

Ordinance No. 145-2020

Council Member McCormack

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Changing the name of “East 9th/Rockwell Park” located at East 9th Street and Rockwell Avenue to “Betty Klaric Park.”

WHEREAS, the late Betty Klaric was a pioneering environmental reporter for the Cleveland Press, calling national attention to the problems with the polluted Cuyahoga River and gaining her commendations and awards from President Nixon, Governor Rhodes, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Audubon Society and the Scripps-Howard media chain; and

WHEREAS, Betty Klaric was an early woman journalist in Cleveland, championing the role of women in the profession and being elected as the first woman president of Local 1 of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild, who also had a successful second career as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Betty Klaric has been recognized by Cleveland City Council with commendation Resolution No. 649-70 in 1970 for her awards as a water conservationist and for focusing the attention of the community on the problems caused by pollution of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland just celebrated the Cuyahoga River’s revival with the fiftieth anniversary of the notorious Cuyahoga River Fire which, with Betty’s reporting, became a national symbol for environmental mismanagement and led to the passage of the Clean Water Act of 1970; and

WHEREAS, this year is the bicentennial of the 19th Amendment, establishing the right for the nation’s women to vote and thereby honoring the struggles for women like Betty Klaric to achieve equality in a male-dominated society; and

WHEREAS, Betty Klaric successfully strove in 1968 to have a small, weedy lot across Rockwell Street from the Cleveland Press Building turned into a city park, currently named East 9th/Rockwell Park, but which her colleagues termed the “Betty Klaric Park”; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cleveland want to honor Betty Klaric in recognition of her exceptional contributions to journalism, environmental justice, and our community; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the name of “East 9th/Rockwell Park” located at East 9th Street and Rockwell Avenue be changed to “Betty Klaric Park”, and that the Director of Public Works is authorized and directed to take the necessary action to affect said name change and to post the proper signs at the park.

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
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City Planning Commission, Finance, Law;
COMMITTEES on Municipal Services and Properties,
Development Planning and Sustainability

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