- 1. The name of a significant local, state, or national historical figure (deceased), historical group or people, or a significant local, state, or national historical event.
- 2. The name of an adjacent street.
- 3. The name of a unique geologic or geographic feature or other natural attribute that characterizes the park (e.g., a dominant tree species).
- 4. The name of a major donor instrumental in the acquisition or development of the park.
- 5. The commonly accepted name of the surrounding neighborhood which comprises a significant portion of the service area of the park.
- 6. The name of an individual who has performed an outstanding service for the community (preferably in the area of parks and recreation).
- 7. A combined name that includes a qualifying element from the above criteria together with a universally positive or thematic concept (e.g., values, virtues, or inspirational ideas).

Example: Ellen Kort Peace Park.