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**City of
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Dear Public Recreation and Parks Board,

Wild Spaces & Public Places staff would like to pursue the renaming of Kiwanis Girl Scout Park to “Oakview Park” to coincide with the renovation of this neighborhood park. Construction is estimated to begin in the later summer of 2019 and complete in the summer of 2020.

Background information:

Spring Park Subdivision was platted in 1942 and The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville constructed the building on park property for the Girl Scouts in 1955. The Girl Scouts occupied the building from 1955 through 2014.

To better understand the needs of the community, in 2017, the city engaged the public in (1) two open houses, (2) focus groups and (3) an online survey. Based on that engagement a Master plan was created for Kiwanis Girl Scout Park as part of the conceptual planning process. Renaming the park was brought up multiple times during citizen engagement. A Neighborhood Workshop was held in early 2019 to provide the community with an update on the project and discuss a right of way street vacation. Renaming of the park was brought up again at this meeting and signatures were gathered to rename the park “Oakview Park”.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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