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Teri La Frenz	<p>Dear Neighborhood Naming Committee,</p> <p>I received Josh Sprague's email update below in regards to the latest draft map for the Neighborhood Naming project. I would love to hear from you in regards to why you've made the decision to include our immediate area (south of 54th, east of France, west of Xerxes, and north of Minnehaha Creek in the "Chowen Park" Boundary in the NE Quadrant?</p> <p>I've previously sent email communication/comments, along with several of my neighbors who live in the area in regards to our input on the boundaries and names. We have not been contacted by any committee members. Did you canvas our area? I feel that our neighborhood has not been placed in the correct boundary. I feel it has a more natural affiliation with the Minnehaha Woods area vs. Chowen park. The creek, is a natural divider and our lives tend to gravitate towards the community to the West vs South. Concord is our neighborhood school to the West, whereas a portion of the Chowen park boundary is Creek Valley. Please reconsider the boundary for our area.</p> <p>If the boundary change will not be entertained, we strongly oppose the name Chowen Park; there are 2 parks in this boundary (York and Chowen), so why single out Chowen? Our area more frequently visits York Park. I would propose that you not use the name of a park - in reviewing the city wide map, our section is the only one that has multiple parks within the boundary, where you've selected one of the park names.</p> <p>As previously communicated via email, I really appreciate of the time and effort you have put into this. Our neighbors have actually had a lot of communication around this subject and we'd love to hear from you.</p> <p>Thank you, Teri LaFrenz 5400 Abbott Place 952-929-1065</p>
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Mark Mironer	<p>Hello. I just recently got caught up on the neighborhood discussion, and I have to say I'm disappointed. I live in the sliver of Edina north of 44th and east of Hwy 100 (on Mackey Ave), and I see that we were lumped in with Country Club. CC is such a well-known, self-identified and homogeneous area, it's hard to believe that the concerns of those of us in "Greater Country Club" will be on anyone's mind. Hopefully, I'll be proven wrong, but I suspect that the CC folk will have much interest in hobnobbing with their country cousins. We would have been better off with the Todd Park group, which at least shares more common concerns.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Mark Mironer 4382 Mackey Ave</p>
Les Wanninger	<p>SE Quadrant is blah. Southdale/Galleria would be a better name.</p>
Whit	<p>I agree that the area north of the creek and east of France is a neighborhood. Not really hidden though. I like the idea of referencing the creek in the name. I had never heard of Chowen Park until this neighborhood discussion began.</p>
Ben	<p>Regarding Londonderry- the reason given for this name in the Dec. 4th recommendation is that it is taken from the Londonderry exit street and Londerry shopping mall. Of all the things our area could be named after- Bredesen, Nine Mile Creek, Walnut Ridge, Viking Hills, etc.- being named after a shopping complex seems really sad. Furthermore, the Londonderry mall/exit is in the far northwest corner of our gerrymandered group of neighborhoods- why was that chosen to represent 1500+ people, most of whom live nowhere near Londonderry? Please reconsider this name.</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts.</p>
Cindy Perusse	<p>I live on one of the three streets Killarney, View and Schaefer that form the horseshoe next to Bredesen Park. We are more identified with Parkwood Knolls than the Viking Hills neighborhood. My street View Lane and Schaefer Rd continue up into the Parkwood Knolls area. We take walks up our street and to Walnut Ridge Park all the time. Our little enclave is distinct in that it is surrounded on all sides by Bredesen Park. The only neighborhood we are geographically connected to is Parkwood Knolls. It makes more sense for Killarney, View and Schaefer to be included with the Parkwood Knolls neighborhood than Londonderry. Please reconsider the boundry for our neighborhood.</p>
Cindy Perusse	<p>My neighborhood consists of three streets, Killarney, View and Schaefer that form a horseshoe next to Bredesen Park. We are more geographically insulated than probably any other area of Edina. Our 60+/- families are our own little neighborhood association. I put in my feedback and suggestion at one of the town meetings to name our 60 home neighborhood "Bredesen Park." If there is still time to redraw the proposed boundries then please consider naming our area "Bredesen Park."</p>

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Audre Gaer	I have lived in various locations in Edina for 42 years and never felt the need for a neighborhood association.
Thomas Cross	Specific to the "Chowen Park" neighborhood, I'm curious as to why this name would be preferable to something that referenced either: 1) the creek, being the dominant topographical element, or 2) the larger of the two parks in this area (York Park). My opinion is that an arbitrary, nice-sounding phrase central to the creek would be greatly preferable. Surely this represents the neighborhood more aptly than a perfectly-pleasant-but-generally-unremarkable park.
Thomas	As I said before in one of the other discussion groups, I don't like the name "greater country club". People in the country club neighborhood will continue to refer to their neighborhood as "Country Club" and the people in Sunnyslope will continue to refer to their neighborhood as "Sunnyslope". The name "greater anything" sounds artificial, nobody wants to live in "greater anything". If the idea is to come up with a minimum size of neighborhoods for the purpose of neighborhood associations that is just plain wrong. A neighborhood is a neighborhood, based on who neighbors associate with, and if I lived in Sunnyslope I would want an association of my neighbors, if any, not of some greater anything.
Patricia	I believe this effort by the city of Edina is to increase the concept of neighborhood. For us, this means north of the creek. If you name this Chowen Park, and include the area south of the creek, it does not relate to anyone in our neighborhood. It may be efficient but it is not effective. Please reconsider the area west of Xerxes, south of 54th, north of the creek to be a name with the creek included. I believe several have requested Hidden Valley Creek ( from White's Hidden Valley, the original property area)
KW	Live in Todd Park - Feels like Rolling Green should be rolled into the neighborhood because we share many community concerns (flight path changes), traffic issues (Interlachen Blvd.), wetlands (Meadowbrook), shopping district (mostly Grandview) and elementary school (Highlands). As it stands, the Interlachen neighborhood seems oddly split, with western half more cohesive with President's neighborhood.
Mary Swanson	There are already two neighborhood associations in the Southwest Quadrant that I am aware of. In my opinion the area included is much too big for any sort of association. Where would they meet to discuss anything? In the school auditorium? I know the Cherokee Hills association takes turns meeting in different homes as their size makes it easy to know the neighbors on your streets close by and have them to your home. The number of residences included in the southwest quadrant (951) would never get together as a neighborhood group of any kind. For instance a Block Party would be impossible.
Mary Swanson	I wish your website wasn't so difficult to navigate. I would be interested in hearing the responses from everyone in Edina, not just our quadrant. The dicussion page should include all of us.
Audre Gaer	Lake Cornelia is a much more acceptable name than Normandale for my neighborhood. The boundaries seem to be okay.

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Whit	They should definitely be called Neighborhood Associations and not Civic Neighborhood Associations.
Thomas	<p>It looks to me that this could lead to another highly politicized body that gets introduced into the political landscape. Even though the policy says that this is not intended to be the "sole" mechanism for seeking input, there is certainly the potential that a bunch of hyperactive neighbors with an agenda become the voice of the neighborhood by taking over the NA. We do have a mechanism in place for soliciting and receiving input on the part of city government, introducing another layer including some artificial boundaries (see my comment on the neighborhood maps) is unnecessary and wasteful.</p>
Audre Gaer	<p>I agree with Thomas. What is the purpose of these Neighborhood Associations supposed to be? I can understand why the people along 70th street organized to get their traffic issues addressed, but otherwise, what is the point? These NA's seem a little divisive and elitist. If the purpose is to build community, then the community should be the City of Edina, not some artificial neighborhood designations.</p>
Paul Reppenhagen	Totally agree! No one is going to start calling Sunnyslope Greater Country Club. It sounds silly.
Paul Reppenhagen	<p>I've seen maps that refer to the Golf Terrace neighborhood as Golf Terrace Heights. I like that name better than just Golf Terrace as Golf Terrace is a street name. Saying "I live in Golf Terrace" sounds confusing and almost improper from a grammatical standpoint. " I live in Golf Terrace Heights" sounds much more appropriate. Adding the word 'Heights' makes it sound more like a neighborhood name.</p>

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Mary Everett	<p>I respectfully ask that the City of Edina leave the neighborhoods named as they have been for many years as Edina is one of the most sought after areas already and changing names is something brought about by a small contingent of people and is unnecessary! I think our city counsel, mayor and employees could use their time in a far more efficient way than renaming neighborhoods that people don't want changed. People bought houses in neighborhoods and understand the parameters of them and they were satisfied with the names. I do not live in Rolling Green but I know exactly what the real estate situation is when someone refers to it. It is my understanding (as 1 example) that this would now be named "Todd Park" neighborhood. This will now include some of Edina's starter homes as well as some of Edina's largest and most expensive real estate. Why?? What is being accomplished!!</p> <p>Please put your time to better use with something that really matters to the residents. I am getting tired of these VERY SMALL contingents of people making these huge changes that don't benefit most of the population of Edina. When you held the meeting for ALL residents, the consensus was DO NOT CHANGE the names. The only people wanting this are the ones bringing the idea forward!! LISTEN TO THE RESIDENTS.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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John Bean	<p>I write to ask the City Council and the Mayor of Edina, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?</p> <p>The neighborhoods already have names. People know where Country Club, Rolling Green, South Harriet Park, Highlands, etc. are. Not only where they are, but what they are like. Do we really need to take people's time and energy to do something that's already done?</p> <p>I think not.</p> <p>I also think the striping on Wooddale Avenue is one of the dumbest, ugliest, most useless waste of materials and personnel I have seen in a long time. And I was in the Army! Were bike riders being picked off once a week? Was there an unknown slaughter taking place on the infamous Wooddale Death Trail? NO! Of course, after watching several cars attempting to drive between the dotted lines (not everyone is familiar with Europe's goofy rules) and passing dangerously close to one another, we may yet have reason to assign extra patrols and ambulances to the Wooddale Avenue area.</p> <p>I do not believe that the naming of neighborhoods and the utterly idiotic painting of lines on a street that is safe in the first place--these are not activities that the City Council or the Mayor should even consider. They are frivolous and wasteful and detract from the real work of city government. As good as they are, our schools have serious problems with drugs and alcohol. Does the city have adequate senior housing. Are we pricing ourselves out of the real estate market to attract young families that breathe life into a community. I don't know, but if I recall correctly, I voted to elect a city government that would spend it's time studying these types of issues, NOT the trivia mentioned above.</p> <p>I also understand that at least one public meeting was held during which the majority present responded with a resounding NO when some of these off-the-wall ideas were proposed. You might want to listen to the residents--ALL the residents--before you go off on these tangents. With money tight, I'd rather have another police officer or fireman than new names for established neighborhoods and ugly, confusing stripes on the roads.</p> <p>I am more respectful than I sound, but also extremely frustrated with frivolity. Let's keep the focus on what's</p>
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Mary Swanson	<p>I don't think there are many people who are even aware of this. I believe that the only people who benefit are realtors. Are there any on this project?</p> <p>As I have said, the designated maps that a small group of people have put together will happen as you have not sent out any notifications. Sounds just like the airport map that just about passed with most of the people in Edina completely unaware of it.</p> <p>The small group that put this together will make it happen just the way they want it to. Most of the input I have read shows there are so many people that cannot even agree on the name of their neighborhood. I have said the groups are so large there is simply no way for them to get together. Cherokee Hills has a wonderful neighborhood group. Now that they are considered Indian Hills, can we all go to their parties?</p> <p>I am sure someone put much work in to this project with good intentions, but everyone in Edina should know about this before you do anything. I would hope that the meetings you have had would have at least a couple hundred of residents to give input.</p> <p>Regards, Mary Swanson</p>
Babette Bean	<p>It is very difficult to sign in to the discussion on neighborhood association and any other comments. The site is not very user friendly. That being said, I vote a resounding NO to any neighborhood naming and associations. Enough waste of time on this. We are the city of Edina. Please work on more important issues that make our city stand out amongst other cities. This will hurt our image-it is being proposed by a very small group of people that feel this need. It is not what we need or want. Time to think forward, not backward.</p> <p>Please share with the city council, mayor and city government.</p> <p>Look at what cities such as Wayzata are doing to beautify their cities and create city pride...this is divisive.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Lisa Eckert	<p>I've lived in Edina 56 years, grew up in Country Club and live in Golf Terrace Heights. I seriously question why you would spend time and energy and money on renaming neighborhoods. The consensus is that you don't have enough to do and perhaps you want to put up more signs to reflect the names? Where would the signs go now that we have all the biking and mile markers for the bikers. How about addressing the house on the northwest corner of 58th and Wooddale; an eyesore that has gone on long enough. There are residents that need help.</p>

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Mary Swanson	What will they do? The neighborhood groups are so large, with hundreds of people. Where would they meet to discuss and organize anything? A church or ?? I just can't imagine anything coming from this. I would appreciate someone telling us of the benefits of this project and what the positive results would be.
Dick Crockett	Those of us who live on Killarney, View Lane or Schaefer south of Vernon do not have any connection with the Londonderry name or area. A couple of us attended one of the earlier meetings and requested the name "Bredeson Park" for our area, since the Park and the related 9-Mile Creek area bounds us on three sides. Please reconsider our request and provide us with a neighborhood name that has some meaning for us. Thank you.
Mary Obrien	I think the map is good but woud love to see a name other than Brookview Heights .....Something shorter like Brook..
Babette Bean	"Not at all a good idea for the city and future well being of Edina- please vote against this and move forward with important issues."
George Griffiths	Most, if not all, Edina residential neighborhoods are currently identified by the legal subdivision names established at the time of construction approval. These names were and continue to be the building contracto's reference. If Edina neighborhoods are given arbitrary names, not based on current legal descriptions, what potential impact will this have on legal property identification? Thank you.