; the Woodburn City Council is of the opinion that his vigorous personality, characteristic optimism and indomitable spirit have had a profound effect on the fabric of the community and quality of life in Woodburn, and

WHEREAS, the Woodburn City Council seeks to bring special recognition to those among its citizens who exhibit strong leadership, dedication to ideals and devotion of service to the community above their own self interests, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF WOODBURN RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Al Cowan be formally recognized by the City of Woodburn for his many achievements associated with the founding of a premier system of parks and the establishment of the City's first municipally run recreation programs and facilities.

Section 2. That the Woodburn City Council wishes to commemorate his deeds and harold his civil minded spirit, as a leading example to Woodburn residents, present and future, by naming a park in his honor as Alvah G. Cowan Park.

Section 3. That the City Recorder is hereby directed to amend all official city documents and records pertaining to Triangle Park to reflect the renaming of the park as provided herein.

Approved as to form: W. J. Costine City Attorney      10-4-84 Date

APPROVED: William J. Costine  
WILLIAM J. COSTINE, MAYOR

Passed by the Council      October 8, 1984  
Submitted to the Mayor      October 9, 1984  
Approved by the Mayor      October 9, 1984  
Filed in the Office of the Recorder      October 9, 1984

ATTEST: Barney O. Burris  
BARNEY O. BURRIS, Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon