



City Council Agenda Item #8

July 14, 2020

Conduct a work session and discuss changing the name of Confederate Park and Confederate Park Drive.

Confederate Park/Street Name Change Consideration



- Request received from Luke and Kayla Potts.
- Request also received from Douglas Brito and other recommendations by various media.
- Policy on Facility and Street naming and name changes adopted by Council in 2013.

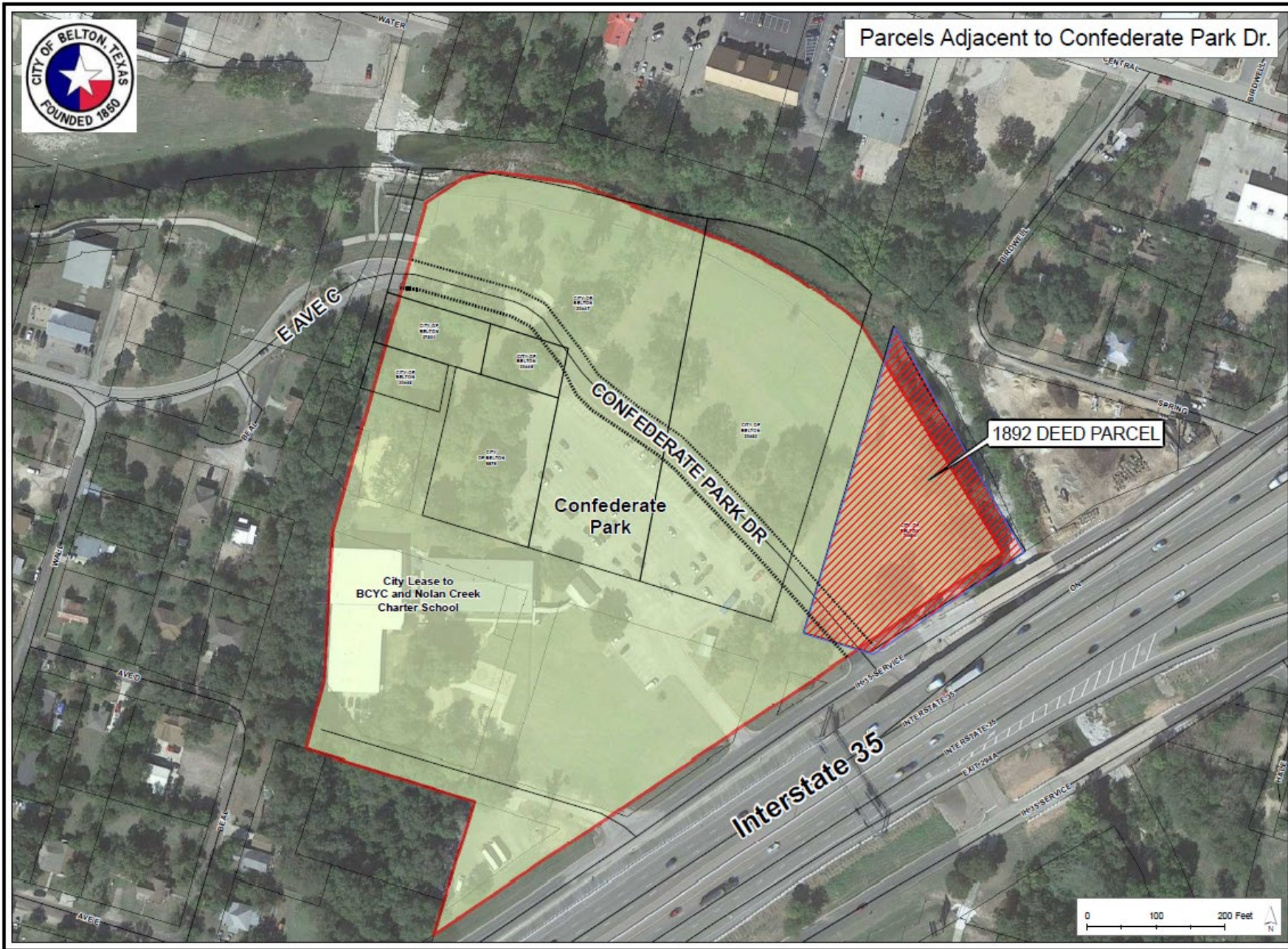
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- Approximately 2.5 acres of 16 acres in Confederate Park, formerly owned by J.D. and Allie Crawford, was conveyed in 1892.
- The Crawfords conveyed the parcel to the Ex Confederate Association of Bell County and the City of Belton for the Association's Reunions and for use as a City park.
- The remaining 13.5 acres comprising the current park was acquired by the City over time.
- This 16-acre site has been used as a City park for decades.
- A lease with BCYC and the Nolan Creek School allow those activities to occupy a portion of the Park.



Parcels Adjacent to Confederate Park Dr.





Name Considerations

- If Council determines a name change is appropriate, many choices are available.
- It is also possible to have a different name for the park, and the street that bisects it and connects with Avenue C to the north.
- Patriot, Veterans, Unity, Freedom, and Peace – as well as names recognizing individuals – have emerged. Others likely.



Recommendation

- Conduct work session on request and discuss decision-making process, names, and historic trail.